



This Week:

Wednesday: 8th Grade Promotion Mass and Reception @ 7:00

Thursday: Final School Mass @ 8:00; Kindergarten Program @ 12:30;
Dismissal @ 1:00

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Highlights from Mrs. Hohl

We Made It!

I can't believe the end of the school year is already upon us! Thank you for making my first year as a principal a great one! I'm looking forward to beginning another fun and faith-filled year with you all in just a few short months. I hope you and your family enjoy a safe and relaxing summer!

Staff Changes and Needs for Next Year

We will be experiencing a record enrollment next year...awesome! As a result, however, we will need more help in various capacities.

- ◇ We will be splitting the last of our combined classes, the 7th and 8th graders. We have hired a new middle school teacher, Mrs. Karla Brown, to teach social studies and technology to our 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. Mrs. Brown comes to us with a plethora of both experience and enthusiasm; we are excited she will be joining our staff.
- ◇ As announced at our final band concert last week, Mrs. Gassmann has decided to retire from teaching in order to spend more time with her growing family. We wish her many blessings in this exciting new chapter of her life. We are currently in search of a new music teacher to fulfill Mrs. Gassmann's position.
- ◇ In addition to these two new faculty positions, we are still in need of an Extended Day Coordinator for next year. If you know of someone, 18 years or older, who might be interested in working with our students from 3:30-5:30 each day, please send them my way!
- ◇ Mrs. Day and Mrs. Mies are needing additional help in the kitchen next year. Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Day regarding the kitchen's needs. We are in need of hiring a part-time kitchen assistant during the hours of 8:00-11:00 AM each morning. Please contact the school office if you are interested in this position.
- ◇ We are looking for two volunteers to work with the students in the classrooms on Tuesday mornings while the teachers hold 30 minute collaboration meetings. If you have a couple of hours available on Tuesday mornings and are willing to help us out, we'd greatly appreciate it! Please contact me if this is an option for you.
- ◇ Of course, we want to wish our wonderful and so very beloved pastor, Fr. Aaron, many blessings in his new pastoral assignment at Holy Cross, Hutchinson. He will definitely be missed, but has assured us that we are in great hands with our new pastor, Fr. Dan Duling.

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Christ is the eternal prophet, priest and king. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we commit ourselves to carry on His mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing the People of God.

The love of a
FAMILY
is life's greatest blessing

Words from Pope Francis on family...

“Christians are joyful; they are never gloomy. God is at our side. We have a Mother who always intercedes for the life of her children, for us...Sin and death have been defeated.. If we are truly in love with Christ, and if we sense how much he loves us, our heart will “light up” with a joy that spreads to everyone around us.”

Pope Francis, (2016). Pope Francis Family Devotional. Rebecca Vitz Cherico (Ed.), Our Sunday Visitor. Huntington, Indiana

Crusader Café News:

PAYMENT DUE

If you have not returned your lunch envelope and payment, please do so ASAP! Thank you!

You will find the 2017-2018 school calendar attached to this final issue of the Crusader Connection. Please be sure to take note of some important summer dates when making plans for summer vacations and activities.

- ◆ July 10-July 21: St. Joe Jump Start (summer school program)
- ◆ July 29: St. Joseph Catholic School Golf Classic
- ◆ August 5: Annual School Cleaning Day
- ◆ August 6 and 7: Final Enrollment
- ◆ August 16: Open House
- ◆ August 17: First Day of School

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REMINDER to TRACK ATHLETES

Please remember to turn in your track uniforms to Mrs. Clupny or the school office by Thursday, if you have not done so already!



- ◆ Final grade cards, assessment scores, and health forms will be mailed home in a couple weeks.
- ◆ Final invoices for Extended Day charges and bus services will be sent home.
- ◆ 2017-2018 Final Enrollment forms will be mailed home at the end of July.



If your child was recommended to the Jump Start summer school program, *please* be sure to confirm his or her attendance so we can make plans of study, order supplies, and make other necessary preparations. Please contact the school office at 444-2548 or email Mrs. Hohl at ehohl@sjost.com by this Friday, May 19th. Thank you.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!! Any parent, grandparent, or community member interested in helping to organize the thirteenth annual St. Joseph Catholic School Golf Classic is asked to contact the school office or Susan Helten at 316-204-8262. We are starting to plan for the event now and would appreciate any help

or ideas. Most importantly, the donation of prizes, and/or the procurement of prizes, and helping to find sponsors is greatly needed. This has been an awesome fundraiser for our school and we plan to make it another great day of fun, fellowship, and

fundraising!



Help Pave the Path of St. Joe's Future!

We are still taking orders for commemorative bricks to be placed in front of the school marquee. These bricks can be used as memorials (In Memory of Name), family (The Smith Family) or individual (John Smith), acknowledgements of attendance (Class of '99) or anything you wish.

There are two sizes of bricks. The first option is a 4"x8" rectangular brick which allows up to three (3) lines of maximum of fifteen (15) characters per line. The second option is an 8"x8" square brick which allows up to six (6) lines of maximum of fifteen (15) characters per line. Keep in mind the size of the font is determined by the number of lines and characters per lines. (Less is more. The fewer the characters the larger the font available.)

The 4"x8" rectangular brick costs \$200.00 and the 8"x8" square brick costs \$400.00

If you are interested, please contact Betty Seiwert at bseiwert@sjost.com or 316-531-2930.



PTO News

Thank you:

The PTO officers would like to extend a big "Thank You" to the parents and teachers for all their dedicated time and hard work to make this past year very successful for the organization. We were able to help the school provide many needs for our students. Thank you very much!

Basket Raffle "Thank you"

The Basket Raffle Committee and PTO would like to thank the students for selling just over 8,500 tickets at this year's Basket Raffle. The sales of these tickets amounted to nearly \$1,000 more in sales than last year! Thank you so much for all your hard work and dedication!

To thank the students, we will be giving each one a "Care Package". Each package is filled with many free fun treats to help them enjoy the summer. Three of the certificates are for activities. It was suggested that we set dates to hopefully coordinate with others and enjoy the activities with those who can make it. The suggested dates are listed below, but please know that the certificates can be used whenever it works for you and your family.

- 1) Palace Theater (One Dollar Buck) – **June 13th**
- 2) Andale City Pool (Free Pass for One Day) - **June 20th**
- 3) Goddard City Pool (Free Pass for One Day) – **June 27th**

We hope you enjoy your summer!