

June 2, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

I hope this letter finds you doing well and enjoying the 1<sup>st</sup> afternoon of your child(ren)'s summer vacation!

**Items in this newsletter:** Thank you; Congratulations; Report Cards; Awards Day and Graduation Photos; Graduation Video; Summer Learning; Summer Office Hours; Summer Letter; Facebook Parents Page; and School Supply Boxes.

**Thank you:** I am so very proud of the students' teachers and families that we have finished another successful school year. This year had its struggles and difficulties, but overall, it was a very successful year - a year in which our students grew spiritually, academically, and physically. This success has been based on several things including fantastic teachers, staff, and administration and a strong school-wide commitment to learning. This partnership has proven effective and our joint efforts should be applauded!

I would like to thank the many people who have contributed to making this a successful year. I would like to personally thank my administrative team of Karen Tucker, Kerry Reedy, Brenda Jones, Rebecca Seezen, Kaley Wilson, Stacy Carns, Jessica Eadon, and Lisa Leonard. I have been blessed with an outstanding faculty and staff who are the backbone of our successful school. The year would not have been successful without the support of Monsignor Harris and Fr. Frei and the parish staff. The School Advisory Council was led this year by Taje Davis. I would like to thank the council members for their service to our school and parish. The PTO has been a blessing to our school- thank you to Carla Goff and all members of the PTO. I would like to thank the parents for their continued support of Saint Joseph School and Parish. Last, but not least, I want to thank the students whose approached each day with joy, excitement, and enthusiasm - making coming to school every day a pleasure!

**Congratulations:** We would like to congratulate our 6<sup>th</sup>-grade graduates and their families. We wish you the best of luck as you move on to middle school! We appreciate the contributions you have made to Saint Joseph Catholic School throughout the years and want you to remember- you will always be part of the Saint Joseph family. Once a saint, always a saint!

**4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and Final Report Cards:** Your child's 4<sup>th</sup> quarter/final report card will be mailed to you the week of June 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Awards Day and Graduation Photos:** Photos from Awards Day and Graduation will be available soon and will be shared via our school Facebook page and our Parents Facebook Group (Stjoescola Parents).

**Graduation Video:** If you would like to view the livestream of our Graduation, it is available on our parish YouTube channel: [Mass at St. Joseph's](#)

**Summer Learning:** For this year's summer learning, all students (rising 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) will be required to complete language arts and math activities. Each grade level will have a packet with information about assignments which will be available on our website [HERE](#) after June 6<sup>th</sup>. For the language arts component, our teachers have chosen literature that focuses on one of the Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: "Call to Family, Community and Participation". In simple terms, this means *God made us to be part of communities, families and countries, so all people can share and help each other*. We hope that you and your child(ren) can read and discuss the books together as a family. Additionally, we encourage you to be inspired by the literature and find a way to complete a small service activity as a family and remember the words of Pope Francis: "Let us care for one another and let us be loving custodians of creation." You can send pictures of your activities to [Rebecca Seezen](#) to be shared on social media as a part of our summer "Saints in Action" series.

**Summer Office Hours:** From June 6<sup>th</sup> until July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

**Summer Letter:** Each summer the school sends out a summer letter that will include important information about the upcoming year. Within the letter, you will find the official calendar, opening dates, and much more. Please look for this letter via email the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Facebook Parents Page:** Did you know we have a Facebook group just for Saint Joe's parents? It is a place for parents to share school-related questions (schedule, lunch, uniforms, homework, etc...), buy/sell uniforms, and post relevant info about school events. If you are a Facebook user, you can request to join Stjoescola Parents and the admins will add you as soon as they can. This group will only be open to current and recently graduated students' parents. No other members will be allowed. Content will be reviewed before it will be posted to the page.

**School Supplies:** 2022-2023 school supplies are now available at [www.schooltoolbox.com](http://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. Thank you for supporting Saint Joseph Catholic School and please let us know if you have any questions or if we can support you over the summer.

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 blessed Summer!

Sincerely,

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