

February 6, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Thank you; Divine Auction; New Bookkeeper; Super Bowl Food Drive; Daddy Daughter Dance; Mother Son Bowling Postponed; 2022-2023 Re-enrollment; and No School.

Thoughts for the week: *“Be gentle with the young.”* We live in a fast-paced, demanding world. We expect a lot from others, and they expect a lot from us. This is fine for the world of adults, but it can be a problem when we force similar high expectations onto children. While it's important to teach children how to behave properly and get along with others and keep them active and stimulated, we should never forget that they are still children, with tender hearts and minds. Today, I will make a special effort to react to them with gentleness rather than impatience. ~ The Woman's Book of Prayer: 365 Blessings, Poems, and Meditations

Thank You: A big thank you to PTO president, Carla Goff, and all the parents who donated to the teacher appreciation dinner that each staff member took home for dinner this week. Everyone enjoyed the delicious lasagna dinner and appreciated a night off from cooking.

Divine Auction: Another big thank you to Margaret Asay and her team of volunteers on another successful auction! We were so glad to come together again as a community to raise money for the school. It was a great event!

New Bookkeeper: We are excited to announce that Mrs. Brenda Jones started this week as our new Bookkeeper. She will be learning our programs and getting up to speed over the next few weeks. Please help me welcome her to our community! She can be reached by email at bjones@stjosdevine.com

Super Bowl Food Drive: We will continue to collect canned food to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society until the end of this week. Students can put cans on the stage- the can/cans will count as their vote for who will win the SB Bengals or Rams We will see which team wins our school can food super bowl! The food drive will end on February 11th.

Penny Wars: Thank you to everyone who competed in the Penny Wars for CNDM. It was a fierce competition, but Kindergarten came out on top! Congratulations to our 5K for winning! We are so excited to announce that our school raised **\$2286.28** for Prisma Health Children's Hospital -Midlands, our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital - a new school record!

Daddy Daughter Dance: The PTO will host the Daddy Daughter Dance on Friday, February 11th from 6:30-8:00 in the school gym. Look for more information in the coming days.

Mother Son Bowling Postponed: Our Mother-Son Bowling event has been postponed due to staffing issues at our usual venue. PTO has reached out to other bowling alleys and the cost is unfortunately prohibitive. We are working on putting together a different event this spring for

our mothers and sons. If you have any suggestions for events please feel free to reach out to Carla Goff at carlaggoff@gmail.com.

2022-2023 Re-enrollment: We ask that you complete your application as soon as possible, but no later than February 15th, 2022. There will be a \$100 late fee assessed for re-enrollment after February 15th. **If you have not completed the enrollment process by February 15th, your child will no longer be guaranteed a spot for the 2022-2023 school year. On February 16th, the school will begin accepting applications from new families for the 2022-2023 school year.**

No School: The school will not have classes on Friday, February 18th. Teachers will have a workday. There will be Extended Care from 8:00a - 6:00p. There will be no school and no Extended Care on Monday, February 21st.

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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