

March 20, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Bishop Ordination Holiday; Academic Highlight; Thank You; Summer Program; Lenten Prayer Projects; Masks for Schoolwide Gatherings; Mother-Son Baseball; Part-time Position at CN; and Local Covid Numbers.

Thoughts for the week: Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatever is true... honorable... right... pure... lovely... of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything, worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.” Enthusiasm is contagious. It is difficult to remain neutral or indifferent in the presence of a positive thinker. This week take time to be enthusiastic with your children about school, sports, life... Make a difference in their lives!

Bishop Ordination Holiday: The Bishop-elect Jacques E. Fabre, CS, will be ordained and installed on May 13. All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charleston will be closed on Friday, May 13th for the Ordination. There will be no extended care.

Crazy Sock Day: Tomorrow is World Down Syndrome Day. One of our SJCS families has a close family member who has down syndrome. His name is Cooper and he is 3 and is cousins with Champs and Jack Burley. His preschool is doing crazy sock day on Monday in honor of Cooper and St. Joseph wanted to join in on this special day honoring such a sweet boy! To show our support, we are asking all students, faculty, and staff to wear crazy socks on Monday, March 21st. Thank you so much for helping raise awareness of Down Syndrome.

Academic Highlight: Our 6th-grade students have been studying Greek mythology. As part of the unit, students had to research one character from Greek mythology, write a report about that character, make a “bottle-person” model of that character, and use the chatter pix app on their iPads to make the character say something about itself. Check out this great example https://stjos-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/dyarnall_stjosdevine_com/EUW1mWsO_C1Li3ojDfuaER4By-CTim-T-f_vluMWBICZw?e=KLLxRB

A big thank you to Mrs. Loia and Mrs. Cook for this great technology-integrated project. Great things are happening at SJCS!

Thank you: A big thank you to the PTO for running and organizing the Food Trucks for the Feast of Saint Joseph event as well as sponsoring a group of students to walk in the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. Both events were a big success!

Summer Program: We are excited to announce plans for our Summer Camp program for current Saint Joseph students in rising 5K through 6th grades. You do not have to commit to the full summer – just choose the weeks you would like your child(ren) to attend. Each Monday, we will have arts and crafts, games, and free play. Each Tuesday, we will watch a different

Disney movie on the big screen. We will have popcorn and movie snacks to make it truly feel like a day at the movies! Each Wednesday, we will be alternating between Fit Kids and Art Class. Each Thursday will be a fun and exciting field trip! All field trips are included in the cost of summer camp, so students will not need to bring additional money. We will end each week with ice cream and water play on Friday, weather permitting. Also, this summer, we are excited to add Fit Kids, led by our school nurse Jessica Eadon, as well Art Classes, led by Katie Pfrommer. Mrs. Pfrommer is an art teacher at Dreher High School, as well as a parent of an SJCS student. The core hours for summer camp are Monday – Friday from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. The core cost is \$185 per week. Extended hours are available for an additional cost. The extended hours are 8:00 AM until 5:30 PM. A 20% sibling discount will be applied to the core time only. Registration information will be included in the summer camp packet we will send out next week. We look forward to some fun and exciting summer camp adventures!

Lenten Prayer Projects: Daily Mary's Children began on Ash Wednesday. It will meet each day 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 was Tuesday, March 8th, and continues each Tuesday and Wednesday during Lent that school is in session. Each day a different grade level will be leading the stations.

Masks for Schoolwide Gatherings: Please remember that even though we have moved to “mask optional,” **students should come to school every day with a mask**, as they will be required in certain circumstances throughout the day. This is especially important on days we have Mass or Stations of the Cross, as all attendees are still required to wear them. Students may leave a mask in their desk for use whenever it is needed if you don't want to send a new one each morning. Our office supply of masks has run out and we do not have any more to give away.

Mother-Son Baseball: Save the date! SJCS PTO will be hosting a mother-son night with the Columbia Fireflies on Sunday, April 24th. The game starts at 5:05 pm and we will have reserved seats, please be on the lookout for a signup in the coming weeks!

Part-time Position at CN: Cardinal Newman is seeking a part-time Office Receptionist and Admissions Assistant. Qualified candidates will possess a positive, professional, outgoing, and friendly attitude in working with parents, students, and prospective families. Candidates will need to have moderate skills with various computer software programs. This person will serve in the role of Office Receptionist Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays during the academic year from 8 am - 12 pm (12 hours) and as the Admissions Assistance for an additional seven hours throughout the week. Those hours are somewhat flexible. Here is a link to the full job description and information on how to apply. <https://4.files.edl.io/b6eb/03/10/22/184835-cf224398-da17-4668-8fdf-862fc8ae1a89.pdf>.

Local Covid Numbers: I am incredibly happy to share that we have had another week with no positive cases in our school community and no quarantined students or staff in the last 21 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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