

September 11, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

**Items in this newsletter:** Thoughts for the week; Saint Joseph Recognition Masses; Dress Down Day; Mass Intentions at School Masses; Grandparents Day; Charleston Wrap; PTO T-Shirt Sale; NWEA MAP Testing; Student Council Officers; Car Stickers and Magnets; and Important Upcoming Dates.

**Thoughts for the week:** 9/11 Prayer of Remembrance and Hope:

Dear God, we remember before you today those whose lives were lost in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001, and for all those whom we love but no longer see. We give thanks to you for the selfless courage of those brave souls who ran into burning buildings and who labored in the rubble; may their courage be to us a witness of what is possible when we are guided by love and dedication to our fellow human beings.

We pray today for the continued healing of all those suffering emotional and physical scars. May your spirit breathe new breath into clouded lungs, new life into troubled minds, and new warmth into broken hearts, so that all may feel wrapped in your loving embrace. May we move from suffering to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from anxiety to courage, from death to life, from fear to love, and from despair to hope.

Guide our feet into the way of peace. Inspire us with hope. May we receive this gift, so that we might become instruments of your peace in this world, knowing all people as equally loved, lovingly created, children of God. Amen.

**Saint Joseph Recognition Masses:** Saint Joseph school students will fill the liturgical roles at each of the weekend Masses this weekend. Thank you to those families who helped their children volunteer to fill a liturgical role. Additionally thank you to the families who attended Mass with their children in their dress school uniforms.

**Dress down Day:** All students who attend one of the recognition Masses will get a coupon for a dress-down day tomorrow, Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see the teacher representative at the back of the church at the end of each Mass to get your coupon. Students must have a coupon to dress down. Please follow the dress-down day requirements on pages 30 and 31 of the student parent handbook.

**Mass Intentions at School Masses:** Saint Joseph church wanted us to share a Mass intentions opportunity that some of our families may not be aware of. Our parish offers the opportunity for anyone to request a Mass intention for both school Masses and weekend Masses. These prayers are offered during the Universal Prayers portion of the liturgy and the congregation is asked to join in prayer for the intention. These intentions can be used in many ways including honoring a student's birthday, remembering a loved one who has passed away, or even honoring a special

teacher. There are currently several school Masses available in the coming weeks. If you would like to see availability and make a request, please use this link:

<https://massintentions.com/onlineorders/?key=5b7d26c4d99b922929b7c30ce06be0fd58a715>

00. A suggested honorarium for each intention is \$10.

**Grandparents Day:** Our students and teachers are excited to again participate in Grandparents Day this year on October 7<sup>th</sup>. The students will send a handmade invitation to their grandparents. Please make sure that your Facts Family portal account has mailing addresses for your students' grandparents no later than this Friday, September 16th. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

**Charleston Wrap:** With one week left to support our fundraiser, there's never been a better time to get a head start on holiday shopping! Thank you to all of our supporters so far!

Haven't registered yet? No problem- our sale goes through Monday, September 19th, so you still have time to register and share.

It's easy to get started: Please visit [registercw.com](http://registercw.com) to register today! Use our **ORGANIZATION ID 15787** to register! (One registration per family.) Then, simply share your shopping link with family and friends.

Don't forget- **the class with the highest participation will be awarded a dress-down day!**

**PTO T-Shirt Sale:** The PTO t-shirt sale will end this Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The order form can be found [HERE](#).

**NWEA MAP Testing:** Next week students in grades Students in K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will test on Tuesday and Thursday.

Students who have an assistance plan will not always test with their grade level. Mrs. Carns will communicate with you when your child is being tested.

Here are a few things students and parents can do to prepare for MAP testing:

***Please refrain from scheduling any appointments for students during testing.*** Students who are late will not be able to take the test with their class and will need to make up the test on Friday.

Make sure your students ***get plenty of sleep***. Going to bed a little earlier can help ensure a good night's sleep. Being well-rested will give your children an extra boost of energy for test day.

***Provide a nutritious breakfast.*** Eating protein (eggs, meat, cheese, etc.), rather than a sugary donut, will help students perform better. (Too much food can make them feel sleepy, so do not overdo it!)

Be sure your child gets some *exercise after school* to keep their energy up.

Remind children to *double-check their work on the test*. They can catch mistakes if they take the time to proofread answers carefully.

*Encourage* your children to do their very best, but do not place too much emphasis on the test.

Please contact the school if you have questions about MAP testing.

**Student Council Officers:** Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Officers: President, Reese Gabelman; Co-Vice Presidents, Mae Warren, and Harry McLeod Secretary, Bryn Alexander; Treasurer, Cooper Romine; and Service Chair, Alexander Yarnall

**Car Stickers and Magnets:** If you would like a Saint Joseph car sticker or magnet, please email Mrs. Reedy [Kreedy@stjosdevine.com](mailto:Kreedy@stjosdevine.com) and she will send it home in your saint's backpack. You can also stop by the office any time during school hours to get one.

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

**Early Dismissal:** We will have a 2:00 dismissal on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Extended Care will be open until 6:00 pm.

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

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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