

May 22, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

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Thoughts for the week: Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit – John 15:4a, 5b

Birthright Service Project: Each year in May, to honor our Holy Mother, Mary, we sponsor a baby shower for Birthright of Columbia so that they can help expectant and new mothers in need.

Please consider sending in much needed new baby items such as diapers, wipes, baby clothes, bibs, baby toys, etc... Here is a link to their Amazon Wish List:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2VFMPWX56KUVA?ref_=wl_share

We will be collecting items from May 16 – May 25. You can find more information about Birthright and their services on their web-site: <https://birthrightofcolumbia.org>

Ukraine Service Project Wrap Up: Thank you to everyone who donated to our Ukraine Catholic Relief Services Chores for Change fundraiser. Our students really worked hard to raise money. Their efforts, combined with the generous match from our prayer service speaker, Peter Dworjanyan, raised a total of over \$2300 for Catholic Relief Services!

iPads: We will be collecting all school iPads by grade level starting next Wednesday. Please make sure you send your child's iPad to school fully charged and with the charging block and cord. The iPads will be cleaned and updated. Students who are missing devices or accessories will be charged a replacement fee. 4th quarter report cards and academic records will be held until payment is made.

Congratulations to Cardinal Newman Graduates: Congratulations to the Cardinal Newman class of 2022 which graduated yesterday! We are especially proud of the Saint Joe's alumni in the class – including both the valedictorian and the salutatorian! Among these students, we will have alums attending the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Oregon State University, Coastal Carolina University, Wake Forest University, and joining the US Armed Forces. Once a saint, always a saint! Congratulations and good luck to the class of 2022!

New Faculty: We are excited to have Mrs Hilary Wilson joining our team as a 3rd grade teacher. Mrs. Wilson comes to Saint Joseph with eleven years of teaching experience, most recently teaching Gifted and Talented Enrichment to 4th and 5th graders in Richland School District 2. She earned a BA in Art History and Masters of Arts in Elementary Education, both from the

University of South Carolina. She and her husband, Joseph, are celebrating their twelfth year of marriage and have two children, both of whom are students at St. Joseph's. Her son, Henry, is a rising 4th grader and her daughter, Virginia, is a rising 1st grader. In her free time, Hilary enjoys spending time with her family, running, and playing tennis with friends. She is overjoyed to be joining the Saint Joseph family.

6th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation: The Saint Joseph class of 2022 will graduate on Wednesday, June 1st at 6:30. The Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation will be held in the church.

2021-2022 Awards Day: The faculty and staff will host the Awards Day ceremony on Wednesday, June 1st at 1:30pm in the gym. The awards day program recognizes the class of 2022 as well as a few underclassmen who have earned local, state, or national awards.

5th Grade Candle Mass: Each spring, at the last Mass of the school year, we celebrate the 5th grade Candle Mass. This year the Candle Mass will be celebrated at 8:15am on Thursday, June 2nd. At this Mass, the students of the Class of 2023 will be inducted as the new leaders of the student body. I would like to invite the parents of the rising 6th grade class to join us for this special occasion.

Last Days: The last day of classes for the Class of 2022 will be Wednesday, June 1st. The last day for 4K-5th grades will be Thursday, June 2nd which **will be a noon dismissal day**. There will be no Extended Care.

School Supplies: 2021-2022 school supplies are now available at www.schooltoolbox.com. Orders placed before June 12 will ship to the school and be delivered to your classroom for Open House. Orders placed after June 12 will ship to your home. Please see the flyer on our website for more information as well as supply lists by grade level.

Monday Folder Advertising: Each school year, parents and the local business community generously advertise in our school's Homework Assignment Books and Monday Folders. If you are a business owner interested in continuing to advertise or would like to do so for the first time, please contact Diane Grathwohl, BG Enterprises. Diane is our ad representative and has been working with schools in the Diocese of Charleston for over 35 years. You may reach her at 386-405-1849 or bgenterprises@cfl.rr.com.

Vacation Bible School Registration: Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School! Monumental VBS will be July 11-15 from 9:00 – 12:00. Early bird registration rates are available through June 5: \$30 for one child; max of \$50 per family. Pricing after June 5: \$35 for one child; max of \$60 per family. Click here to register: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/2428b9>. Volunteers are also needed and can register through the same link. If you have questions, please contact Emily MacLennan at emily@stjosephcolumbia.org.

Local Covid Numbers: We had no students or staff test positive for COVID this week.

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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