St. Joseph Catholic School

With the intercession of St. Joseph, our school community guides the formation of Christ centered learners, leaders and citizens on a foundation of Catholic beliefs and academic excellence.

 - St. Joseph Catholic School Mission Statement

**Principal’s News – September 20, 2023**

**September Calendar Dates**

21 – Home and School Meeting

 6:30 p.m.

22 – Confirmation forms must be

 returned

 Grandparent’s Day

 1:30 p.m.

27 – St. Vincent DePaul items

 Mid-Quarter reports going

 home in Wednesday Folder

30 – Confirmation Enrollment

 Mass 5:30 p.m.

**October Calendar Dates**

2 – 6 Iowa testing for grades

 1 – 8

4 – Early Dismissal 1:15 p.m.

 Buses running. We will have

 After School Care.

Dear SJS Parents,

 What a great turn out for St. Joseph Blood Drive. Thank you parents for being a donor or finding a donor. We were able to make our goals of 101 units of blood and the 110 donor which means that the students will have two dress down days. Mrs. Sallin will announce the days at our First Thursday Celebration in October and hopefully be able to give out the soccer balls to every student who asked a donor. She will also announce the class that had the most donors which will receive a pizza party from the Red Cross.

Just a reminder to seventh grade parents that your forms for Confirmation must be turned in by September 22 in order for your child to participate in the Confirmation Enrollment Mass on Saturday, September 30th. If you have not turned them in please do so before Friday, September 22nd. Thanks.

Friday is our Grandparent’s Day celebration. If you did not fill out the RSVP form stating how your child will go home, please remember to send in a Blue Note to each of your Homeroom Teachers. If we do not receive any different information, then your child will go home like normal. Buses will be running for those not going home with grandparents. There will not be After School Care on this day.

The first week in October is our Iowa Testing. Please do not schedule appointments during this week. It is really hard to do make –up tests when students are out and it is hard on the student, too.

Parents, I just want you to know that we have had strep going around in the school. Remember if your child has a temperature he or she needs to stay home 24 hours and be fever free and symptom free before returning to school.

Don’t forget about our Home and School meeting Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Students in grades 4 – 8 will travel to St. Louis on October 24th to the Sheldon Concert Hall. Please see the enclosed letter about this event.

The field trip form is attached with the letter. Many thanks to Mid-America Bank for making this trip possible as well as the Sheldon Concert Hall.

Please mark your calendars for this year’s St. Joseph Parish Fall Festival on October 15th. The worklist will be coming home in the Wednesday Folder in the next couple of weeks. We are in need of a couple to Co-Chair the Fall Festival. Please consider and let either Alora or Megan Gentges know. Thanks.

 **St. Joseph’s SAINTS**

Ava Heckemeyer – offering to take a student’s backpack to the classroom for Mrs. Helton.

Hoyt Barnhart for going out of his way to greet Miss Kirk as they came in the front door of school.

Many thanks to the parents who sign the Wednesday Folders and get them back the same week. We appreciate your efforts.

**St. Joseph Shirt Schedule:**

(Can be viewed on Google Calendar)

All first (1st) Wednesdays - **Life Runner** shirt

 All first (1st) Thursdays – **Bulldog Spirit** shirt

All first (1st) Fridays **- SAINT** shirt

**St. Vincent de Paul Items**

**Wednesday, September 27th**

Listed below are the items each class is responsible for bringing.

Kindergarten – Diapers First Grade - Baby Wipes Second Grade – Toilet Paper Third Grade – Dish Soap Fourth Grade – Laundry Soap Fifth Grade – Tooth Paste/Tooth Brush Sixth Grade – Bar Soap

Seventh Grade – Paper Towels Eighth Grade – Kleenex

Please have your child(ren) bring their item to school on or before Wednesday, September 27th.

**St. Joseph Scrip Update**

Scrip will now be filled daily by

Mrs. Fennewald.

Are you ready for Halloween? Make sure to use scrip when buying your Halloween costumes, candy, and decorations.

Scrip will be on sale the weekend of:

 September 23rd & 24th

 October 7th & 8th

**Profit to date**: $9,516.00

Since May 1st we have sold $310,963.00 worth of Scrip. We are behind $1,658.00 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

 **Megan Gentges**

***Principal’s News continued……***

Congratulations to our Sixth Grade Girl Volleyball team for 1st Place at the PALS Volleyball Tournament held at Helias.

 Lexi Massman, Rilynn Wieberg, Ashton Berhorst, Brooklyn Kampeter

Congratulations to our Seventh & Eighth Grade Girl Volleyball team for 3rd Place at the PALS Volleyball Tournament held at Helias.

**Congratulations** to our Cross Country team again. They placed 1st at their second meet. Two 1st Places in a row. Way to go!

We are very proud of your efforts. You all are certainly are off to a great start for the year!

The next Principal’s Newsletter will be October 4th.

 God’s blessings,

 Miss Kirk

Our theme for this school year: Teach Compassion, Teach Kindness, Teach Confidence

**Fresh Vegetables from the Garden**

If anyone has extra fresh vegetables from the garden and would like to donate them to the school cafeteria, we would be very thankful for your donation.