

January 16, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; No School; Run with the Saints; Divine Auction; Bookkeeper; 2022-2023 Re-enrollment; Spread the Word – Open House Events; MAP testing; and Ecumenical Prayer Service.

**Thoughts for the week:** “We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.” – Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**No School:** All school facilities will be closed on Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> is not guaranteed a race shirt.

**Divine Auction:** Make sure to check out our auction website (<https://Divine22.givesmart.com>) to purchase tickets, become a Host Family, make a donation 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](mailto:teresabiediger@hotmail.com))

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

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

**Bookkeeper:** The school is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. If you know of any qualified candidates, please refer them to the job posting on the school webpage.

**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 5<sup>th</sup>. The 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. There will be a \$100 late fee assessed for re-enrollment after February 15<sup>th</sup>.

The school opened re-enrollment for current families on Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. **Returning families will have until February 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, your child will no longer be guaranteed a spot for the 2022-2023 school year. On February 16<sup>th</sup>, the school will begin accepting applications from new families for the 2022-2023 school year.**

**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.

### **Future Saints Start Here**

A special informational session for prospective 4K and 5K families.

Thursday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 5:00 – 6:30

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> — 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> — 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.

**Attendance:** If your child does not attend school due to illness, quarantine protocol, or any other reason, they should not attend after-school activities including athletics, dance, scouts, recitals etc... Students must be in school for half of the school day in order to participate in after school activities. The exception to this is a funeral or a non-emergent medical appointment.

**MAP Testing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be testing this week. 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.

**Ecumenical Prayer Service:** We have made the difficult decision to once again go virtual for our Ecumenical Prayer Service. In lieu of rising Covid cases in our community, we want to be extra careful about inviting guest ministers into our school and church. Their time is valuable and we do not want to cancel on them at the last minute, also we do not want to put them in a circumstance that might not be in the best interest of their health.

We have invited the ministers to send a short video for our students to see at school and that we can share with families.

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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