

August 22, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; 6th Grade Leadership Program; Mary's Children; Back to School Night; Lands' End Delays; Handbook; Labor Day closing; Social Media; and Never Pick Up List.

Thoughts for the week: *Entrust your loved ones to Me; release them into My protective care. They are much safer with Me than in your clinging hands. If you let a loved one become an idol in your heart, you endanger that one- as well as yourself. Joseph and his father, Jacob, suffered terribly because Jacob loved Joseph more than any of his other sons and treated him with special favor. So Joseph's brothers hated him and plotted against him. Ultimately, I used that situation for good, but both father and son had to endure years of suffering and separation from one another. I detest idolatry, even in the form of parental love, so beware of making a beloved child your idol. When you release loved ones to Me, you are free to cling to My hand. As you entrust others into My care, I am free to shower blessings on them. My Presence will go with them wherever they go, and I will give them rest. This same Presence stays with you as you relax and place your trust in Me. Watch to see what I will do. Genesis 37:3-4; Ephesians 3:20; Exodus 33:14. ~ Jesus Calling by Sarah Young.* We look forward working with each and every one of you and developing a wonderful partnership that will continue to make Saint Joseph Catholic School a great place to learn, worship and grow.

6th Grade Leadership Program: We had a wonderful 6th grade leadership program on Friday. The Class of 2022 was installed as leaders of the student body and were presented with their gray leadership polos.

Mary's Children: Students are encouraged to gather each **Wednesday morning at 7:25 a.m. for Mary's Children**, a weekly rosary group for all students. The rosary will be led by students with assistance from Mr. Yarnall and other teachers. The group will meet in the cafeteria (Kamler Hall) each week. The **first Mary's Children** will be held on **Wednesday, August 25th** at 7:25 a.m. Students will be grouped by grade and will be social distanced.

Back to School Night: The school Administration is currently evaluating the Back to School Night. The event is scheduled for Monday, August 30, at 6:30 p.m. We will communicate a plan for the event early this week. Please look for more information in the coming day on how the school will host this important event safely and effectively.

Lands' End Delays: We have heard that some families are having trouble receiving uniforms they have ordered from Lands' End. If that is the case for your saint, please notify Mr. Yarnall and he will let you know of options to wear clothes you already have until your uniforms arrive.

Handbook: The Parent/Student Handbook is attached and will be posted on the school webpage under Current Families as well as on FACTS Family Portal under Resources. A hard copy will not be sent home. On the last page of the handbook is the handbook agreement form. This form must be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday August 30th.

Labor Day: All school facilities will be closed in observance of Labor Day on Monday, September 6th.

Social Media: We are proud to share the good news of Saint Joseph Catholic School through our three social media outlets. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to catch the latest happenings at the school. Our school hashtag is #ichosestjoes. We also have a parents Facebook group to help our families keep in touch. Only current parents at the school will be allowed as members. This group was formed so parents can share info and ask questions. Only relevant, positive posts and comments will be allowed. Content will be deleted if it is in violation of these terms. If you would like to be added to this private group, search for Stjoescola Parents on Facebook and ask to join. The page administrators will add you as quickly as they can.

Never Pick Up List: If there is someone who may NEVER pick up your child(ren), please email Mrs. Seezen with that information. Rseezen@stjosdevine.com

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us - "Blessed are we". Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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