

August 28, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; Charleston Wrap; Handbook; New Mission Statement; Saint Joseph Recognition Masses; Student Resource; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**Thoughts for the week:** This week Be kind; Be a friend; Be thoughtful; Be positive; Be helpful; Be Curious; Be yourself. Remind your families and friends of the B's.

**Charleston Wrap:** Tomorrow, Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> we are kicking off our fall fundraiser with Charleston Wrap!

Charleston Wrap offers over 2,500 gift ideas including premium gift wrapping paper, gourmet kitchen supplies, personalized gifts, and more. Friends and family can support our fundraiser by checking off their holiday shopping list too. Getting started is quick and easy!

Here's how to get started:

- 1) Please visit [registercw.com](http://registercw.com) to register today! Use our **ORGANIZATION ID 15787** to register! *One registration per family.*
- 2) Send 10 unique shopping email invites to your friends & family using our invite tool at registration.
- 3) Shop! With over 2,500 gift ideas, you can check off your holiday gift list and support our great school.

Be on the lookout for Charleston Wrap packets coming home in tomorrow's Monday folder. The sale runs through Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, and as a bonus, **the class with the highest participation will be awarded a dress-down day!**

**Handbook:** Please take time to review the Parent/Student Handbook and return the signed handbook agreement form by tomorrow, Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. The Handbook is posted on the school webpage under Current Families as well as on FACTS Family Portal under Resources. Please take the time to read and review the handbook with your children. On the last page of the handbook is the handbook agreement form. This form must be signed and returned to your child's homeroom teacher by tomorrow, Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**New Mission Statement:** As part of our strategic plan, we started by examining our school's Mission Statement and looking for ways to improve it. Please review our new Mission Statement:

Saint Joseph Catholic School inspires minds, builds character, and strengthens faith. We commit to the development of the whole child through challenging academics, virtue-building service, and opportunities for daily worship. Saint Joseph students are lifelong learners who are Catholic Christian leaders.

**Saint Joseph Recognition Masses:** Saint Joseph school students will fill the liturgical roles at each of the weekend Masses on September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. All students are asked to attend one of the four weekend Masses in their dress school uniforms. All students who attend one of the recognition Masses will get a coupon for a dress-down day on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please

see the attached volunteer form to sign up your student(s) to fill a liturgical role at one of the Masses.

**Student Resource:** Saint Joseph School has a long-standing tradition of being student-centered. In recent years we have been blessed with funding that has enabled us to grow our student services department. Again, this year we will offer both Catapult Reading and Math and Lexia CORE 5 interventions. This year those programs will coincide with a classroom intervention block designed for teachers and assistants to work in small groups with the remaining 5K- 4th-grade students. We are excited at the prospect of fully supporting more learners in many grade levels via different types of small group work throughout the school.

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

**Labor Day:** The school will be closed on Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> in honor of Labor Day. Classes will resume on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NWEA MAP Testing:** Students in K-6<sup>th</sup> grade will take NWEA MAP tests some days in the three weeks between Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Fall Food Truck Friday:** The PTO will host a Food Truck social event on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and make plans to join the school community on Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

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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