

March 12, 2023

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Daylight Saving Time Change; Pi Day; Feast of Saint Joseph; Food Truck Friday; Saint Patrick's Day Parade; Cardinal Newman Spring Community Night; Twitter; Lent; Major Calendar Dates 23-24; and Important Upcoming Dates.

Thoughts for the week: Light a match in a dark room as the light instantly overcomes the darkness. Be the light that overcomes the darkness.

Daylight Savings Time Change: You should have set your clocks forward one-hour last night. This is also a great time to change batteries in smoke detectors.

Pi Day: The school will host "Pi Day Palooza," a fun, math-themed, one-day experience at St. Joseph on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Math teachers and students will explore a variety of standards-based math problems and activities. They will learn about the most famous irrational number, Pi, and participate in creating some Pi Day make-and-take crafts.

We will continue to collect canned goods for Saint Vincent de Paul Monday and Tuesday. More information [here](#): The culminating activity will be a "Pi" in Mr. Yarnall's face by the class, which collects the most canned goods! This will be a school-wide event at the end of the day.

Feast of Saint Joseph: The school will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph on Friday, March 17th. This is not a full dress-down day. Students are asked to wear any appropriate red shirt with uniform bottoms. PTO will treat the students and staff to a pizza luncheon.

Food Truck Friday: Please join us for Food Truck Friday on March 17th from 5-8 pm! We will gather as a school and church community for fellowship and celebrate St. Joseph's feast! Bishop Fabre-Jeune and Monsignor Harris have graciously granted dispensation from our Lenten obligation to abstain from meat that Friday in celebration of St. Joseph. We look forward to seeing everyone there! More information to follow!

Saint Patrick's Day Parade: Save the date and please join SJCS for the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 18, 2023, at 9:30 am. We need students and families to help represent the school in the parade. Students should wear their dress uniform (ties optional), and the PTO will provide fun St. Pat's accessories. Our start location is still to be determined, so please be on the lookout for an email with where to meet our group. Please use this link to sign up, so we know how many families to expect. You are welcome to join us for some of the parade and leave early if needed. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0c4baaa723a4f58-stpats#/> Contact Cheryl Munro (cheryl.munro2@gmail.com) with any questions."

Cardinal Newman Spring Community Night: Cardinal Newman will host a community night for Spring sports on Tuesday, March 21st 5:00-6:30. Come out and get dinner and enjoy some High school sports. There will be fun and games for the kids, and enjoy baseball, tennis, and soccer games that night. Please use the link to open the flyer for more information [CN Spring Community Night flyer](#)

Twitter: After a hiatus, we are back up and running on Twitter. If you are a Twitter user, be sure to follow us at @StJoesCola.

Lent: During the Lenten season, the school will offer Mary's Children daily for students and parents 7:25-7:45 am. Make plans to join us to pray the Rosary. Additionally, during the Lenten season, the school will gather at

8:00 am in the gym for the Stations of the Cross on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Parents are always welcome to join.

Major Calendar Dates 23-24: The school is excited to announce the major calendar dates for the Columbia Catholic schools for the 2023-24 academic year:

Important Dates 2023-2024

August 10th	First day of school-noon dismissal
August 11th	Noon dismissal
August 14th	First full day of school
September 4th	Labor Day-no school
September 5th	No school- (teacher workday)
September 25th	2 pm dismissal
October 10th	End of 1st quarter
October 13th	No school (teacher workday)
October 19th	Noon dismissal-Parent Teacher conferences
October 20th	No School- Parent-Teacher conferences
November 6 th	2 pm dismissal
Nov.21st- 24th	Noon dismissal-Thanksgiving Break
December 4th	2 pm dismissal
December 13th	Christmas Program-TBD
December 15th	End of 2nd quarter- Noon dismissal
Dec 18th-Jan 2nd	Christmas Break
January 15th	No school-MLK
January 22nd	2 pm dismissal
Jan 28th- Feb 2nd	Catholic Schools Week
February 2nd	Noon dismissal
February 14th	Ash Wednesday
February 19th	No School- President's Day
February 28th	Noon dismissal- Parent Teacher conferences
Feb 29th-March 1	No school-Teacher workday and Bishop's Diocesan Retreat
March 14th	End of 3rd quarter
March 18th	2 pm dismissal
March 28th	Noon dismissal
March 29th- April 5th	No school-Spring Break
April 22nd	2 pm dismissal
May 6th	2 pm dismissal
May 27th	No school-Memorial Day
May 29th	End of 4th quarter- 12-noon dismissal - Last day of school

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

March 14 th	Pi Day Palooza – Math day at SJCS
March 15 th	Dress Down Day 6-Students
March 17 th	Feast of St. Joseph's -School Mass

Student red shirt dress down – uniform bottoms

Pizza luncheon for the student body

End of the 3rd quarter

March 18th Saint Patrick's Day Parade 9:30

March 20th 1st day of the 4th quarter

Assessment of Religious (ARK)-Testing starts for Grades 2-6

March 21st CN Community Night 5:00-6:30 – see flyer

March 24th Final grades will be sent home by 3 pm

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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