

January 23, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Run with the Saints; Divine Auction; CNDM Penny War; Catholic Schools Week; Spread the Word – Open House Events; and 2022-2023 Re-enrollment.

Thoughts for the week: If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. Matthew 6:14 – Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We pray this in the prayer that Jesus gave us, The Our Father. These are easy words to recite but not always easy to live by. To be forgiven, we must first forgive. This is not a suggestion; it is a condition for being in the right relation with God and others. This week take time to talk with your children about the importance of forgiving others. Pray as a family: God of mercy, kindle in me a forgiving spirit. Help me to be compassionate and understanding to those who hurt me. Amen.

Run with the Saints: You still have time to sign up for our 7th Annual Run with the Saints 5K Race and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, January 29th! This event is a Midlands favorite and one of SJCS's largest fundraisers. Please sign up at <https://www.strictlyrunning.com/gpuilreg-8l.asp?uRaceId=3719> and remember to include your \$5 coupon code, SAINT5. Registration after January 7th is not guaranteed a race shirt.

Please use the link below to sign up to be a volunteer at the race.

[Saint Joseph Catholic School: 2022 Run with the Saints Volunteer Sign-Up \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)

Divine Auction: - Make sure to check out our auction website (<https://Divine22.givesmart.com>) to purchase tickets, become a Host Family, donate, and much more! We will start updating auction items very soon!

- Remember to turn in your gift cards! The homeroom with the most gift cards will receive a dress-down day. If you have any questions, Teresa Bowers will be able to help (teresabiediger@hotmail.com)

- Interested in hosting a party for a Purpose...please let Julia Burley (clemsonjulia@gmail.com) or Casey Cornwell (caseymandrews@gmail.com) know if you need help or have any questions.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, February 4th 6:30p-10:30p at Carolina Park (1010 Bluff Road)...The venue is outdoors so if it is cold, make sure to bundle up!

CNDM Penny War: The Cardinal Newman Dance Marathon team is partnering with Saint Joseph School to hold a Penny War. **The Penny War will begin on Monday, January 24th, and conclude Friday, January 28th.**

Here is how it works: Containers will be placed in the main office. Students put their pennies in their grade's container. One point is earned for every penny in the container. Students may put other coins and paper currency into the containers of other grades. Each silver coin or bill reduces the number of points from that container by the amount of the coin or the bill. Please use the link to watch the kick-off video produced by the CNDM committee https://stjos-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/dyarnall_stjosdevine_com/Ecc-a8JYBe9Gj_k7wCEc8zEB_IWiMXn6oxeQnQPTAOal5w?e=p57vpk. The grade with the most points at the end of the Penny War will win an ice cream party!

This is the 10th year Cardinal Newman Dance Marathon has raised money for Prisma Health Children's Hospital -Midlands, our local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. The Children's Hospital treats over 150,000 kids from across the state each year. Cardinal Newman was the first high school in South Carolina to host a Dance Marathon, and each year students come together to stand for six hours and dance for the kids who cannot. Give your pennies to a great cause!

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.

Saturday, January 29th – Run with the Saints 5K and Fun Run

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, 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

Spread the Word – Open House Events: We have several upcoming events that might be of interest to prospective Saint Joseph families. I ask that each of you think about someone you could invite to these events. We know that the best way to advertise our school is for our families to share their great experiences.

Group Tours and Meet the Principal

Come meet our principal, take a group tour of our campus, and get a taste of student life.

Tuesday, January 25th — 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, January 27th — 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Individual Tours and Meet the Principal -- Any time by appointment

Please pass along these dates and information to any potential new saints you may know.

2022-2023 Re-enrollment: It is hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking about re-enrollment for the next school year. The Advisory Council and Parish Finance Council have approved the school budget. You should have received two emails from me on Wednesday, January 5th. The 1st was a letter from the Advisory Council about the tuition and tuition policy, the second was instructions on how to complete your online re-enrollment through FACTS Family Portal. Please read both emails carefully. 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.

The school opened re-enrollment for current families on Wednesday, January 5th. **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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