

September 25, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Canned Food Drive; Charleston Wrap; Playground Volunteers; Pizza and Fellowship; Parish Basketball; and Important Upcoming Dates.

Thoughts for the week: "I don't believe you have to be better than everybody else. I believe you have to be better than you thought you could be." ~ Ken Venturi. This week take time to talk with your children about not comparing themselves to others. They only need to strive to be the best they can be in comparison to themselves.

Canned Food Drive: The Student Council is sponsoring a canned food drive on Friday, September 30th, in honor of St. Vincent DePaul's feast day, Tuesday, September 27th. Each student is asked to bring one can/box food item to Mass on Friday, September 30th. Student Council will count and organize the items and deliver them to the Saint Joseph Saint Vincent DePaul food pantry. Students will process into Mass and leave their items on the altar before Mass.

Charleston Wrap: A huge congratulations are in order to our entire school community! Together we raised \$13,750! Over 65% of students actively participated in this important fundraiser. What an overwhelming show of support for our school! Thank you to all families who shopped and sold- your efforts make a difference. Funds raised in this campaign will help with future school projects such as playground renovations! A special congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's 2nd-grade class. They had the most participation in the fundraiser and won a dress-down day- well done! The date of the dress-down day is TBD and will be communicated directly to the class.

Playground Volunteers: With the cooler temperatures coming, we are excited to bring back everyone's favorite volunteer opportunity... Playground duty!

Volunteers can be any mom, dad, or grandparent who would enjoy coming on campus to help keep an eye out and play with our student community during recess. There is no recurring commitment- you can sign up once or as often as your schedule permits!

All school volunteers must complete Safe Haven/Background check paperwork and a brief online class. Please contact Mrs. Reedy in the office for more information.

If you would like more information or be included in the signup, please email lkdowndy84@gmail.com

Pizza and Fellowship: The PTO is excited to again host pizza lunches for each grade level and their parents during October and November! The PTO will be providing pizza and drinks for the students and their parents during the students' regular lunchtime. Parents will have the

opportunity to meet other families while they eat lunch and go to recess outside with their children. The luncheons will be:

October 12th - 4K
October 17th – 5K
October 19th - 1st Grade
October 24th - 2nd Grade
October 26th - 3rd Grade
October 31st - 4th Grade
November 2nd – 6th Grade
November 7th - 5th Grade

Look for more information in the coming weeks.

Parish Basketball: Please use the link <https://www.stjosephcolumbia.org/youth-athletics> to access the application for the parish youth basketball program for grades 2nd - 12th. The application must be completed by Oct 7th.

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

Grandparents Day: Our students and teachers are excited to welcome our grandparents for Grandparents Day on October 7th. **This day will be a noon dismissal with no Extended Care.**

No School: The school will be closed on Monday, October 10th. There will be Extended Care. However, please note that this is a weather make-up day. If we were to miss a day between now and Friday, October 7th, we would have school on this day.

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

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

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

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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