



*St. Joseph School*  
*A National Blue Ribbon School*  
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## ***Rooted in Christ***

### **Catholic Identity**

Welcome back! It has been a great first week. We are certainly blessed to have such hard-working and happy children to work with. We are all looking forward to a fantastic year.

Our school theme for this year is “Rooted in Christ.” As the year begins we are taking root and learning the reason for our existence as a Catholic School. Each month we will explore a different aspect of what being rooted in Christ actually means in our everyday lives. The monthly theme for August/September is “Rooted in Faith.” It is our Catholic faith that gives our school its mission. By living our faith we strive to imitate Christ and live out the Gospel message. This month in our classrooms we will begin to explore some of the precepts of our faith and the values imparted to us through Christ’s example.

Our symbol for this month is the apple since it is a long standing tradition from when children in rural schools presented their teachers with an apple, the fruit of their labors. Since the apple harvest coincided with the beginning of the school year, it was a privilege of the children to give this delicious fruit to their teacher. In the school you will see our trees displayed with apples which show our core beliefs, values, and examples of how we can show our faith.

### **Maintenance News**

We give a warm welcome to our new maintenance supervisor, Mr. Jerry Voges. Jerry began the end of July and joins Mr. Dallas Young as a full time employee. Mr. Jim Brue worked full time this summer, and will stay on part time during the school year.

These men worked tirelessly over the summer to make our school shine, and we are all very grateful to them for their efforts.

### **Volunteers**

We are very appreciative of those individuals who answered the call for paint volunteers. We give a great big THANK YOU to Jon Voet, Steve and Kelly Novak, Julie Donahue, Brian Jansen, and Mark Gamel! In addition we had several young men who helped in moving classrooms over the summer. They are: Michael and Mitchell Blewett, Nick and Brandon Kanter, Brayden Schlagbaum, Travis Thompson, Danny Mlinarik, Brian Fagel, Eric Torres, Brian Ebenschweiger, Jake Roeding, and Kyle Bailey. Without everyone’s help it would have been impossible to accomplish all our preparations.

### **Smart Boards**

We are very grateful to Ben and Agnes Wessels for donating nine Smart Boards to the school. Their generosity has made it possible to supply every homeroom with this amazing teaching resource!

### **Parent Orientation**

Parent Orientation is tomorrow night, **Thursday, August 27. Seventh and eighth grade parents** will meet at **6:15 p.m.** in Noll Hall (cafeteria) with the junior high teachers. All parents should gather in the church at **7 pm.** for a short informational session where all edline and other information important to the entire school community will be shared. After this session, parents of students in grades 1 – 6 will have the opportunity to go to their children’s classrooms to meet their child’s teachers and hear their plans for the upcoming year. The 2009-2010 edition of the Saint Joseph School Handbook will be available for each family in the youngest child’s homeroom. Please be sure to pick this up. The Orientation is geared to our families with students in grades 1-8. Kindergarten parents are more than welcome to attend as well, but you already received most of this information at your orientation a couple of week’s ago. Edline information for families with children only in Kindergarten will be sent home with your Kindergarten child.

## **Wellness**

It is important to each and every student that they come to school each day. However, if your child is sick, has had a fever in the last 24 hours, or has vomited in the last 24 hours, please keep them at home to rest and regain their strength before returning to school.

## **Student Absence Reminder**

If a student is unable to attend school on a given day, parents must inform the school by phone before 7:15 a.m. The school ultimately determines if an absence is excused or unexcused.

## **SLIME – Student Liturgical Musical Ensemble**

Please see the invitation to join SLIME on the “Forms” page. This year 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate. The form is due no later than September 1.

## **Spirit Wear**

Spirit Wear orders are due no later than 10:00 am on **Friday, August 28**. Orders will not be taken after this time.

## **Saint Joseph Sweatshirts**

We will be offering sweatshirts in navy or gray with a SJS monogram. These shirts will cost \$15 for youth sizes through adult XL and \$16 for adult sizes XXL and XXXL. These will be available for sale on a separate order form than Spirit Wear. The order form will be posted on the website soon.

## **Kenton County Buses**

Buses **will** be available on Tuesday, September 8. Our school calendar originally showed this day as a private transportation day.

## **Asthma Medication Form**

On the Forms page is the “Permission for Student Self-Administration of Asthma Medication” form. This form must be completed by both the student’s parents and physician and returned to school as soon as possible.

