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Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Divine Auction; Catholic Schools Week; Homebound Program Update; Honor Roll; Run with the Saints; Daddy Daughter Dance; and 2022-2023 Re-enrollment.

Thoughts for the week: Thank you for giving your child the gift of a Catholic education! I have shared this outstanding article for several years; it is a powerful piece and speaks to the strength of a Catholic school education and a Saint Joseph education. Please take a minute to read this excellent article about why we choose a Catholic education for our children:

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/acatholicthinker/2015/01/why-my-kids-go-to-catholic-school/>.

Please also take time to share on your social media pages this article and include why you are choosing a Catholic education for your child.

Why Choose a Catholic Education?

The legacy of a Catholic education is more than the knowledge imparted to our students; it is the development of a deep and abiding sense of faith, the realization of the value of moral character, and the inspiration of a life-long journey of learning. —Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Catholic Schools, and specifically Saint Joseph, have a long tradition of promoting excellence in academics, encouraging spiritual growth, and assisting in the formation of students in...

MIND... Every student has the potential to succeed and with a comprehensive academic environment conducive to educational reflection and study, as found in the many Catholic Schools of our network, students are given a solid foundation on which to build bright academic futures.

HEART... *“It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that is put into them that matters.”* —Mother Teresa

Catholic education fosters a sense of community and an abiding understanding of the importance of service to others. With a focus on actively living one’s faith and providing an example of character to others in daily life, Catholic Schools assist students in realizing their gifts and learning to value the contribution of others.

& SPIRIT... Whether it is on the field of competition or in celebration of a job well done, Catholic Schools invite students to strive for excellence in all that is undertaken, to challenge their perceptions of limitations, and to exceed them.

Catholic Schools welcome students of all backgrounds and faiths to experience the comprehensive education of mind, heart & spirit. Consider your student's academic career a success story waiting to be written. #ichosestjoes

Divine Auction: The day is finally here! Our Annual Divine Auction is this Friday, February 4th from 6:30 pm -10:30 pm at Carolina Park (1010 Bluff Road - Next to the Cockabooses!) There is still time to buy tickets or to become a Host Family! Check out our website for more information (<https://Divine22.givesmart.com>)

Be sure to check out all our great auction items! A few great silent auction items we have: A brand new Weber Genesis II E-315 grill donated by Jack Oliver's Pool, Spa & Patio, A few long weekends at some great Lake Murray houses, Choose your tropical vacation or Argentina hunting experience, beautiful original art pieces, and much more! We also have amazing art pieces created by our homerooms, exciting teacher experiences, and some fun Parties with a Purpose! Even if you can't come to the event you can still bid on items through the website (<https://Divine22.givesmart.com>).

Last reminder to turn in your gift cards by Thursday, Feb. 3rd! The homeroom with the most gift cards turned in wins a dress-down day!!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the event and thank you for all the support of the wonderful event!!

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Catholic Schools Week: CSW is an annual celebration of Catholic schools in the United States. Here at Saint Joseph, we spend the week honoring all the people who contribute to the continued success of our school. Below is a list of some of the activities we have planned for this year.

Monday, January 31st - Our Community – Parent appreciation and Super Bowl food drive begins to benefit St. Vincent de Paul Society. Vote for the team of your choice, one vote per non-perishable item. We will see which team wins our school super bowl! The food drive will run for 2 weeks until February 11th.

Tuesday, February 1st - Our Students – pajama dress down day, Cardinal Newman drumline visits morning carpool, special snack, and fun class level activity, CSW virtual Mass with the Bishop, and no homework.

Wednesday, February 2nd – Our Nation – Red, white, and blue patriotic dress down day; This year we are honoring our health care workers. We will have special video morning announcements from parents who are healthcare workers; Living Rosary for the student body in the church.

Thursday, February 3rd – Our Vocations – Special visits for each grade from Monsignor Harris and Father Frei

Friday, February 4th – Our Faculty – Faculty members will lead the Mass; Penny War winner announced, and school-wide color dress down day:

- o 4K – Yellow
- o 5K – Grey
- o 1st – Orange
- o 2nd – Pink
- o 3rd – Blue
- o 4th – Green
- o 5th – Red
- o 6th – Black

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Honor Roll: We are pleased to announce the Honor Roll students for the second quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. Congratulations, students!

