

November 13, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; CN Cadence Crew Poinsettia Sale; Parent Survey; Dress Down Day Lanyard Sale; Anti-idling/Clean Air Program; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**Thoughts for the week:** Imagine opening a bag of jellybeans and discovering they are all exactly the same. It wouldn't seem right. We expect differences. *“There is but one body and one Spirit, just as there is but one hope given all of you by your call”* Ephesians 4:4. In this passage from Saint Paul, he stresses the point that we are one in unity with Christ and one another. This unity does not mean that we are like the identical jellybeans. The Holy Spirit calls each of us in a unique way to serve the community. The members of the Church serve God through different vocations, but the purpose is the same-to serve the Kingdom of God. ~ Your 3-Minute Retreat

**Cardinal Cadence Crew Poinsettia Sale:** The Cardinal Cadence Crew (the music booster organization at Cardinal Newman) is selling poinsettias to help support the growing music program at CN. Use this link to order online [https://www.cnhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=2064251&type=d&pREC\\_ID=2376259](https://www.cnhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2064251&type=d&pREC_ID=2376259) or print the online form to order with a check. Paper orders/checks can be dropped off at Cardinal Newman or with Mrs. Seezen at Saint Joseph. The deadline for orders is November 14<sup>th</sup>. Pick up will be at Saint Joseph Church and Cardinal Newman.

**Parent Survey:** As announced in the October 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday notes – as part of our AdvancEd accreditation, the school is required to survey our stakeholders annually. Please help our school celebrate our success and strive for continuous improvement by completing our Annual Parent Survey. This survey data will be used by our school as well as the Catholic Schools Office and Diocesan School Advisory Council (DSAC) to assist in continuous improvement. When you click the link below, you can choose Spanish/ English, and then you will need to select **Saint Joseph Columbia**.

Survey Link: <https://eprovesurveys.advanc-ed.org/surveys/#/action/203998/p88>

Our goal is to have 80% of our families complete the survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete one survey per family **by Friday, November 18, 2022**. Be assured your response to this survey is anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

**Dress Down Day Lanyard Sale:** We have had some additional interest in the Dress Down Day lanyards sold by the PTO on Grandparents Day. The original sale was 8 dress down days for \$35. *If you missed the earlier opportunity*, you can click [HERE](#) to purchase a lanyard for your child for the remaining 6 designated days for \$25. Individual day tickets will not be sold. **Please note that lanyards will not be sold after November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact Michelle Gibson at

[mtillman1012@gmail.com](mailto:mtillman1012@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for your support for this wonderful PTO fundraiser!

**Anti-idling/Clean Air Program:** Saint Joseph School is now participating in DHEC's anti-idling/clean air program called Breathe Better (B2). You will soon notice signs and students will be sharing friendly notices about this program. Also, look for the new voluntary anti-idling policy in the student/parent handbook. The B2 Program will help reduce the amount of air pollution your children are exposed to from carpool vehicle emissions while on school grounds. Children are more sensitive to air pollution because they breathe more (relative to size) and their lungs are still developing. Also, asthma is a common chronic illness in children, which may be aggravated by certain air pollutants, and a significant cause of school absences. Due to the open nature of our school facilities, this is especially important here at Saint Joseph School. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets health standards for several outdoor air pollutants, including particulate matter (PM) and ground-level ozone. These two pollutants are of particular concern in South Carolina and both are a focus of the B2 program. Thank you for supporting this effort by turning off your vehicle's engine while waiting to drop-off or pick-up your children at school. Reducing idling will help create a better learning environment for everyone!

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

<b>November 14</b>	<b>Drama Production-The Little Mermaid 6:30-7:30pm</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Makeup picture day</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>12 Noon Dismissal – Thanksgiving Break – No Extended Care</b>
<b>November 28</b>	<b>Classes resume</b>
<b>December 5</b>	<b>2:00 Dismissal</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Grandparent Dress Down Day Number 3</b>
<b>December 8</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass-9am</b>
<b>December 14</b>	<b>SJCS Christmas program - 6:30pm</b>
<b>December 16</b>	<b>12 Noon Dismissal-Christmas Break - No Extended Care</b>

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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