## **Food Allergies**

Available on our website (Cafeteria button on the Parent’s page) is a food allergy plan. If your child has any food allergies that we need to be made aware, please complete the form and return it to the school as soon as possible

## **Cafeteria Reminder**

Cafeteria Fees are now due. Please send in your \$60 check payable to Saint Joseph Cafeteria. Lunch prices for this school year are: \$2.00 (includes drink), \$1.00 for extras, and 40 cents for milk/drink. The August lunch menu is posted on the school website.

## **Market Day**

Mail-in-date: Thursday, August 27  
Pick-up date: Tuesday, Sept. 1 from 7 – 8 pm  
Internet orders: Thursday, August 27

The Saint Joseph School online Market Day account number is 16276. You may place an order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com). If you have any questions, please call Trisha Gamel @ 344-1068.

## **St. Joe’s Parish Picnic**

A flyer for the St. Joe’s Parish Picnic is posted on the “Forms” page. Reservations are due by September 12, 2009.

## **Girl Scouts**

An informational meeting for parents and daughters interested in Girl Scouts will be held on Wednesday, September 9 in Noll Hall at 7:00 pm. There will be a brief presentation at 7:00 followed by time to ask questions and meet girls involved in Girl Scouts. Adults interested in leading a troop are encouraged to attend as well. Contact Shelley Voet at [shellyvoet@insightbb.com](mailto:shellyvoet@insightbb.com) if you have any questions.

## **Student Birthdays**

This year we will continue the “Birthday Out of Uniform” celebration. As a present to our students, they will have the gift of an out of uniform day. Our first birthday celebration is for the students

whose birthday's are/were in August (even before school started) and September. This date will be Friday, September 18.

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday on the actual day, please keep in mind our Wellness Policy when planning your class "treat." Birthday treats are to be brought to the school office to be distributed or taken to the classroom by the student. Birthday treats are not to be taken to the cafeteria.

### **Activity Fees**

Activity fees are due by September 9, 2008. All activity fees are posted on the "Forms" page of the website.

### **Phone and Email Notification**

We are in the process of updating our email and phone notification system. If you did not receive notification of the posting of this newsletter, we have not received your "Very Important Form." The form needs to be returned by Friday, August 28 for the PTO school directory and the notification system.

### **Fundraising Activities**

In addition to the Box Tops program in which the school already participates, we will now also be saving the UPC bar codes from Campbell's products. This will include all their soups, pork 'n beans, Spaghettios, etc. Please only submit the UPC bar codes. The Campbell's company offers playground equipment to schools in exchange for sending in the UPCs and/or labels.

We will also be saving labels from Tyson products. Every label sent in is worth \$.24. Please see the flyer that is attached to this newsletter. Thank you to everyone for clipping labels and sending them in.

### **Athletic Update**

Please see the "Forms" page for the volleyball worker schedule, and Boys and Girls Basketball League Information and sign up sheets.

### **Calendar**

August 27 Parent Orientation – Church  
Junior High Parents – 6:15 – Noll Hall  
Grades 1 – 8 – 7:00 - Church  
Sept 1 Market Day Pickup - 7 – 8 pm  
Noll Hall  
Sept 2 SJS AAA Open Meeting 7:00pm  
Library  
Sept 7 Labor Day – No School  
Sept 8 Bus Service Available  
Sept 10 PTO Open Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Library  
Sept 18 Aug/Sept Birthday out of Uniform  
Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday - 9:30 Mass  
Sept 23 No School Mass  
Sept 25 All School Mass - 9:00 am

### **Attachments**

Athletics Update  
Tyson Products Flyer

# **ATHLETIC UPDATE**

Girls volleyball is under way! Thanks to all who are making this a success!

Girls volleyball tournaments are scheduled for the following weekends:

**Grade 7 on September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grade 8 on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grade 4 and 5 on September 25th and 26th**  
**Grade 6 on October 2nd and 3rd**

Please come support the girls! More details to follow.

Girls **volleyball pictures** will be taken on **Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 5-6**. A more detailed schedule will follow at a later date.

Girls **volleyball awards** ceremony will be on **Wednesday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00** in Noll Hall.

Covington Catholic High School and Notre Dame Academy have a middle school cross country program for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Please contact the schools for further information.

**Basketball signups**-Please see the directions and attached forms on information for both girls and boys basketball.

**Concession and Door workers**. Please see the attached form from Rich Beiersdorfer on available shifts to work the concession stand or the door.

# Introducing to SJS the Tyson Project A+

## Each Tyson product label is worth \$0.24.



Please send in your Tyson labels for an extra easy way to get some money for school.

Thank you for taking the time to clip the labels and send them in!