

September 26, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Charleston Wrap Dress Down Day; Grandparents Day; Student Council Dress Down Day; Parish Basketball; 2:00 Dismissal; Student Pictures; Service Project; Parent-Teacher Conferences; PTO Update; and Technology Times Newsletter.

Thoughts for the week: “I don’t believe you have to be better than everybody else. I believe you have to be better than you thought you could be.” ~ Ken Venturi. This week take time to talk with your children about not comparing themselves to others. They only need to strive to be the best they can be in comparison to themselves.

Charleston Wrap Dress Down Day: Thank you to everyone who supported our Charleston Wrap fundraiser. We are excited to announce that we raised over \$11,600! Congratulations to Mrs. Temple’s 5K class! They had the most participation in the fundraiser and have won a dress-down day on Monday, September 27th! Please see the Parent-Student Handbook page 36 for Dress Down Day requirements.

Grandparents Day: The school has decided to postpone the Grandparents Day program scheduled for Oct 1st. However, each classroom will have some type of communication with grandparents - a letter, picture, or video. **Please double check your family information in the FACTS Family Portal to make sure we have current email and mailing addresses for your saint’s grandparents, so they don’t miss out on anything.** We do look forward to the possibility of hosting Grandparents Day in the spring. October 1st will still be a noon dismissal day.

Student Council Dress Down Day: Student Council is collecting donations for Catholic Charities to help with hurricane relief due to the recent disasters in the gulf area. As an incentive for donations, the student body will have a dress-down day on Friday, October 1st. Please send any donations to your student’s homeroom teacher. Cash or checks (made out to Saint Joseph Catholic School) will be accepted. There is no minimum donation. Please see the Parent-Student Handbook page 36 for Dress Down Day requirements.

Parish Basketball: Saint Joseph Parish Basketball Registration is now OPEN. The parish youth basketball program for grades 2-12. Application is due back to the parish office no later than Oct 8th. To register: <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/basketballregistration>

To pay: https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps?appver3=Fi1giPL8kwX_Oe1AO50jRvFNC8HOknOojFBlaHrwzVHHO3iVYxvvxhHjRfLOeq662EvVVAEjqawDomKT1pboucmmfRxc080XR47Z3WtaDBU=

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2:00 Dismissal: We will have a 2:00 dismissal Monday, October 11th. Extended Care will be open until 6:00 pm.

Student Pictures: All students will have individual pictures taken on Friday, October 15th. This is a dress uniform day.

Service Project: Our first schoolwide service project this year benefits the Catholic Charities Clean of Heart ministries. We will be collecting new men’s socks and new or gently worn men’s shoes now through the

month of “Socktober”. Please help us support this ministry to help bring comfort and clean clothing to the poor and homeless of our city. The collection will run until October 28th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Friday, October 29th is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. There will be no school for students. All conferences will be virtual. There is no Extended Day.

Pre-K -4th-grade families - Parents are encouraged to attend a conference with their child’s teacher. Teachers will reach out to some parents for whom a conference is required.

5th and 6th-grade families - Conferences are optional for students who currently have all As and Bs. Conferences are required for any student who has a grade of C or lower. The student is required to be part of the conference.

A signup link will be sent to all school families in the October 17th Sunday Notes. The schedule is set up on a 20-minute rotation – 15 minutes for the conference and 5 minutes for the teacher to prepare for the next conference. The link will close at noon on Wednesday, October 27th.

If you would like to meet with a teacher other than your child’s homeroom teacher, please also use the link to schedule an appointment.

PTO Update: The PTO is excited to host pizza lunches for each grade level and their parents during October and November! PTO will be providing pizza and drinks for the students and their parents during the students’ normal lunchtime. Parents will have the opportunity to eat lunch with their children and meet other families outside during recess. The schedule will be as follows: October 5: K4; October 7: K5; October 12: 1st grade; October 14: 2nd grade; October 19 3rd grade; October 21: 4th grade; October 26: 5th grade; November 2: 6th grade.

Technology Times Newsletter: Our new Technology teacher, Mrs. Christie Cook, has published a Technology newsletter – please use the link to check out what is happening in Technology. <https://www.smores.com/xzn15>.

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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