

January 22, 2023

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; Early Dismissal; CNDM Penny War; Ecumenical Prayer Service; 2023-2024 Re-enrollment; Used Uniform Program; PTO Update; Run with the Saints 5K; Divine Auction; Host Families; Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Masses; Catholic Schools Week; Spread the Word – Open House Events; Saints Summer Camp; Honor Roll; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**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.

**Early Dismissal:** The school will dismiss tomorrow, Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 2 pm for Teacher Professional Development. Extended Care will be open 2-6p.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>, and conclude Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

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. [CNDM Penny War 2023](#)

The grade with the most points at the end of the Penny War will win an ice cream party!

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

**Ecumenical Prayer Service:** Each year, we enjoy a celebration with ministers, pastors, and rabbis from the churches and synagogues that our students attend. We have not been able to meet in person for several years (we shared video messages with our students), we are excited to host an in-person prayer service on January 27th once again. This is an excellent opportunity to bring together our school family and faith.

**2023-2024 Re-enrollment:** The Advisory Council and Parish Finance Council have approved the school budget.

The school opened re-enrollment for current families on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. **Returning families will have until January 27<sup>th</sup> to reenroll current student(s) and/or submit an application for a sibling to be given priority. A \$160 re-enrollment fee (per family) is due upon re-enrollment.** Upon submission of

Online Enrollment, a family has until April 3, 2023, to withdraw their enrollment 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 3, 2023, and May 1, 2023, any family wishing to void their tuition contract will owe a contract cancellation penalty of \$1,000 per student. After May 1, 2023, 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 January 27<sup>th</sup>, your child will no longer be guaranteed a spot for the 2023-2024 school year. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, the school will begin accepting applications from new families for the 2023-2024 school year. A \$100 late fee will be assessed for re-enrollment after January 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Used Uniform Program:** Get ready for St. Joe's Clothes! Our first Buyback Day is **Tuesday, January 24th!** Click [HERE](#) for information on the buyback process, new program guidelines, pricing, and FAQs. Interested in helping out on Buyback Day or joining the Used Uniform Committee? Volunteers are needed on the day of the Buyback to help with buying back uniform items from parents. You don't need to commit to the entire day- we need morning, lunchtime, and afternoon helpers for shifts lasting about 2 hours. We also need volunteers to join the committee and help with getting the new program up to speed! Email [stjoesclothes@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesclothes@gmail.com) to volunteer! Click [HERE](#) to sign up for a Buyback appointment.

**PTO Update:** The PTO would like to remind everyone that our two biggest fundraisers for the school are quickly approaching in the new year. Our Run with the Saints 5K is Saturday, January 28, 2023, and our Divine Auction is Friday, February 3, 2023! We are beyond excited to see everyone at these fantastic and fun events!

**Run with the Saints 5K:** We are excited to host the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Run with the Saints (RWTS) 5K and 1-mile Fun Run on Saturday, January 28th. The event requires many volunteers; please use the link below to sign up to help at the event! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AAFAF2CA5FF2-2023>

It is not too late to sign up to run in the race! Please sign up at <https://www.strictlyrunning.com/gpsrlnReg-9f.asp> and remember to include your \$5 coupon code, SAINT5. Runners who register after January 6th are not guaranteed a race t-shirt. However, the 1<sup>st</sup> 300 registrants will receive a Stanley mug!

**Divine Auction:** Save the Date for the 2023 Divine Auction! Please mark your calendars to join us at our Annual Divine Auction Friday, February 3rd, at Carolina Park (the same place as last year). We will have food, drinks, silent & live auction items, and DJ VooDoo Child! Check out our website (<https://Divine23.givesmart.com>) or contact Auction Chair Margaret Asay for more information ([margekd@aol.com](mailto:margekd@aol.com)).

**Host Families:** We will have Host Families again this year. This is a great way to get involved and support the auction! Check out our website (<https://Divine23.givesmart.com>) or the flyer for more information. Contact Auction Chair Margaret Asay ([margekd@aol.com](mailto:margekd@aol.com)) to donate an item to auction, host a Party with a Purpose or for more information.

**Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off Masses:** National Catholic Schools Week is from January 28th to February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The school and Parish will kick off the week with Saint Joseph school students filling the liturgical roles at each weekend's Masses on January 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. All students are asked to attend one of the four weekend Masses in their dress school uniforms. All students who attend one of the recognition Masses will get a coupon for a dress-down day on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>.

