

September 4, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; Labor Day; Saint Joseph Recognition Masses; NWEA MAP Testing; Charleston Wrap; Extended Care; Car Stickers and Magnets; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**Thoughts for the week:** *Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.* ~ Samuel Beckett. We will fail, more often than we care to think. We can learn from our failures....and we're still going to fail in the future. The key is to fail in new ways, not to keep repeating the failures we've already experienced. I won't get discouraged by failure but will try to make sure that when I fail, it's because of something new, not because I'm stuck in a rut." ~ The Daily Book of Positive Quotations by Linda Picone. Take time this week to talk with your children about how you deal with failure and how it makes you the person you are. Make it a great week with your actions, words, and thoughts!

**Labor Day:** The school will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Saint Joseph Recognition Masses:** Saint Joseph school students will fill the liturgical roles at each of the weekend Masses on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<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, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the attached volunteer form to sign up your student(s) to fill a liturgical role at one of the Masses. All volunteer forms must be submitted to the school office by Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NWEA MAP Testing:** Next week students in grades 4 and 2 will test on Wednesday and Thursday. Students in Grades 5 and 6 will test on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Students in K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will test on Tuesday and Thursday the week of September 12<sup>th</sup>.

Students who have an assistance plan will not always test with their grade level. Mrs. Carns will communicate with you when your child will be testing.

Here are a few things students and parents can do to prepare for MAP testing:

***Please refrain from scheduling any appointments for students during testing.*** Students who are late will not be able to take the test with their class and will need to make up the test on Friday.

Make sure your students ***get plenty of sleep.*** Going to bed a little earlier can help ensure a good night's sleep. Being well-rested will give your children an extra boost of energy for test day.

***Provide a nutritious breakfast.*** Eating protein (eggs, meat, cheese, etc.), rather than a sugary donut, will help students perform better. (Too much food can make them feel sleepy, so do not overdo it!)

Be sure your child gets some ***exercise after school*** to keep their energy up.

Remind children to ***double-check their work on the test.*** They can catch mistakes if they take the time to proofread answers carefully.

***Encourage*** your children to do their very best, but do not place too much emphasis on the test.

Please contact the school if you have questions about MAP testing.

### **Charleston Wrap:**

We are off to a great start! Just one week in, nearly half of our students have already registered and shared their links. A huge thank you to all who have supported our fundraiser so far!

Haven't registered yet? No problem- our sale goes through Monday, September 19th, so there is still plenty of time to register, share, and shop!

It's easy to get started:

Please visit [registercw.com](https://registercw.com) to register today! Use our **ORGANIZATION ID 15787** to register! (One registration per family.) Then, simply share your shopping link with family and friends.

Don't forget- **the class with the highest participation will be awarded a dress-down day!**

**Extended Care:** The extended care program will close at 5pm on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> so that the PTO can set up for Food Truck Friday. All students are asked to be picked up by 5pm. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

**Car Stickers and Magnets:** If you would like a Saint Joseph car sticker or magnet, please email Mrs. Reedy [Kreedy@stjosdevine.com](mailto:Kreedy@stjosdevine.com) and she will send it home in your saint's backpack. You can also stop by the office any time during school hours to get one.

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

**Fall Food Truck Friday:** The PTO will host a Food Truck social event on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join the school community on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**Cardinal Newman Home Football Game:** Make plans to come out after Food Truck Friday and cheer on the Cardinal Newman football team as they host Northwood Academy at 7:30 Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Early Dismissal:** We will have a 2:00 dismissal on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Extended Care will be open until 6:00 pm.

**Student Pictures:** All students will have individual pictures taken on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a dress uniform day.

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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