

October 9, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; No School; Walk to School Day; Gift Card Drive for Ian; Spirit Night; Grandparents Day; Parent Teacher Conferences; Long-Term Sub Needed; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**Thoughts for the week:** *The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the most incredible bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.*” - Babe Ruth.

We value individual skills, celebrating them with praise, awards, and money. But few achievements are entirely the work of a single individual. Most involve collaboration to some degree. Personal success depends not only on individual performance but also on the support of colleagues, friends, and family. Learning to use one's individual skills to work well in a group is a lifelong challenge. Luckily, it's also an enjoyable challenge. We can be proud when we have personal success, but there's something incredibly wonderful about being part of a successful team. I know how much I depend on the efforts and talents of those with whom I work and play.

This week, talk with your children about the importance of being a team player and recognizing the efforts of others that help them be successful.

**No School:** There will be no classes on Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. There will be Extended Care from 8 am to 6 pm.

**Walk to School Day:** The school is excited to bring back Walk to School Day after a two-year hiatus. Students, faculty, staff, and families are encouraged to join National Walk to School Day this Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. The school will gather at Sims Park at 7 am and we will begin walking down Bonham St starting at 7:15. We will arrive on campus around 7:30. Families are welcome to walk from other starting points that are convenient for your family. Please notify the office if you plan to walk from an alternative location as we want to fully count how many students participate in our event.

**Gift Card Drive for Ian:** Catholic Schools of the Midlands are joining together to help support victims in the wake of Hurricane Ian. We will hold a **gift card drive from October 11-21**. The gift cards will be delivered to the Red Cross for distribution across the area by John Daily, the mayor of Tallahassee, FL. We are asking for gift cards from: CVS, Walgreens, Publix, Home Depot, Target, Walmart, Sam's Club, Amazon and any fast food chain with location in or around south Florida.

**Spirit Night:** Spirit Night at Boca Grande Burritos - October 12 from 4 to 8 pm. Want to skip a night of cooking and support our school? Stop by Boca Grande Burritos at 4525 Forest Drive, 2A (across from Trader Joe's) on 10/12 between 4:00 and 8:00 pm, mention St. Joseph's, and a

portion of the proceeds will be donated to the school. Boca Grande Burritos is a locally owned & operated fast-casual restaurant in the heart of Forest Acres. To order ahead, call 803-834-4076 or order online – at <https://www.bocagrandesc.com/>. If you order online, be sure to mention St. Joseph's when you pick up! Thank you for your support!

**Grandparents Day:** It was great to have our Grandparents on campus last Friday. What a blessing our grandparents are to our community! A big thank you to Mrs. Reedy, Mrs. Shell, and all the other volunteers who helped make the event a success!

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. There will be no school for students; however, students are encouraged to attend the conference. All parents are required to participate in a conference with their child's teacher. An email will be sent to all families on Tuesday, October 11, with directions on how to sign up for a conference. If you would like to meet with a teacher other than your child's homeroom teacher, please contact that teacher directly to schedule an appointment. All conferences should be scheduled between Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Long-Term Sub Needed:** SJCS seeks a licensed teacher to act as a long-term substitute in Kindergarten. If you are interested, please get in touch with Principal Yarnall at [dyarnall@stjosdevine.com](mailto:dyarnall@stjosdevine.com).

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

**October 14 - Student Pictures:** All students will have individual pictures taken on Friday, October 14. This is a dress uniform day.

**October 17 - 2:00 Dismissal:** We will have a 2:00 dismissal on Monday, October 17. Extended Care will be open.

**October 21 - No School:** The school will be closed for a teacher workday on Friday, October 21. Extended Care will be open.

**October 28 - Parent- Teacher Conferences:** There will be no classes for students, but students are encouraged to attend the conference. There will be no Extended Care.

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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