



St. Joseph School
A National Blue Ribbon School
September 23, 2009
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Rooted in Christ

On October 23rd we will be having a school Wok-A-Thon sponsored by the Oriental Wok. The students will be walking in the immediate area and will end up in Crescent Springs Park. We are hoping to raise at least \$10,000 in pledges. The money will be used to start the campaign to replace all the computers in our lab. A company donated the present computers when they replaced their computers with updated versions. These computers have been used at St. Joe's for over three years now and are showing signs of age. We are beginning to have more issues with them and more time outs.

If your company matches school fundraising programs, please let us know so that we can apply. We also have some parents who are investigating grants to help defray the costs. We will need a total of around \$40,000 to accomplish our task.

The kick off for the Wok-A-Thon will be this Friday afternoon. The students will receive a letter explaining the event and a pledge sheet to collect donations. We ask for your support in making this a success.

Schedule Change

Report card conferences will occur after school and into the evening on Thursday, October 29th. **School will not be in session on Friday, October 30th, but will be in session on Monday, November 2nd.**

PTO – News

SAVE THE DATE!

The PTO has some important event dates to share with you this week. The first is a date change. The St. Joe's Father-Daughter Dance is now scheduled for **November 6, 2009** and the St. Joe's Mother-Son Event will be held on **March 5, 2010**. Please mark your calendars now and save the date for a great evening with your child(ren).

Also, information will be coming home soon about this year's "Wok-a-Thon" and some fun and exciting additions to the event this year! The date is October 23.

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the first Open PTO meeting of the school year on September 10th. The participation, feedback and ideas were terrific! Room 4A was the classroom winner for the out-of-uniform pass since that class had the most parents in attendance at the meeting. The next Open PTO meeting is scheduled for **November 12** at 7pm in the library.

Market Day

Online orders Thurs., Sept. 24

Pick Up Tues., Sept. 29 from 7 – 9 pm

If you have any questions, please contact Trisha Gamel at 344-1068 or Robin Moellering at 331-5020.

Computer Club

Please see the attachment for information concerning Computer Club and sign-ups.

Chess Club

The St. Joseph Chess Club will hold their first meeting after school on October 14 in the Library. All students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to join. For more information see the attached form.

Student Council Elections

Congratulations to the following students who were elected officers and homeroom representatives during last week's Student Council election. President – C.J. Moellering, Vice-President – Danny Schlachter, Secretary – Blake Nelms, and Treasurer – Nathan Wichmann. Homeroom Representatives are as follows: Bridget Minks, Max Boyle, Samantha Darpel, Matthias Mando, Mo DeGreen, Kailey Beck, Jonathon Turnwald, Elizabeth Urban, Kayla Torres, Nora DeGreen, Sam Kunkler, Hannah Sullivan, Anna Eckerle, Abby Thompson, Sarah Kunkler, Trystan Washburn,

Brennan Mullen, Cassidy Ryan, Wyatt Plummer, and Maria Pope.

Elementary Academic Team

Please see the newsletter attachment for information concerning the Elementary Academic Team for students in grades 3, 4, & 5.

Library Birthday Book Club

Information concerning the Library Birthday Book Club is posted on the “Forms” page of the website. This donation program is a major source of funds for acquiring new books for the school library. Please see the flyer for more details.

VIRTUS Updates

Please continue to check for VIRTUS updates. Parents and volunteers need to stay up to date with their online training in order to participate in student activities.

Transportation Changes/Walkers

With the warm weather, many of our older students want to walk at dismissal. This is a reminder that your child **must** have a signed and dated note to walk home. Students who wish to go home on the bus with a friend must have a signed, dated note with their friend’s address and bus number.

Students will not be permitted to call parents at the end of the day to receive permission.

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 had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours, please keep them at home to rest and regain their strength before returning to school.

Calendar

- Sept 25 **All School Mass - 9:00 am**
- Sept 28 Computer Club 2 - 3
- Sept 30 Kindergarten Field Trip
Academic Team Meeting 5:30 pm
School Library - Parents & Students
- Oct 5 Computer Club 2 – 3

- Oct 7 STUCO Meeting 2 – 3
- Oct 8 & 9 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-service
- Oct 13 Picture Day
First Reconciliation Parents Mtg.
7:00 pm – Church
- Oct 14 Quilt Club 2 – 4
Chess Club 2 – 3:15
- Oct 19 Computer Club 2 – 3
- Oct 20 Skyline Time 5 – 8 pm
- Oct 21 STUCO 2 – 3
- Oct 23 End of First Quarter
SJS “Wok-a-thon”
- Oct 28 Report Cards go home
Grade 4 - Field Trip
Quilt Club 2 – 4
- Oct 29 Grade 8 NDA & CCH visit
Report Card Conferences
- Oct 30 NO SCHOOL -Teacher In-service

Attachments

- Athletics Update
- Computer Club Information and Sign-Up Form
- Chess Club Information and Sign-Up Form
- Academic Team News

ATHLETIC UPDATE

Girl's volleyball is under way! Thanks to all who are making this a success!