4th Grade Honor Roll:

A- Helen Asay, Matthew Bowie, Lola Catalano, Mills Coco, Joshua Culberson, Campbell DeFreese, Jack Ford, Wyatt Hope, Lucy Hoppmann, Patrick Horan, Molly Jane Kaminski, Harry McLeod, David Regan, Banks Wingo, Chloe Xu

A/B- Will Bigger, Jessica Bradley, Delaney Brown, Harrison Bruner, Caedon Buchanan, Wyatt Burckhard, Keegan Butler, Bradford Collins, Addie Ferriell, Amy Gorrin, Rowan McLeod, Connor Smith, Kenzie Smith, Rocco Williams, Mason Wittmann

5th Grade Honor Roll:

A- Anna Alexander, Bryn Alexander, Isabella Alexander, Riylar Coffman, Leighton Ford, Reese Gabelman, Ava Gray Goff, Ellison Judy, Sid McDonnell, Pressley Toler, Crosby Weymers

A/B- Adrian Branham, Sofie Cepeda, Jane deTreville, Boland Dupree, Johnny Foster, Anna Fuller, Tate Lynn, Andrew McCollum, Trey Meetze, Avery Shaw, Liliana Taylor, Sadie Tyer, Evie Van Sant, Graham Walsh, Evelyn Wilson, Patrick Wilson, Alexander Yarnall

6th Grade Honor Roll:

A- Louise Arrington, Madeline Bowie, Michael Carlson, Watson Dupree, Logan Giusti, Marshall Moffitt, Will Sexton, Dylan Williams, Sophie Xu

A/B- Lucy Alphin, Valentino Bassante, Abby Bodman, Callum Bruner, Logan Cacioppo, Stella Catalano, Emma Heyward Cathcart, Eliza Davis, Eady deTreville, Matthan Hinton, Riley Hooks, Caitlin Macdonald, William Maloney, Harper McLeod, Catelyn Roberson, Kylie Smith, Matthew Soto, Deagan Thompson, Emma Thompson, Blakely Timmons, Owen Tyler, Taylor Williams, Elliott Wise, Lily-Kate Woodard

HomeBound Program Update: Please **email your child's teacher by 9:00 a.m.** to request make-up work. Requests made after 9:00 a.m. may not be ready until the following school day. If you are requesting assignments, the materials will be labeled with your child's name and placed on the bench in the entryway of the school for pick-up **after 3:30 p.m.** If assignments are requested, please make every effort to pick the work up on the day of the request.

If your student will be absent from school for 3 or more days, please plan to request assignments from your child's teacher(s). These assignments will be available on a daily basis at the end of each school day.

Students who will be absent from school for 5 or more days (and are well enough) are expected to request, pick up, and work on assignments at home each day. Students in 4K – 1st grade will receive contact from their teachers on an as-needed basis. After 5 days for students in grades 2-6, the homebound teacher will make arrangements to schedule a Zoom check-in. This will allow students to ask questions and receive support on any assignments that have been given over the previous 5 days. Please know that students or families can email questions to the teacher at any point during the absence.

Students are responsible for completing and submitting his/her missed assignments, quizzes, and/or tests. Missed work must be made up within a reasonable amount of time depending upon the length and cause of the absence. Generally, students should have the same number of days to make up work as the number of days they were absent.

Run with the Saints: A big thank you to Mandy Williams and her team of volunteers on another successful race!

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.

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 re-enrollment process, you should have received an email on Friday, January 25. **Returning families will have until February 15th, to reenroll current student(s) and/or submit an application for a sibling. A \$160 re-enrollment fee (per family) is due upon re-enrollment.** Upon submission of Online Enrollment, a family has until April 1,

2022, families can withdraw their enrollment at any time with no cancellation penalty. Any application or re-enrollment fees paid are non-refundable for any reason regardless of the date of withdrawal. Between April 1, 2022, and June 1, 2022, any family wishing to void their tuition contract will owe a contract cancellation penalty of \$1,000 per student. This amount is due in full by June 1, 2022. After June 1, 2022, if a student is withdrawn for any reason, the remaining tuition, and consumable fees through the end of the academic year must be paid in full.

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.

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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