

May 1, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; First Communion; Midlands Gives; 4th Quarter Service Project; Teacher Appreciation Week; 6th Grade Mothers Mass; Scholastic Book Fair May 2-6: MAP testing; New Teacher for 2022-23; Scholarships; Chicken Salad Fundraiser; Cardinal Club Community Night; Water Bottle Filling Stations; Bishop Ordination Holiday; and Local Covid Numbers.

Thoughts for the week: Joy is what happens to us when we allow ourselves to recognize how good things really are.” - Marianne Williamson. This week take time to recognize the good in our school, your family, and your lives. – Make a difference today!

First Communion: Congratulations to all of our students who received their First Holy Communion yesterday. May the light of God always be in your heart, in your mind, and in your actions! Thank you to Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. McLeod, and Mrs. Simonelli for all their work to help the students prepare for this sacrament.

Midlands Gives: Mark your calendars – Midlands Gives is coming up this week on Tuesday, May 3rd! Midlands Gives is a one-day online giving event that supports nonprofits in the midlands. Here at Saint Joseph, all donations will support our Saints Fund. This fund helps with everything from tuition assistance to technological upgrades and facility improvements. This year we are hoping to raise enough to make some major improvements to our playground! The minimum donation is \$10 and every donation helps. Support our school on Tuesday, May 3 by going to <https://www.midlandsgives.org/stjosdevine>.

We are competing in the 12 noon - 12:59 pm AFLAC Power Hour – this is a chance for the school to win \$2000 by having the most unique donors. The definition of a unique donor is a credit card/debit card number, so you and your spouse/family member can both give \$10 (using two different cards) and be two unique donors. Set a reminder to give during the noon hour on May 3rd and help us win \$2000 from AFLAC!

Double your gift next Tuesday with a match from our Matching Gift Angels. Generous Saint Joseph donors have agreed to match up to \$25,000 of donations to the Saints Fund during Midlands Gives. With your help, we could raise \$50,000 or more in one day!

4th Quarter Service Project: We are in week two of our service project to help those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. We are asking that our saints do Chores for Change to raise money for this important cause. We are hoping that earning money through chores performed for family and neighbors will help our saints connect their service to the donation they are able to give. As they complete chores, please have them complete the attached form and send it in with their donation. Any checks should be made out to Saint Joseph Catholic School with Ukraine in the

subject line. Pete Dworjany, our speaker from April 22nd, has generously offered to match all money raised by our school community. Here is a link to help you explain the tragic situation in Ukraine to your children: <https://www.crs.org/media-center/current-issues/ukraine-conflict-facts-and-how-help>

Teacher Appreciation Week: This week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. While we are happy for you to take a moment to thank your child's teacher this week, we are also blessed that our PTO and families show appreciation to our teachers throughout the school year with meals and gifts.

6th Grade Mothers Mass: We will honor both our earthly mothers and heavenly mother at the May Crowning Mass on May 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. During the program, we will, of course, honor the Blessed Mother, but would also like to honor the mothers/special persons of our sixth-grade students. Our entire student body will be in attendance at this Mass, and we are honored to welcome the mother/special person to sit with each sixth grader.

Scholastic Book Fair May 2-6: We can't wait to bring the joy of reading to St. Joseph with the Scholastic Book Fair on May 2nd – 6th! Kids can shop the books in the shop (cafeteria), Monday through Friday from 7:30am - 3:30pm, An additional option is to view and purchase thousands of books online. Discover new favorites and stock your shelves with this season's most popular reads! Plus, check out these special virtual shopping perks:

- Access to over 5,000 products
- Direct shipping to your home and FREE shipping on book-only orders over \$25*
- eWallet digital payment system that friends and family can contribute to
- 25% in rewards earned for our school with all purchases!

Visit our Book Fair homepage to learn more and get started with virtual shopping: Find the [Link](#) here.

