

August 21, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Back to School Night; 6th Grade Leadership; Afterschool Activities; Never Pick Up list; Social Media; Handbook; JR Cardinal Club; and Important upcoming dates.

Thoughts for the week: O God, who made the Abbot Saint Bernard a man consumed with zeal for your house and a light shining and burning in your Church, grant through the intercession that we may be on fire with the same spirit and walk always as children of light. Take time this week to talk with your children about living a life of the Christian spirit.

Back to School Night: The school will host Back to School Night **on Monday, August 22nd**. The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. We will begin with an administrative information meeting in the gym and then transition to the classrooms for three 30-minute programs. Make sure you visit each of your children's homeroom teachers for one of the sessions. The 5th and 6th parents are asked to attend the joint session that the 5th and 6th-grade team will do in the gym during session 1. The 5th and the 6th-grade team then will be in their rooms for the last two sessions. All other grades will be in Homerooms/Grade level rooms. This evening is a wonderful chance to learn about your child's classroom and the many activities that will take place at Saint Joseph Catholic School. This is an adult-only event – there is no childcare provided.

6:30-6:55 – Administrative presentation – Gym

7:00-7:25 – Session 1 - Grade level presentations – 5th and 6th gym; all others in HR

7:30-7:55 – Session 2 - Grade level presentations – HR

8:00-8:25 – Session 3 - Grade level presentations – HR

6th Grade Leadership: We had a wonderful 6th-grade leadership breakfast/pep rally followed by a lovely 6th-grade prayer service on Friday. Thank you to all families and grade levels for helping with these events!

After-school Activities: The school has partnered with several vendors this school year to provide a fantastic offering of after-school activities. Please find a detailed list of vendors and a description of their services attached to this email.

Never Pick Up List: If there is anyone who should **NEVER** pick up your child, please email Kerry Reedy to let her know. Kreedy@stjosdevine.com

Social Media: We are proud to share the good news of Saint Joseph Catholic School through our social media outlets. Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram 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 violates these terms. If you would like to be added to this private group, search for Stjoescola Parents on Facebook. ask to join, and answer the two questions when prompted. The page administrators will add you as quickly as they can.

Handbook: Please take time to review the Parent/Student Handbook before Monday, August 29th. The Handbook is 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. Please take the time to read and review the handbook with your children. 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 29th.

JR Cardinal Club: The CN Cardinal Club is excited to extend a Junior membership to all Elementary Feeder School Students, Staff, and Families. For \$100.00 you will receive a family sports pass to all CN home sporting events and support CN athletics. Jr Membership is only available to elementary school families who do not have a child at CN. See the attached flyer for more information on how to become a member of the JR Cardinal Club.

Important Upcoming Dates: Below are some important events to be aware of in the coming days:

CN Community Night: Join the Columbia Catholic school community at the 1st Cardinal Newman home football game on August 26th. Starting at 5:30 pm, there will be free fun and games and a hot dog dinner for all Columbia Catholic school students before the game. Additionally, all Columbia Catholic school students will get a free CN t-shirt and get into the game for free.

Back to School Tailgate: The Cardinal Club will be hosting a Back to School Tailgate on the practice football field before the CN football game on August 26th – please use the link to purchase tickets to the BBQ
https://athletics.cnhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2017712&type=d&pREC_ID=2101651

Labor Day: The school will be closed on Monday, September 5th in honor of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6th.

NWEA MAP Testing: Students in K-6th grade will take NWEA MAP tests sometime in three weeks starting on Tuesday, September 6th – Friday, September 23rd.

Fall Food Truck Friday: The PTO will host a Food Truck social event on Friday, September 9th. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join the school community on Friday, September 9th, 2022.

Saint Joseph Recognition Masses: Saint Joseph school students will fill the liturgical roles at each of the weekend Masses on September 10th and 11th. All students are asked to attend one of the four weekend Masses in their school uniforms. We will share more information soon.

Thank you for your support of Saint Joseph Catholic School. We look forward to a wonderful year!

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us – *“Serve one another with the gifts you have received.”*

Sincerely,

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