St. Joseph 4th and 5th grade volleyball invitational tournament is Friday, Sept. 25th and Saturday, Sept. 26th at St. Agnes/St. Joseph. Come cheer on our 4th and 5th grade teams!

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

St Joe will again offer Instructional Basketball for boys and girls.

K-2nd graders...on Fridays for 6 weeks starting Oct 16

K-1 grades 6:30-7:15

2nd grades 7:15-8:00

Please contact **Trisha and Mark Gamel** at mtgamel@insightbb.com or 344-1068 if interested.

Girls basketball team-if you did not sign up for girls basketball, you need to contact **Babs Thompson at 341-0482.**

Girls basketball team division will be held on **Tuesday, September 29** at the following times:

2:30-3:30-grades 3 and 4

3:30-4:30-grades 5 and 6

4:45-6:30-grades 7 and 8

If you have any questions about the girls basketball program, please contact **Babs Thompson at 341-0482.**

Some of our volleyball leagues will be ending soon. Stay informed on when to turn in your uniform.

Volleyball Workers Needed

The volleyball worker schedule is now available (and up to date) on the sjsaaa.com website. Just click the sjsaaa link on the school homepage, click on the schedules button, then the worker schedule button. This will show you what is covered and what is available. Choose the time you want to work, then e-mail Rich Beiersdorfer. All of the information you need is on the worker schedule page.

Many of the remaining league worker slots are covered but the September tournament and end of season tournament will be posted soon! These leagues and tournaments can not happen without your assistance. Thanks for your help!

Computer Club Is Back!

Dear Future Computer Club Students,

As the school year is now underway, we are ready to begin meeting after school for Computer Club, 2009! Anyone new to Computer Club will find that we have fun while designing and creating personalized computer projects as well as helping our teachers. In the past, Computer Club produced all the advertisements seen around the school for events such as "Breakfast with Santa", The School Play, Red Ribbon Week, the Blue Ribbon Celebration, and special holiday activities, just to name a few. Below is a brief description of this very special extra-curricular that is open to our students in grades 6-8!

St. Joe's Computer Club is made up of a group of students with an interest in utilizing their technology skills beyond the realm of the classroom. These students act as an in-house desktop publishing business by taking orders from teachers, staff members, and volunteers to create custom signs, posters, banners, cards, and other special projects that showcase all the wonderful things that happen in and around the school all year.

Computer Club will meet **EVERY OTHER MONDAY** (check Edline for exact dates) from 2:10 to 3:00 in the Computer lab. We will begin on Monday, September 28th. We ask that you have your own transportation ready and waiting for you promptly at 3:00. No special skills are required, we will teach you everything you need to know.

If you have any questions, please E-mail Mrs. Iles at niles@sjscrescent.org. We are looking forward to another great year and we hope to see you there. If you are interested in joining us, please fill in the form below and return to school **BEFORE** the first ComMputer Club meeting. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Iles, Mrs. Serey, & Mrs. Schlachter

Student Name _____

Homeroom _____

My son/daughter has permission to join St. Joe's Computer Club for the 2009-2010 school year. I understand that I will need to provide transportation for him/her promptly at 3:00 on meeting days.

Signed _____

St. Joseph School Chess Club 2009



St. Joe's Chess Club is open to all students in grades 3-8. Don't know how to play? We'll teach you! The Chess Club meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 2:00 - 3:15 in the school library. Parents take turns providing snacks. The first meeting is Wednesday, October 14.

We would love to have parent volunteers to help us with "Chess Club". No experience is necessary. You can help as often as you like-
every meeting,
every once in a while
or just once.

All parent Volunteers do need to be Virtus trained.

If you would rather be "on call" to help at meetings when Julie or Amy can't be there, you can also volunteer to be on the sub list.

Highlights:

- Beginner, intermediate, and advanced players
- Chess sets provided
- Field trips to play other local chess clubs possible
- Opportunity to play in local chess tournaments

If you are interested in joining us, complete the form below and return it to the school office by Monday, October 5th. For more information, please call Julie Kunkler (344-9029) or Amy Malone (344-0514)

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Chess Club Form

Name of Student _____

_____ Yes, my mom or dad can help at the meetings!

_____ Yes, my mom or dad can be a sub!

Parent Signature _____

St. Joseph's Elementary Academic Team

This year we will be having an Elementary Academic Team at St. Joseph's. The Academic Team will compete in weekly quick recall matches against local area schools. Quick Recall matches are trivia-based competitions (similar to Jeopardy!) in which students attempt to buzz in first to answer questions correctly. Additionally, the Academic Team will compete in the statewide Governor's Cup competition. The Governor's Cup competition not only consists of quick recall, but also written assessment tests in the areas of Social Studies, Science, Math, Language Arts, Arts & Humanities, and English Composition. The Elementary Academic Team is open to any and all students in the grades 3 through 5.

I will be holding an information session for students and parents at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 30th in the school library in order to provide more information and answer any questions. We will start practice the following Wednesday during the first week of October. Our quick recall matches will begin in mid-November.

If you would like to contact me with questions prior to this meeting, feel free to e-mail me (kysoze@fuse.net) or call me (859-426-1901).

Thanks,

Andy Strange