

St. Joseph School
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Crescent Springs, KY 41017
578-2742

July 28, 2010

Dear Parents,

Before we know it the first day of school will be upon us. I am very grateful to Mr. Voges, Mr. Brue, and Mr. Young for all their hard work in making our building sparkle. This has been an especially hot and humid summer, and they have worked tirelessly to complete this task.

There will be some changes this year in the opening school procedures since the festival occurs the weekend immediately before the first day of school. Please read carefully the information that follows so that you will be well informed.

August 9 – 11: Pick-up Family Information Packets and School Supplies

Mon., Tues., Wed. 9 a.m. – Noon

Mon. and Wed. 6 – 8 p.m.

- Purchase bookstore items if needed (e.g. Bibles, satchels for 1st grade)
- Pay the cafeteria fee (\$60) for Grs. Full Day Kindergarten – 8 and sign up for cafeteria duty if you have not already done so by phone (331-6277) or by email at sharon2002@fuse.net. You may pay lunch money also at this time, but please have a separate check for the \$60 fee and another check for lunch money.

August 16: Homeroom Lists

After 4 p.m. the homeroom lists will be posted on the front doors of the school.

August 18: Full Day of School for Grades 2-8 (7:20 a.m. – 1:55 p.m.)

Students in grades 2-8 will have a full day of school on August 18. The school doors open at 7:00 a.m., and we ask that parents do not drop off students any earlier since there is no supervision before that time. If at all possible, please use the bus service, even on the first day. For the first few days, we will have adult guides to assist any young or new students find their classrooms.

Parents of First Graders and Parents of Full-Day Kindergartners:

First graders and full-day Kindergartners will be dismissed at 11:00 (private transportation required) for the first week of school (August 18-20). A traffic sheet will be distributed with the information packet. Your child will be brought to this area for dismissal. **Please do not walk to the school building, but wait near your car. We would appreciate it if you would use the bus service when it is available, even on the first morning.** For the first few days, we will have adult guides assist the younger students to their classrooms.

Parents of Half-Day Kindergartners:

Bus transportation will be available for your child beginning with the first day of school. Half-day Kindergartners will follow their regular schedule (7:20-10:20) beginning on the first day, August 18.

August 25: Parent Orientation Night (Parents of Students in Kindergarten through Eighth Grade):

We ask that only parents attend this program which will begin in church at 7:00 p.m. There will be a short meeting followed by an introduction of the teachers. After this meeting you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom for a teacher presentation.

August 31: Parent Orientation Night for Preschool Families

You and your preschooler are invited to attend this presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the preschool room. Please enter through the main doors of the school. Mrs. Noll, the preschool teacher, will provide information about the program and this will be the opportunity for your child to become familiar with the classroom and with Mrs. Noll.

September 7: Preschool Begins

Our three and four year old preschool program will begin on Tuesday, September 7. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:30 until 1:30.

REMINDERS

Cafeteria Fee – The \$60 fee (per family of students in full day K-8) is due August 16. This may be sent to school in advance or paid at the Open House.

Activity Fees – Due Sept. 9 and may be paid with one check for the total family fee.

Medical Forms – All 6th graders must have had a recent (within one year prior to the beginning of 6th grade) medical exam, with the medical form on file at school.

All new students must have had a recent (within six months prior to the beginning of school) medical exam, with the medical form on file at school. An up-to-date Kentucky Immunization Certificate must also be on file for each new student on the first day of school.

Student Supply Lists – These are available on the website www.sjscrescent.com on the forms page.

PTO Directory – The order/information form will be in the family information packet at. The form is an important resource in updating our school database. Students should return the form on the first day of school.

Summer Reading

Please remind your child to continue reading from the Summer Book List! Please check the school website on the forms page for detailed information regarding the summer reading.

Summer Math

Your child's summer math packet is due the first day of school. Several teachers are offering free math assistance for students who are having difficulty with specific problems. Mrs. Serey will assist students in grades 3-5 next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Aug. 2-4) from 9-11. Mrs. Endicott will assist students in grades 4-8 on Tues., Aug. 3 from 9-11:30, Wed., Aug. 4 from 9-10:30, Thurs., Aug. 5 and Fri., Aug. 6 from 9-noon. Mrs. Malone will assist students in grades 4-8 on Mon., Aug. 9 from 9-11 and on Wed., Aug. 11 from 9-11. If you wish your child to come to any of these sessions, you must call the school office at 578-2742 to inform us.

After School Care

Children Inc. will be providing **after** school care this year in our building, which will run from 2-6 p.m. The charge per child is \$47 per week or \$10.50 per day with a minimum of two days per week. Please check our website for more information and the application form. We will need a minimum number of attendees to make this work so if you are interested, please complete the form as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you and the staff to make this a successful year for you and your child.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathy Stover

Principal