



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

The school theme for October is “Rooted in Knowledge.” Our tree of knowledge reminds us to strive to be the best we can be. We are rooted in that knowledge, and our success stems from our desire to do well and to keep on trying. Our faith and the knowledge that we have gained by being the best we can be, will bring us closer to God. Just as the roots of a tree lie hidden, so Christ allows His life to live in us, and we become the beautiful and glorious fruit. Our symbol for this month is the pumpkin. The students will record on pumpkins ways in which they can demonstrate their knowledge and share this with others.

Saint Francis Pet Blessing

The St. Francis Pet Blessing has been rescheduled on Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 1:00pm.

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.**

Fourth Grade Warm Clothing Collection

Fourth grade has begun their annual warm clothing collection for those less fortunate. We invite all classes and families to join in collecting warm outer clothing. We are collecting items such as hats, coats, gloves, etc. We, of course, will accept any other items, but we especially need clothing that provides warmth and protection from the cold. All sizes are needed.

We are already collecting so you may send your items to school as soon as collected. Our projected last day will be Oct. 28th. St. Vincent De Paul will have barrels placed in front of the school office for our collection. Thank you for supporting our project.

Market Day

Market day order forms were sent home last week with the youngest students.

In School Orders due Monday, Oct 19

Internet orders due Thursday, Oct 22

Pick up Tuesday, Oct 27 from 7-8 pm

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

Gift Certificate Update

Any gift certificates ordered this week will not be delivered until Monday, October 12. Please consider purchasing Skyline certificates in preparation for the St. Joe’s Night at Skyline on Tuesday, October 20.

Skyline Time for St. Joseph School

The October date for St. Joe’s School at Skyline in Crescent Springs will be on Tuesday, October 20 from 5 – 8 pm. Be sure to mention St. Joe’s School when placing your order.

Middle School Academic Team

We are in the process of forming a Middle School Academic Team. This team is for students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, October 14 at 6 pm for parents and students. Please see attached form for more information.

Elementary Academic Team

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

Picture Day – Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, October 13 is picture day. Order forms were sent home with each student last week. Students will be permitted to be out of uniform. Each student must present his or her completed envelope with payment to the photographer at the time pictures are taken. Late orders cannot be

accepted. Out of uniform guidelines are posted on the Forms page of the school website.

Transportation Changes/Walkers

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. *Emails or phone calls for transportation changes are not acceptable.* **Students will not be permitted to call parents at the end of the day to receive permission.**

PTO – News

Thank you for supporting the PTO and ordering a directory this year. The PTO directories were sent home last week with the students. If you did not order one, but would still like to have one, there are a few extra copies available for purchase. They are \$10.

The PTO also has SJS magnets available for \$5. To purchase a directory or a magnet, just send your payment with your name to the office and we will send it home with your child.

St. Joe's Wok-A-Thon packets were sent home Sept 25th with the students. There are a lot of new incentives this year! Please contact us with any questions if you did not receive the information.

Questions? Email Beth Campbell at bcampbell@fuse.net.

Attention 8th Grade

Do you play an instrument or like to sing? Then come join our parish Youth Ensemble! Youth Ensemble is made up of high school and now 8th grade parishioners who like to sing or play an instrument. We practice very Thursday from 6-7 PM in church. We sing on the 4th Saturday of every month. On Christmas Eve we are joined by some of our college aged alumni. No signs ups are necessary just come to practice this week! If you have any questions please contact Tina Klare at the Pastoral Center (341-6609).

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.

Box Tops and Campbell Labels

We are having a homeroom contest to collect Box Tops and Campbell UPCs during the month of October. When you send in these items, please indicate on the envelope/Ziploc bag the homeroom of your child. The homeroom that has the highest percentage based on the number of students will receive an out of uniform pass for the entire class.

Community Service Day

Youth Ministry is sponsoring a community service day for youth ages 6th grade and up on Sunday, October 11, 2009. This will be held as part of our monthly junior high gathering. We will meet immediately after 11:30 mass for a pot luck lunch and prayer service. (Any 8th graders attending Youth 2000 can meet us in the FCC afterwards). We will then head out to parishioners homes to rake leaves, winterize gardens, put up Halloween decorations, etc. No electric/power tools/ladders will be used. If you would like to participate, please RSVP to Tina Klare by sending in the permission form attached. Parents and older siblings are also encouraged to attend. If you know of any parishioners who could use our help in their yard please contact Tina at the Pastoral Center. For more information see flyer attached.

Cov Cath/Notre Dame Jr. High Band

Do you have a child interested in playing an instrument? Come and check out the Cov Cath/Notre Dame Junior High Band. These rehearsals are for any student in grades 6 – 8. There is no fee to participate – just bring your own instrument. The band will meet every Monday from 3:20 – 4:20 in the NDA Band Room.

If you'd like to know more, contact band director, Mr. Greg Cerimele at gcerimele@mac.com.

NDA/CCH present “Annie”

Please see the Forms page of the website for an announcement concerning the upcoming performances of “Annie” presented by Notre Dame Academy and Covington Catholic High School.