**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.

- Friday, January 27th** Ecumenical Prayer Service - 9:00 a.m.
- Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>** Run with the Saints 7:30-10:30  
CSW Mass 5:30
- Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** Celebrating our Parish  
CSW Mass 8:00  
CSW Mass 10:30  
CSW Mass 12:15
- Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** Celebrating our Community  
100<sup>th</sup> day of school
- Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>** Celebrating our Faculty/Staff/Volunteers  
PTO Teacher Luncheon  
CN music mixer 11:30-12:15 all grades in Gym
- Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>** Celebrating the Nation  
8:15 – PTO will deliver Hot Coco to the grade-level wings  
Student Red/White/Blue dress down
- Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Celebrating Vocations  
10:00 – Vocations panel – gym – All grades  
1:30 – Living Rosary – Church – All grades
- Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>** Celebrating Students  
Min Dance Marathon 9:30-10:15 (pre-4 - 2<sup>nd</sup>) and 10:30-11:15 (3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>)  
Lunchtime popsicle treats for all grades  
1:30-2:45 - Sarah Dippity Gym – All grades  
PTO Auction – 6:30p-10:30p  
Student Dress down

**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 31<sup>st</sup> - 8:30 am - 10:30 am

Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12:00 pm - 2:00 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.

PowerPoint from the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House on January 11<sup>th</sup> - [5th and 6th Grade Open House - Jan 11](#)

**Saints Summer Camp:** We will be holding our Saints Summer Camp again this year. The summer camp will begin on June 12th and will run through August 4th. The camp will be closed the week of July 4th. We plan to get registration out soon; we are waiting for the Parish to set the VBS dates.

**Honor Roll:** We are pleased to announce the Honor Roll students for the second quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations students!

### **4th Grade Honor Roll:**

**A** – Jack Asay; Ellie Barron; Giovanna Bloom; Luca Buru; Evie Cepeda; Sadie Dargush; Anna West Dupree;

Addison Eadon; Scottie Glenn; Grace Grant; Margaret Horne; Henry Koehler; Ferne Mellen; Michael Perretta; Anna Maria Pluss; Harper Reardon; Joshua Verdugo; Emma Jeanne Von Plinsky; Henry Wilson.

**A/B** – Schipman Ames; Luciana Bassante; Charlotte Bennett; Isaac Guillen; Ashton June; Mak Kubas; Allison Oliver; Avery Shellenberg; Justin Simpson; Alma Grace Thornton; Claire Wise.

### **5th Grade Honor Roll:**

**A** – Helen Asay; Matthew Bowie; Jessica Bradley; Delaney Brown; Harrison Bruner; Keegan Butler; Lola Catalano; Mills Coco; Campbell DeFreese; Jack Ford; Joshua Helms; Patrick Horan; Rachel Jeevan; Molly Jane Kaminski; Grant Plexico; Banks Wingo; Mason Wittmann; Chloe Xu.

**A/B** – Will Bigger; Caedon Buchanan; Sarah DeJesus; Nick Duke; Addie Ferriell; Amy Gorrin; Harry McLeod; Rowan McLeod; David Regan; Connor Smith; Mae Warren.

### **6th Grade Honor Roll:**

**A** – Anna Maria Alexander; Bryn Alexander; Isabella Alexander; Sofie Cepeda; Riyler Coffman; Boland Dupree; Madison Ferrante; Leighton Ford; Reese Gabelman; Ava Gray Goff; Ellison Judy; Sid McDonnell; Trey Meetze; Presley Toler; Sadie Tyer; Evie Van Sant; Graham Walsh; Crosby Weymers.

A/B - Adrian Branham; Jane deTreville; Johnny Foster; Foster Marsh; Cooper Romine; Avery Shaw; Florence Shell; Evelyn Wilson; Zander Yarnall.

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

January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Penny Wars starts 2 pm dismissal
January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Student Dress Down Day 4
January 27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to reenroll without a late fee Ecumenical Prayer Service- 9a Penny Wars ends
January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Run with the Saints 7:30-10:30 CSW Mass 5:30
January 29 <sup>th</sup>	CSW Mass 8:00 CSW Mass 10:30 CSW Mass 12:15
February 10 <sup>th</sup>	PTO Daddy Daughter Dance 6:00-8:30

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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