

February 20, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; No School; Read Across America Week; Spirit Night; Lenten Prayer Projects; Food Truck Festival; Lost and Found; Free Hand Wipes; and Local Covid Numbers.

Thoughts for the week: Jesus tells the apostles that they are to witness everywhere, from Jerusalem "to the ends of the earth." As disciples, we too are called to witness. Like a tiny pebble dropped into a pool of water, the effects of what we do ripple outward in increasingly wider circles. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, the little ways that we give witness to God's love, goodness, and mercy ripple out, often farther than we can imagine. Pray, using these words or those of your own - Lord Jesus, help me to be a more faithful witness in all I say and do, no matter who is with me or where I am. ~ The thought for the week came from Loyola Press 3-Minute Retreat on February 11, 2022.

No School: In observance of Presidents Day, there will be no school and no Extended Care tomorrow, Monday, February 21st.

Read Across America Week: The week of February 28th- March 3rd, we will be celebrating the importance of reading with fun-themed days and activities.

Monday: Favorite Book Day: create a bookmark that represents your favorite book.

Tuesday: Teacher Reading Relay: teachers will visit another classroom and share their favorite book!

Wednesday: Reading Picnic: bring a book from your home collection to read/share with your classmates.

Thursday: Character Day: dress as your favorite book character.

Spirit Night: Welcome to Moe's- School Fundraiser! Order your premade Taco Kits at the link below-the Taco Kits (feeds 4-6) for \$34.99, with ground beef, chicken, and our FAMOUS QUESO! For each kit sold \$5 will be donated back to our school! If we get over 51 kits sold then, \$10 per kit, will be given back to St. Joseph Catholic School!"

Deadline to order: February 28th by 5 pm

Meal Pickup Date: Tuesday, March 1st @ 5 pm

Delivery: St. Joseph Catholic School- the truck will be parked in front of the school. To not interfere with extended care student pickup, we ask that you park on Devine Street and walk up to the truck for meal pick-up.

Feed the family and help fund our school! Click the link to pre-order your kit:

<https://form.jotform.com/220453898182160>

Lenten Prayer Projects: Lent starts on Wednesday, March 2nd with Ash Wednesday. Daily Marys Children will start that day and will meet daily until Friday, April 8th. All students and parents are invited to join this Lenten prayer group. All students and staff will be participating in the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during Lent. The 1st stations of the cross will be Tuesday, March 8th, and continuing each Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent that school is in session. Each day a different grade level will be leading the stations.

Feast of Saint Joseph Food Truck Festival: Saint Joseph Catholic School will be hosting a Food Truck Festival in honor of the Feast of Saint Joseph. The event will be held Friday, March 18th from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm on the blacktop behind the school. Food will be available to purchase from Moctezumas, Cafe Strudel, The Haute Dog Lady, and The Chillin Cow. Monsignor Harris is offering a dispensation from the Lenten requirement to abstain from meat on Fridays for all those who attend the event. We will also have meatless options available. We hope that you will make plans to join us!

Lost and Found: With the warmer weather in the last week, we have had a huge influx of unmarked outerwear in the Lost and Found bin. We currently have more than 40 jackets, sweaters, and sweatshirts with no names on them in the bin. **Please put your student's name in his/her outerwear.** If your students are missing anything, please have them check the bin this week. We will be cleaning it out periodically and putting unclaimed items in used uniform sale storage.

Free Hand Wipes: We have several pallets of Wet Ones antibacterial hand wipes and they are free to anyone who can use some. If you or any organization you are connected with could use any amount, please let the front office know and we will gladly help you load up your vehicle with as many as you can use.

Local Covid Numbers: We only had one positive student, no positive staff, and no quarantined students or staff in the last 7 days.

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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