VIRTUS Updates

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

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

- Oct 8 & 9 NO SCHOOL – Teacher In-service
- Oct 12 Yearbook Meeting 2 – 3 pm
- Oct 13 Picture Day
First Reconciliation Parents Mtg.
7:00 pm – Church
- Oct 14 Quilt Club 2 – 4
Chess Club 2 – 3:15
STUCO 2 – 3
Middle School Academic Team Meeting
For Parents & Students in FCC - 6 pm
- 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 26 Yearbook Meeting 2 - 3
- 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
- Elementary Academic Team News
- Middle School Academic Team News
- Box Tops News
- Youth Ministry Announcement & Permission Form
- Chess Club Form

ATHLETIC UPDATE

Thanks to all who made the St. Joseph Girls Volleyball Invitational Tournaments a success. Congratulations to our 8th grade team, coached by Cassie Doering who finished as runner-ups and to our 6th grade team, coached by Sandy Ritter and Mary Goebel, who finished as runner-ups. Outstanding job by all our St. Joseph girls!

The volleyball season is wrapping up. Please check your email for volleyball uniform return information and the form to be placed with the uniform. If a uniform is not returned, you will not receive your photos or your volleyball award and/or your report card. If you have any questions about returning the uniform, please contact Mr. Henn at dhenn000@fuse.net.

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.**

Basketball team division for both boys and girls have been completed. Stay tuned for more information about basketball.

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.

We will have our first practice starting this week on Wednesday, October 7. Elementary Academic Team practice will be held every Wednesday from 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM in the library.

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

Thanks,

Andy Strange

St. Joseph's Middle School Academic Team

We are forming a Middle School Academic Team for St. Joseph Students in Grades 6 - 8. This is an excellent way to challenge students and to help them to prepare for high school--and we hope to make it fun. We will be practicing Quick Recall each week and may have the opportunity to scrimmage with other area schools. Quick Recall matches are competitions similar to "Jeopardy!" in which students attempt to buzz in first to answer questions correctly. The questions cover 5 subject areas (Math, Science, Social Studies, Arts and Humanities, and Language Arts). We also plan to participate in the Northern Kentucky Academic League tournament. This will be great preparation for the Governor's Cup competition. The District Governor's Cup competition will be held in January. It includes Quick Recall, written assessment tests in the above 5 subject areas and English Composition.

The Middle School Team is open to any and all students in grades 6 through 8. While the questions cover the 5 subject areas, there are also general interest questions (such as sports, pop culture, music, etc.). Therefore, any student may enjoy participating in the Academic Team.

We will be having an information session for students and their parents at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14 in the FCC to share more information and answer any questions. We will practice every Wednesday, from 4 - 5:15 p.m. beginning on October 21.

Please feel free to contact me with questions prior to the meeting either via e-mail at bfritz1@zoomtown.com or by calling me at 859-341-3609. I am looking forward to getting started!

Barb Fritz

Box Tops for Education

4,300 (\$430) Box Tops have been sent in since school started in August!

Box Tops sent in by Oct. 31 will be included in the Dec. check, so please turn in your Box Tops by **Oct. 21**

Enter the "The Big Clip" sweepstakes every day at **TheBigClip.com** to win up to **500,000 Bonus Box Tops(\$50,000)** for SJS!

Please watch your **cash register slips** for bonuses

Teachers, remember all the **Kleenex** that the kids go through in a year? Please save the BTs located on the bottom before throwing the box away!

Avery Office products now have Box Tops too!

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY



**Sunday, October 11, 2009
12:30-4:00**

Join us for a potluck lunch in the FCC immediately following 11:30 mass. We will have a brief prayer service and then head out to various parishioners' homes to do yard work. We will rake leaves, clean up gardens, put up Halloween decorations, etc. Open to all, aged 6th grade to 60.

Bring work/garden gloves, a rake and a water bottle. Dress for the weather. Wear closed-toe sturdy shoes (no flip flops).

Permission forms required. Please contact Tina Klare at 341-6609 or tklare@stjosephcsky.org

DIOCESE OF COVINGTON
PARENTAL/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM AND LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant's Name _____

Birth Date _____ Sex _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Business Phone _____

I, _____, grant permission for my child _____, to participate in this diocesan/parish/school activity as described below that requires transportation to a location away from the parish site. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of diocesan/parish/school employees and/or volunteers from St. Joseph Church.

As parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the above named minor ("participant").

I agree on behalf of myself, my child named herein, or our heirs, successors, and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Joseph church, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of Covington, chaperones, or representatives associated with the activity for any claim or damages to any person or property, arising from or in connection with my child attending the activity or in connection with any illness, injury, or death, or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate the school, its officers, directors and agents and the Diocese of Covington, chaperones, or representative associated with the activity for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising in connection therewith.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
(If under 18 yrs. of age)

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone #: _____

ACTIVITY INFORMATION

Activity Community Service Day Date 10/11/09 Cost _____

Location Meet at St. Joe's for Potluck lunch Phone (Emergency) (859) 380-7192

Starting Time 12:30 PM Meeting Place St. Joseph Church FCC

Ending Time 4:00 PM ? Meeting Place "

Type of Transportation Carpool Contact Person Tina Klare Phone 341-6609, EXT. 23

Other Information **Bring work/garden gloves, a rake, and a water bottle. Dress for the weather. Wear sturdy closed toe shoes (no flip flops). Bring a side dish or dessert to share.**

_____ **Yes, I am virtue trained and would like to volunteer.**

_____ **Yes, my child's picture may be used in promotional material by the conference, diocese, or St. Joseph Church.**

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 _____