

October 30, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Parent Survey; Veteran's Day; Fall Festival; Pizza Luncheons; Long-Term Sub Needed; Christmas Ornaments; Congratulations; 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 keeps 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 showers us with your gifts and helps us share those gifts in our lives today. ~ Your 3-Minute Retreat

Parent Survey: 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.

Veteran's Day: We are gathering information about our military families to better support and recognize you. If someone in your household is an active or retired member of the military, reserves, or National Guard, please click on the link below to fill out the survey:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MPH7iweZQW>

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.

Fall Festival: It was great to have all our families on campus for our outstanding fall festival. A big thank you to Brandi Coco, PJ Alonzo, and all the PTO volunteers. Special thanks to Mrs. Coco for her years of service chairing this favorite event for our students. Additionally, a shout-out to our Cardinal Newman student volunteers who helped make the event successful.

Pizza Luncheons: The administration and PTO are excited to host the 4th-grade families (Monday, October 31) and 6th-grade families (Wednesday, November 2) for Pizza and Fellowship. Requests for RSVPs were sent to those grade levels on Wednesday, October 26.

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.

Christmas Ornaments: The PTO is pleased to announce the opportunity to purchase personalized Christmas ornaments. St. Joseph Catholic School and Mad Platter have teamed up to create ornaments designed with your child's fingerprints. From a manger scene to angels (boys and girls!), to a partridge in a pear tree, and even a land cruiser, we have your 2022 gift-giving covered! Ornaments are \$12 each and can be purchased with cash or check. Proceeds will support our playground renovations. Order forms are due Tuesday, November 8. Mad Platter will visit the school on Tuesday, November 15, to collect fingerprints, and the finished ornaments will be distributed at our Christmas Program. Please be on the lookout for more information in the Monday Folder. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Roxanne Ancheta at (843) 687-4299 or uscrox@gmail.com. Thank you so much for supporting our school!

Congratulations: SJCS would like to congratulate the members of the State Champion CN Volleyball team for their successful season. Additionally, we would like to congratulate the state runners-up CN Jr High and High School Quiz bowl teams, who both placed 2nd in the state at their recent competitions.

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

October 31 – 4th grade Pizza and Fellowship 11:40-12:25

November 1- All Saints Day Mass-dress uniform required

November 2 – 6th grade Pizza and Fellowship 11:45-12:25

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

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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