

October 23, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; Pizza Luncheons; Red Ribbon Week; Parent Teacher Conferences; Fall Festival; Veteran's Day; Long-Term Sub Needed; Christmas Ornaments; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**Thoughts for the week:** This week, I came across these two great quotes that jumped out at me as powerful statements of our school mission:

*"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." – Fredrick Douglas*

*"A Catholic education is, as you know, an investment in eternity. Your new car will be old in a year. The child you educate in a Catholic school is immortal. This education will never have to be replaced. It will last forever, and by that, I mean forever. The school that you help to educate that child is in business with God for that child." - Holy Cross Sister, Sister Madeleva, former President of Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana*

We are proud of the strong Catholic education we offer at Saint Joseph. This week, reflect on our mission and the great things that happen at Saint Joseph Catholic School. Share those thoughts with a friend, colleague, or neighbor.

**Pizza Luncheons:** The administration and PTO are excited to host the 2nd-grade families (Monday, October 24) and 3rd-grade families (Wednesday, October 26) for Pizza and Fellowship. Requests for RSVPs were sent to those grade levels on Wednesday, October 19.

**Red Ribbon Week:** This week we celebrate Red Ribbon Week from October 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. The national theme is "*Celebrate Life*." The student council will decorate the front drive/carpool line with red ribbons. They also selected our free dress-down themes and outfits for the week. On Tuesday, October 25, the student body will "*Wake up to Healthy Choices*". Students can wear appropriate pajamas or school uniforms. On Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the theme is "*Bullying is Scary*". The student body will dress down in Halloween colors (black, brown, green, yellow, orange, and purple) with no costumes.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. There will be no school for students; however, students are encouraged to attend the conference. All parents are required to participate in a conference with their child's teacher. An email was sent on Wednesday, October 12 to all families with directions on how to sign up for a conference. If you would like to meet with a teacher other than your child's homeroom teacher, please contact that teacher directly to schedule an appointment. All conferences should be scheduled between Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fall Festival:** The PTO will be hosting our annual Fall Festival on **Thursday, October 27**, from **3:30 pm – 6:00 pm** in the back parking lot. Please note that there is **no** extended care that afternoon. Every child must be picked up and physically leave campus. The Fall Festival will begin promptly at 3:30. An adult must accompany students. Students may wear costumes to the Fall Festival.

We will have bounce houses, popcorn, candy treat bags, face painting, and a surprise visitor. The children will also participate in a cake walk and enjoy a cold treat from Kona Ice.

\*\* An insurance liability form came home recently regarding the bounce house that requires your signature for your child to jump. Please be sure to sign and return it as soon as possible.

Also, we would love for parents to join the fall fun by **volunteering** to help with activities, set-up/clean-up, **event help (NEW)** and donations. Please click [HERE](#) even for opportunities to volunteer for these events and candy donations.

As always, thank you for your support of our students and teachers. We look forward to a fun and exciting Fall Festival!

**Veteran's Day:** We are gathering information about our military families to better support and recognize you. If someone in your household is an active or retired member of the military, reserves, or National Guard, please click on the link below to fill out the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MPH7iweZQW>

We will honor our military families at Mass on November 11, 2022, and invite all active military, retired, and veteran family members to join us so we can thank you for your service.

**Long-Term Sub Needed:** SJCS seeks a licensed teacher to act as a long-term substitute in Kindergarten. If you are interested, please get in touch with Principal Yarnall at [dyarnall@stjosdevine.com](mailto:dyarnall@stjosdevine.com).

**Christmas Ornaments:** The PTO is pleased to announce the opportunity to purchase personalized Christmas ornaments. St. Joseph Catholic School and Mad Platter have teamed up to create ornaments designed with your child's fingerprints. From a manger scene to angels (boys and girls!), to a partridge in a pear tree, and even a land cruiser, we have your 2022 gift-giving covered! Ornaments are \$12 each and can be purchased with cash or check. Proceeds will support our playground renovations. Order forms are due Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Mad Platter will visit the school on Tuesday, November 15 to collect fingerprints, and the finished ornaments will be distributed at our Christmas Program. Please be on the lookout for more information in the Monday Folder. If you have any questions, please contact Roxanne Ancheta at (843) 687-4299 or [uscrox@gmail.com](mailto:uscrox@gmail.com). Thank you so much for supporting our school!

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

**October 24** – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Pizza and Fellowship 12:30-1:30

**October 26** – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Pizza and Fellowship 11:40-12:25

**October 27-** Fall Festival 3:30-6:00 (no extended care/students must be accompanied by an adult)

**October 28 – Parent-Teacher Conferences:** There will be no classes for students, but students are encouraged to attend the conference. There will be no Extended Care.

**October 31** – 4<sup>th</sup> grade Pizza and Fellowship 11:40-12:40

**November 2** – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Pizza and Fellowship 11:45-12:25

**November 7** – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Pizza and Fellowship 12:05-12:45

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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