

November 6, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Time Change; Veteran's Day; Honor Roll; Parent Survey; Pizza Luncheons; Long-Term Sub Needed; and Important Upcoming Dates.

Thoughts for the week: Love, peace, patience, generosity, gentleness. These wonderful gifts of the Holy Spirit are both simple and nearly impossible to use. A moment of prayer often helps me find one of these gifts when I most need it. On the other hand, I am least likely to ask for help during that moment of stress. But these wonderful gifts are the oil that keep all relationships working. They help us loosen the grip of our self-centeredness and anger. They ease the tight grasp of a grudge that seems so important to hang onto. They fuel us with superhuman patience in the face of a stubborn two-year-old and with deep peace in moments of crisis.

Take time this week to pray this short prayer: Holy Spirit shower us with your gifts and help us share those gifts in our lives today. ~ Your 3-Minute Retreat for October 16, 2022.

Time Change: Just a reminder that the time changed at 2:00 a.m. this morning. We fell back and gained an hour...but the school day still starts at 8:00 am! This is also a great time to check your smoke detectors.

Veteran's Day: 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.

Honor Roll: We are pleased to announce the Honor Roll students for the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year. Congratulations students!

4th Grade Honor Roll:

A – Ellie Barron; Giovanna Bloom; Luca Buru; Evie Cepeda; Sadie Dargush; Anna West Dupree; Addison Eadon; Scottie Glenn; Grace Grant; Isaac Guillen; Margaret Horne; Henry Koehler; Michael Perretta; Anna Maria Pluss; Emma Jeanne Von Plinsky; Henry Wilson.

A/B – Schipman Ames; Jack Asay; Luciana Bassante; Ashton June; Mak Kubas; Ferne Mellen; Allison Oliver; Harper Reardon; Justin Simpson; Joshua Verdugo; Claire Wise.

5th Grade Honor Roll:

A – Matthew Bowie; Delaney Brown; Caedon Buchanan; Keegan Butler; Lola Catalano; Mills Coco; Joshua Culberson; Jack Ford; Patrick Horan; Molly Jane Kaminski; Harry McLeod; Grant Plexico; David Regan; Chloe Xu.

A/B – Helen Asay; Will Bigger; Jessica Bradley; Harrison Bruner; Wyatt Burckhard; Campbell DeFreese; Sarah DeJesus; Nick Duke; Addie Ferriell; Amy Gorrin; Rachel Jeevan; Rowan McLeod; Connor Smith; Mae Warren; Banks Wingo; Mason Wittmann.

6th Grade Honor Roll:

A – Anna Maria Alexander; Bryn Alexander; Isabella Alexander; Sofie Cepeda; Riyler Coffman; Jane deTreville; Boland Dupree; Madison Ferrante; Leighton Ford; Johnny Foster; Reese Gabelman; Ava Gray Goff; Ellison Judy; Foster Marsh; Trey Meetze; Cooper Romine; Presley Toler; Sadie Tyer; Crosby Weymers; Evelyn Wilson.

A/B - Adrian Branham; Tate Lynn; Sid McDonnell; Miro Ntanda; Avery Shaw; Florence Shell; Crayton Stuble; Evie Van Sant; Zander Yarnall.

Parent Survey: As announced in last week's 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/p883>

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.

Pizza Luncheons: The administration and PTO are excited to host the 5th -grade families (Monday, November 7th) for Pizza and Fellowship. Requests for RSVPs were sent to those grade levels on Wednesday, November 2nd.

Long-Term Sub Needed: SJCS seeks a licensed teacher to act as a long-term substitute in Kindergarten. If you are interested, please contact Principal Yarnall at dyarnall@stjosdevine.com.

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

November 7 – 5th grade Pizza and Fellowship 12:05-12:45

November 9- Grandparent Special Dress Down Day Number 2

November 11 - Veteran's Day Mass-dress uniform required

November 14 - Drama Production-The Little Mermaid 6:30-7:30pm

November 18 - Makeup picture day

November 22 – 12Noon Dismissal – Thanksgiving Break – No Extended Care

November 28 - Classes resume

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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