



*St. Joseph School*  
*A National Blue Ribbon School*  
*September 2, 2009*  
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## ***Rooted in Christ***

### **Catholic Identity**

#### **Duke TIP**

Several of our present seventh grade students were recognized for their outstanding achievement on the Terra Nova Tests that were administered in the spring. Duke University has offered them the opportunity to participate in the Duke Talent Identification Program. These students will be able to take the SAT or the ACT this year, and Duke University will track their results. In order to participate in the Duke program, students were required to score a 95 percentile or above in one of the acceptable subtests of the standardized achievement test. We congratulate the following students who were recognized: Samantha Darpel, Drew DeMarsh, Anna Eckerle, Lauren Finn, Grace Gettelfinger, Jamie Henn, Matthias Mando, Morgan Mueller, Maria Novak, Rachel Rosenthal, Cassidy Ryan, Sabrina Sanborn, Matthew Shumate, Nathan Urban, Alicia Von Handorf, Gus Von Lehman, Caroline Winstel, and Claire Wulfeck.

#### **Hand Sanitizer**

We would like to supply each classroom with hand sanitizer to be used throughout this school year. If you feel so inclined, we would be greatly appreciative for donations of this product.

#### **Teacher Accolade**

Congratulations to Mrs. Endicott! *The Mailbox*, a teacher's magazine, has published her "Helping Verb Song." I am sure if your children have had the pleasure of having Mrs. Endicott as a teacher, they will be able to sing the song to you.

#### **PTO – Newsletter**

Please see the attached newsletter from the PTO. It contains information about upcoming events as well as dates of the open PTO meetings, volunteer opportunities and a complete list of the PTO Board Members.

### **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.

### **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.**

### **Youth Ministry Update**

The Youth Ministry has expanded its junior high program to include current 6<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners in the monthly gatherings. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to an Alien Adventure on Sunday, September 13 in the FCC. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

### **St. Joe's Skyline Night**

Skyline Chili is offering St. Joe's a great fundraising opportunity. On the third Tuesday of every month, Skyline Chili will donate a percentage of the sales to school just for mentioning St. Joe's when you order. This is available for both dine-in and carryout orders.

### **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.

### **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 is posted on the website. Orders are due on **September 10**.

### **Kenton County Buses**

Buses **will** be available on Tuesday, September 8. Our school calendar originally showed this 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 September lunch menu is posted on the school website.

### **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 Shelly Voet at [shellyvoet@insightbb.com](mailto:shellyvoet@insightbb.com) if you have any questions.

### **Student Birthdays – September Date Changed**

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 **Thursday, September 17**.

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.

### **Fundraising Activities**

Attached is a flyer that explains the "Box Tops Marketplace." Please check this out for your online shopping.

### **Athletic Update**

Information concerning Instructional Basketball Clinic for Boys and Girls in Grades K – 2 is attached to the school "Forms" page.

### **Volleyball Workers Needed**

The volleyball worker schedule is now available (and up to date) on the [sjsaaa.com](http://sjsaaa.com) website. Just click on the SJS AAA 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, and 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 cannot happen without your assistance. Thanks for your help!

## **Calendar**

Sept 7 Labor Day – No School  
Sept 8 Bus Service Available  
Sept. 9 CFA – Grades 7 & 8 2:15 – 3:15  
SJS AAA – Open Meeting  
7:00 in the FCC  
Sept 10 PTO Open Meeting – 7:00 pm  
Library  
Sept. 15 St. Joe’s Night at Skyline Chili  
5 – 8 pm  
**Sept 17 Aug/Sept Birthday out of Uniform**  
**This is a change from Sept. 18th**  
Sept. 20 Catechetical Sunday - 9:30 Mass  
Sept 23 No School Mass  
Sept 25 All School Mass - 9:00 am

## **Attachments**

Athletics Update  
Box Tops Marketplace Flyer  
PTO News  
Youth Ministry News

# **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 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**Grade 6 on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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 under the "forms" page of the school newsletter on information for both girls and boys basketball. **Deadline is September 11<sup>th</sup>.**

Golf League-We are trying to see if there is an interest in getting together enough students for a golf team. If you are interested in playing golf and/or would like more information, please contact Kathleen Boyle at 341-8575 or email at [theboyles@insightbb.com](mailto:theboyles@insightbb.com).


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# PTO NEWS

The St. Joseph School PTO wants to welcome you all to the new school year. The PTO has big plans for this year including some old favorites like Ladies Night Out, Teacher Appreciation Week, Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, Family Night Bingo, and much more! The PTO also has some new activities, based on your ideas and feedback. They include a Mother-Son event on November 6<sup>th</sup> and a Father-Daughter event on March 5<sup>th</sup>. so save the date!

It's not too late to send in your PTO sign-up form and sign up for PTO membership. For just \$10, you'll receive information and invitations to great events, a St. Joseph School Family Directory, and you'll be supporting the efforts of the PTO.

Every parent is invited and encouraged to attend Open PTO meetings. Attending a PTO meeting is a great way to meet other St. Joes parents and can give you an inside view of what's happening in your child's school. It also gives you a voice in planning upcoming events and activities. Open PTO meetings begin at 7pm in the library on the following dates:

- **September 10**

*\*Door prizes and out of uniform pass for the class with the highest number of parents in attendance at the first Open PTO Meeting.*

- **November 12**
- **January 14**
- **March 11**

The new PTO executive committee would like to thank you in advance for the time and effort you give each year to enrich the St. Joes experience. We welcome any new ideas or suggestions. Just let us know what's on your mind or what you'd like to see.

## **PTO Board**

**Beth Campbell – President**

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**Trisha Gamel - President Elect**

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**Ronni Smith - Secretary**

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**Sally Dressman – Treasurer**

**joed@zoomtown.com**

**Jamie Diebold - Volunteer Coordinator**

**diebold@fuse.net**

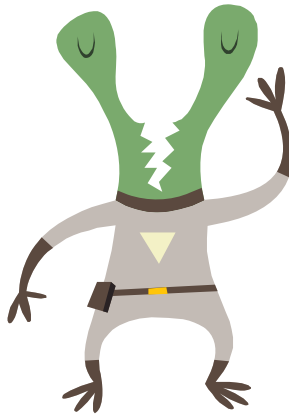
**Jill Cahill - Public Relations Coordinator**

**jillcahill@hotmail.com**

The PTO still needs one or two Event Coordinators. Sign up by yourself or as a team. If there is a single event you would like to coordinate, please contact Beth Campbell at bcampbell@fuse.net.

They're coming.....

# ALIEN ADVENTURE!



**Sunday, September 13, 2009**  
**12:45 – 2:30 PM- UFO sightings in the FCC**  
**6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade parishioners welcome!**  
**Dress as your favorite alien.**  
**Food provided.**