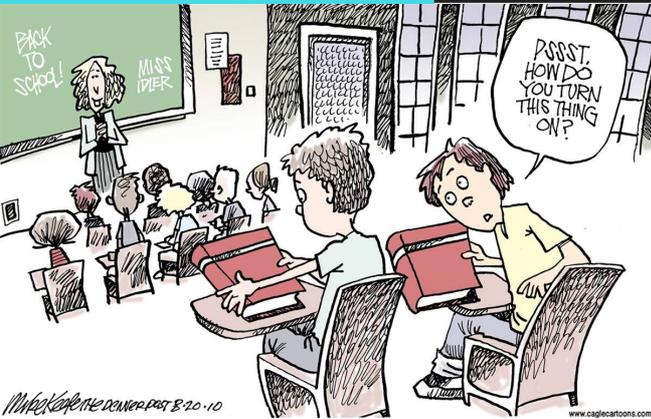




WHAT'S NEW?

International News

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2017



WELCOME TO JCS!



If you are here for the first time, welcome to Joy Christian School! And if you are returning... welcome back! We are thrilled you are here this year! We expect incredible things to take place in the next 10 months, and we feel honored to have the privilege to spend it alongside each one of you. Mrs. Grace, the International Program Director, and Ms. Makalie, the International Student Coordinator, would like you to know that we are here to help you, so please come visit us in our office whenever you can!

This is our international newsletter, where you will find updates and important information for each month! If you ever have a story, photo, or news you'd like to share, talk to Ms. Makalie to see if we can include it in the next newsletter!

If you have not brought your I-20 in yet, please bring it ASAP! We need to ensure that the second page of your I-20 is signed and register you as "Reported for School" in the SEVIS system.



International Student Orientation Prescott Pines Camp Aug. 26 & 27

Here's what you need to know about our orientation trip... It is very serious, but **it's going to be a lot of FUN!**

We are going up north to Prescott, AZ, where it is much cooler, to stay one night at Prescott Pines Camp. We will go over all the important required information about being an international student at JCS. We will also look ahead at this school year and spend time getting to know each other! There is mandatory information we must give you, required by the U.S. Dept. of State and we want to do it in a fun way! We are going with other JCS students and will be doing some activities with them too! There is no cost to JCS international students. **All international students must attend. Please turn in your signed green permission form ASAP!**

Things to pack for orientation....

- Tennis shoes
- Sleeping bag, pillow, 2 towels
- Clothes following JCS guidelines (Bring a jacket, it can be chilly at night!)
- Spending money
- Personal toiletries
- \$15 cash for Sunday lunch.

Make sure you....

1. Know your host parents names, address, and phone number
2. Have a working U.S. Phone number and have given it to us
3. Have your student insurance card with you at all times
4. Have your international student I.D.
5. Have given us your completed contact information page

"Because of The Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is Your faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23

Grand Canyon/ Sedona Trip!

Oct. 20-22

Come explore northern Arizona! We will stay two nights in a house in Flagstaff, and will travel during the day to Grand Canyon National Park, Bearizona, and Sedona. The trip is \$120, including all travel, food, entrance fees, and lodging.

Upcoming Events:

August 26th & 27th - International Student Orientation trip to Prescott (ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND)

Sept. 4th- Labor Day (No School)

Sept. 29th - Homecoming Football Game

Sept. 30th - Homecoming Dance

Oct. 6th-9th - Mexico Mission trip to Esperanza

Oct. 20th - 22nd Grand Canyon/Sedona/ Northern AZ Trip *This is a date change

Don't forget to order your lunch @ MyHotLunchbox.com on the 26th of each month.

Happy Birthday!

- Ellen (August 2nd)
- Nick (August 2nd)
- Maxence (August 15th)
- Ms. Makalie (August 29th)

- Jacopo (September 4th)
- Albert (September 6th)
- Guillermo (September 12th)
- Mrs. Grace (September 15th)
- Kaja (September 18th)
- Tony (September 18th)
- Chloe (September 27th)

Come celebrate all of our birthdays on 9/8 after school in our office with cake!

What is the Mexico Mission Trip?

Oct. 6th-9th

We are driving to Puerto Penasco, Mexico to spend time with the kids from the orphanage, Esperanza Para Los Ninos. JCS has done this for many years and it is always a very special & fun time! The kids love having us visit them! You will get to play games with the kids at the beach, tie-dye t-shirts and pillowcases with them, and plan and prepare a BBQ beach party for them! We will stay in several homes within a gated community. Encourage your host family to come along with us! International Students are required to attend 2 of the 3 Mexico trips per year.

*See the Mexico Mission trip flier for more information and for what to bring.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!