

September 19, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Covid Update; PTO Update; Parish Basketball; Service Project; MAP Testing; Charleston Wrap; and JR Cardinal Club.

Thoughts for the week: *“Dear Lord, I know that you work in different ways in my life. Sometimes you demonstrate your power through visible signs; at other times your power is much more subtle, working in my heart as I seek you. Sometimes you work through events in my life, and sometimes you are a still quiet voice in my mind. Help me to be diligent in trusting you and always expectant about how you want to work your will through me. I know that often it’s not until I look back on a chapter of my life that I can see your fingerprints. I’m thankful that through your way of working in me changes, you never change. Your love, your law, and your promises are constant. May I always trust you and watch for the ways you work. Give me eyes to see the divine moments when your hand is on me.”* God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. 1 Corinthians 12:6. This week’s thoughts are from [365 Pocket Prayers for Women](#).

COVID Update: The school will start taking temperatures at the front and back carpool – students will also be checked again around lunchtime.

PTO Update: The school has decided to postpone the Grandparents Day program scheduled for Oct 1st. However, each classroom will have some type of communication with grandparents - a letter, picture, or video. We do look forward to the possibility of hosting Grandparents Day in the spring. October 1st will still be a noon dismissal day.

Parish Basketball: Please click [HERE](#) to download the application for the parish youth basketball program. Application is due back to the parish office no later than Oct 8th.

Service Project: The first nine weeks service project is going to help Catholic Charities with their Clean of Heart and clothing closet ministries. We were fortunate to have Sister Angelita Vazzano and Teresa Maybay from Catholic Charities came to speak to us at our prayer service Friday. They shared how they provide warm showers to the homeless and wash their clothes while they are there. They also replace worn clothing items.

As a school, we will be collecting men’s new socks and new or gently worn men’s shoes Starting tomorrow, Monday, September 20th and during the month of “Soctober” Please help us support this ministry to help bring comfort and clean clothing to the poor and homeless of our city.

MAP Testing: 2nd 1st and K will test 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.

Charleston Wrap: Our Charleston Wraps fundraiser is in in the last few days of the sale! The sale ends Tuesday, September 21st. Everyone LOVES a dress down day so **we have decided to award the class with the highest participation a dress down day!** Thank you again for your support! Happy Selling!

JR Cardinal Club: The CN Cardinal Club is excited to extend a JR membership to all Elementary Feeder School Students, Staff, and Families. For \$75.00 you will receive a family sports pass to all CN home sporting events and support CN athletics. Jr Membership is only available to Elementary families who do not have a child at CN. Click [HERE](#) for more information on how to become a member of the JR Cardinal Club.

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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