



St. Joseph Catholic School

"Nurturing the Mind, Body, and Spirit"

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October 13, 2017 Newsletter

INCLUDED IN PACKET

- Newsletter – 2 pages, E-mailed

COMING NEXT WEEK

10/14/17 – Saturday:

- Kids Run - 1:00pm
- 5K Run - 2:00pm

10/15/17 – Sunday:

10/16/17 – Monday:

- Wear Your SJS "Pridewear"

10/17/17 – Tuesday:

10/18/17 - Wednesday:

- Early dismissal - 2:30pm
- Vision Testing - Grades 1,3,5,8

10/19/17 - Thursday:

- KG - Field Trip - 11:45am

10/20/17 – Friday:

- All School Mass - 8:05am - dress nice
- Last day for summer dress policy

MILLENNIUM MADNESS WINNER

10/09/17 - #892: Congratulations to Pat Fullenkamp. He won \$150 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by Dominic Litchfield.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lunchroom volunteers are needed on Wednesdays. Please contact Erika Hebble at 724-2765 if you can help us out.

PRIDEWEAR

We are in the process of getting an order form ready for pridewear. We will be sending it home soon.

From the desk of Mr. Kieffer:

A Heartfelt Request: In any family there will be differences of opinions, disagreements, and sometimes hurt feelings. Most of us would not post these things online for the world to critique and make judgements about. Instead, we would work within the privacy of our own homes to try to fix what was wrong or build up those who were struggling. Should a moment arise that you feel things are not going the greatest in our school community, whether it be a misunderstanding with another child/teacher, too much homework, or any number of things, I urge you to contact the classroom teacher, paraprofessional or staff member directly. Many times the things that people get the most upset about are misunderstandings that can easily be corrected through an email, phone conversation or conference. These typically result in positive outcomes. Posting classroom issues on Facebook usually just compounds issues, magnifies dissatisfaction because the person that could remedy the problem is out of the loop and likely unaware that anything is wrong. Please consider St. Joe as you would your family. Pray for us often, brag about the positive things but help us solve our issues from within and not through social media.

Diocesan Safe Environment Program: The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend created a safe environment educational program for all children enrolled in their Catholic schools and parish religious programs. St. Joseph School will be presenting this information to our students during the month of October. You can review the Safe Environment Education material at www.diocesefwsb.org. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Kieffer at 724-2765.

MUSIC MESSAGE:

The 2018 Pueri Cantores Choral Festival and Mass will be held March 7, 2018 at Saint Pius X Church, Granger Indiana. Students in grades 5-8 are welcome to participate in the choir.

Rehearsals are Tuesday Jan. 16, 2018 from 12:00-2:00 and Thursday February 22, 2018 from 12:00-2:00 at Bishop Luers High School Ft. Wayne. Parents are responsible for transportation for rehearsals.

The cost for participating is \$30.00 per student. Busses provide transportation to Granger the day of the event.

PAPERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MUSIC ROOM AND ARE DUE OCT. 20th

CONGRATULATIONS

SJS 5th and 6th Volleyball Teams won their CYO tournaments last week. Great job girls! Thank you to 5th grade coaches Lindee Andrews and her daughter Destinee and to 6th grade coaches Ariel and Alexandria Davison. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules.

Our 7th and 8th grade teams will be playing in their CYO tournament tomorrow. Good Luck!!

DECATUR FORCE VBC - 2017 TYROUT TIMES

K-5 = November 5 @ SJS 2:30-4:00pm
11/12U - Grs. 4,5,6 = Oct. 15 - @ SJS, 4-6:00pm
Oct. 19 @ SJS, 6:30-8:00pm
13U - 7th Grade = Oct. 17 @ SJS 6:30-8:30pm
Oct. 18 @ SJS 6:30-8:00pm
14U - 8th Grade = Oct. 15 @ SJS 2:00-4:00pm
Oct 16 @SJS 7:30-9:00pm
15-16U - Grs. 9 & 10 = Oct. 29 @ SJS 2-4:00pm
Nov. 5 @ SJS 4:30-6:30pm
17-18U - Grs. 11 & 12:
Oct. 29 @ SJS 4:30-6:30pm
Nov. 5 @ SJS 7:00-9:00pm

Halloween Dress Code -- Tuesday, October 31st:

Students will be allowed to wear a Catholic school appropriate Halloween shirt. Stay away from the gory and ghoulish. Any orange shirt may be worn if you don't have a Halloween shirt. We did the same thing last year, so those guidelines still apply, and your child's teacher will be going over the kinds of things to avoid. This is intended to be a fun day. Please help us to keep it that way by using your good judgement in what your child(ren) wear.

CANDY GRAMS:

It's that time of the year again! Candy Grams will be sold during lunch next week, October 16-October 20, by our Student Council members. Your child can purchase a candy grams for \$1 each and send them to their favorite people. Candy grams will be delivered on Tuesday, October 31st. All candy will be peanut free. Money raised from this fundraiser will stay at St. Joseph School for any needs that arise during the year.

FUN RUN

HASA Fun Run Volunteers are still needed

This Saturday Fun Run starts at 1pm and 5k starts at 2pm. If you are able to help direct the runners please contact Erika Hebble at school 724-2765 or cell 223-2042.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

**Thursday, November 2, 2017
3:00 - 8:00pm**

**ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO
CONFERENCE WITH THEIR CHILD'S TEACHER**

3:00-4:00pm: Schell to Zimmerman
4:00-5:00pm: Grote to Adams
5:00-6:00pm: Hackman to Rumschlag

Please Note: Middle School teachers and Area Specialists will be in the auditorium to meet with parents until 6:00pm. After 6:00pm they will meet on 3rd floor with parents who have set up an appointment.