MAP Testing: Over the next three weeks, 5K – 6th-grade classes will be taking MAP tests. Please help your child do his/her best by:

1. Make sure your child gets an ample, normal amount of sleep the night before the test
2. Mark testing days on your calendar to help remind you and your child when the testing will take place and plan your preparations.
3. The student should eat a nutritious and filling breakfast. Avoid high sugar cereals which can make the student hyper and/or unfocused.
4. Make sure the student is on time (if not early) on the day of testing
5. If your child is sick please contact the school immediately to inform them.

Schedule for MAP Testing:

Monday, May 2:

8:20-10:00: MAP Reading - Grades K5, 1

Tuesday, May 3:

8:20 – 10:00: MAP Reading – Grades 2, 3, 4

Wednesday, May 4th-

8:10-9:25: MAP Math - PreA/VP Math

8:20 – 10:00: MAP Math – Grade 1

9:30-10:45: MAP Math – Grade 6 Math

10:50-12:00: MAP Math - Grade 5 AM Math –

Thursday, May 5th-

8:20 – 10:00: MAP Math - Grades 2, 3, 4

10:50-12:00: MAP Math - Grade 5 PM Math

New Teacher for 2022-23: We are excited to welcome Mrs. Valerie Juniewicz to our teaching team for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Juniewicz comes to us with 28 years of experience in Richland County public schools. She is Nationally Board Certified and has a Masters of Arts in Teaching from the University of South Carolina. Mrs. Juniewicz and her husband Walt are the proud parents of three wonderful children – Julia, Anna, and Daniel. Julia is a graduate of U of SC, Anna, an Elon graduate, is working on her Masters Degree at the London School of Economics, while Daniel is completing his Junior year at Cardinal Newman. Mrs. Juniewicz loves to visit family in Italy and is a huge Gamecock fan. She is thrilled to be joining the St. Joseph family!

Scholarship Paperwork: Just a reminder that all 5th and 6th-grade scholarship paperwork is due to the school office by tomorrow, May 2. Please email all files to Mrs. Reedy kreedy@stjosdevine.com

Chicken Salad Chick Fundraiser: The Cardinal Cadence Crew – the music booster club at CN- has an exciting fundraiser coming up! "Quick Chicks" from **Chicken Salad Chick** are available to purchase between now and **Monday, May 9**, and will be available for pick-up on **Wednesday, May 11**. Fourteen varieties to choose from, each one feeding 4-5 people and last 4-5 days in the fridge! Click this link to order: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfl2XdEalqveOeR7SEolOFF9BzQyuJ03pRyI6mPkShPsdDMmw/vi/wform>

Cardinal Newman - Cadence Crew

Quick Chicks for a Cause

\$12 LARGE QUICK CHICKS

FEEDS 4-5 PEOPLE | LASTS 4-5 DAYS IN REFRIGERATION

PLACE YOUR ORDER VIA THE
GOOGLE FORM LINK PROVIDED!

Orders must be in by 11am Monday 05/09!

Pick Up Wednesday
05.11.22

Pick Up Time
4:30pm-6pm

Pick Up Location

Cardinal Newman
Parking Lot in front of PAC

\$2 from each *Quick Chick* sold
will be given back to
the Cadence Crew at Cardinal Newman!



Cardinal Club Community Night: The Cardinal Club (athletic booster at CN) is hosting a Community Night this Thursday, May 5. Admission to the softball and soccer games will be free for everyone in attendance. All partner school students will receive a free t-shirt and frozen treat, while supplies last. There will also be face painting and balloons. Join us by the athletic fields at 4:30 on Thursday, May 5th for what is sure to be a fun evening!

Water Bottle Filling Stations: In last week's Sunday notes there was a typo in the message about the class that donated the funds for the water bottle filling stations, we should have been thanking the class of 2019.

Bishop Ordination Holiday: The Bishop-elect Jacques E. Fabre, CS, will be ordained and installed on May 13. All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Charleston will be closed on Friday, May 13th for the Ordination. There will be no extended care.

Local Covid Numbers: We had no students or staff test positive for COVID this week.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us -
“Blessed are we”. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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