

April 24, 2022

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; PTO Mother-Son Baseball; Midlands Gives; Field Day; 4th Quarter Service Project; MAP testing; Water Bottle Filling Stations; Bishop Ordination Holiday; Cardinal Newman Concerts; Cardinal Newman Athletic Camps; and Local Covid Numbers.

Thoughts for the week: “Every day is a new opportunity. You can build on yesterday’s success or put its failures behind you and start over again. That’s the way life is, with a new game every day.” – Bob Feller – Make a difference today!

PTO Mother-Son Baseball: SJCS PTO is excited to host Mother-Son Baseball with the Columbia Fireflies today, Sunday, April 24th at 5:05 pm at Segra Park. We look forward to seeing you there!

Midlands Gives: Mark your calendars – Midlands Gives is coming up 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!

Field Day: Field Day is planned for tomorrow. Students are allowed to wear PE shirts. Please be sure to send a refillable water bottle. Click [HERE](#) to volunteer to help and have some fun with our students and faculty!

4th Quarter Service Project: Our next service project will help those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine.

We were honored to welcome a guest speaker of Ukrainian descent to our fourth-quarter prayer service this past Friday. Pete Dworjany, a former St. Joseph School parent, spoke to our students about the crisis in Ukraine and the great need for resources to help the people there. He talked about his father growing up in Ukraine and his aunt and cousins who are still living there to bring a more personal side to this crisis.

We will be raising money from April 22 to May 6 for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in Ukraine. CRS IN UKRAINE: *Your help is needed in Ukraine where there is great risk of suffering both within Ukraine and for those who may flee to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and our partners are responding, and we need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs, as well as those related to families forced to flee their homes as the situation intensifies. CRS and Caritas partners are ready to provide safe shelter, hot meals, hygiene supplies, fuel to keep warm, transport to safe areas, counseling support, and more.*

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 Dworjanyn 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>

MAP Testing: Over the next three weeks, 5K – 6th-grade classes will be taking the Spring MAP test. The MAP schedule is below attached. 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:

Tuesday, April 26:

8:20 – 10:00: K5, 1 – MAP Reading

8:10-9:25: 6th ELA 1 – MAP Reading

9:30-10:45: 6th ELA 2 – MAP Reading

10:50-12: 5th ELA 1 – MAP Reading

Wednesday, April 27th-

8:20-10:00: 1st MAP Math

10:50-12: 5th ELA 2 – MAP Reading

Thursday, April 28

8:20-10:00: K5 – MAP Math

Tuesday, May 3:

8:20 – 10:00: 2, 3, 4 – MAP Reading

Wednesday, May 4th-

8:10-9:25: PreA/VP Math – MAP math

9:30-10:45: 6th Math – MAP math

10:50-12: 5th AM Math – MAP math

Thursday, May 5th-

8:20 – 10:00: 2, 3, 4 – MAP Math

10:50-12: 5th PM Math – MAP Math

Water Bottle Filling Stations: A big thank you to the Class of 2018 for their donation of four new water bottle filling stations. We have installed two in the main building and two in the Rowland building. Students are encouraged to bring refillable water bottles to school each day.

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.

Cardinal Newman Music Department Concerts: The CN music department will present their spring concerts this week. The Cardinal Chorale and Junior High Chamber Singers will present their choral concert today, April 24th at 4:00 at Saint Joseph church. The Band will present their concert at 7:00 this Tuesday, April 26th in the CN Performing Arts Center and the Orchestra will perform on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 pm also in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults and free for all students and may be purchased at the door or through this link: https://www.cnhs.org/apps/form/Spring_Concert_22

Cardinal Newman Athletic Camps: The CN Athletic Camps registration is now open. https://athletics.cnhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2017695&type=d&pREC_ID=2176119

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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