



St. Joseph School
A National Blue Ribbon School
September 30, 2009
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Rooted in Christ

October is Right to Life Month and also the Month of the Rosary. In honor of this we will be saying a decade of the rosary after Mass on Wednesdays in October.

Students were given the pledge sheets and the information for the Wok-A-Thon at an assembly last Friday. The purpose of the fundraiser is to raise money to replace the computers in our lab. I did remind the younger students that they should not solicit pledges in their neighborhood without a parent, and I asked the older students to check with their parents before going out.

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.

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. ***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 Monday 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 late last week 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.

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.

Elementary Academic Team

Please see the newsletter attachment for important 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.

Saint Francis Pet Blessing

The Junior High CFA Club is sponsoring a St. Francis Pet Blessing on Tuesday, October 6th at 1:00 pm in the Mary Garden. All students are welcome to have a parent or friend bring their pet to school at 1:00. All pets must be on a leash or contained in a kennel or cage. If you cannot bring your pet to school or do not have a pet, feel free to bring a picture or a stuffed animal to be blessed in honor of all God's creatures. To help feed our classroom pets, all students who donate \$1 will be able to wear animal or green accessories. The homeroom with the highest percent of students participating will receive a CFA visit with all of our class pets! *All students must go back to their classrooms after the blessing and will not be permitted to leave early with their parent, pet or friend.

Burger Bash

McDonald's has offered us the opportunity to earn some money for the school. We can earn a percentage if we visit there on Oct. 6th between 5-8 and mention St. Joe's.

Picture Day – Tuesday, October 13

Tuesday, October 13 is picture day. Order forms are being sent home with each student today. 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.

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 2:30 – 4:20 at Notre Dame. 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 and volunteers 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

- Sept 30 Academic Team Meeting 5:30 pm
School Library - Parents & Students
- Oct 5 Computer Club 2 – 3
- Oct 6 Saint Francis Pet Blessing 1:00 pm
McDonald's Burger Bash 5 – 8 pm
- Oct 7 Academic Team Practice 4 – 5:15 in the
Library
- 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
STUCO 2 – 3
- 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
- Box Tops News
- Youth Ministry Announcement & Permission From

ATHLETIC UPDATE

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

St. Joseph 6th grade volleyball invitational tournament is Friday, Oct. 2nd and Saturday, Oct. 3rd at St. Agnes/St. Joseph. Come cheer on our 6th 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.**

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

Please go to the school website and click on SJSAAA for information on the worker schedule.

Interested in Cheering on the Cavs?

We are gauging the interest in having a Cheerleading squad at St. Joseph this year. This activity would be open to girls in the 5th through 8th grades. Being a member of the Cheerleading squad will conflict with participating in Basketball. If you are interested please contact Tiffany Salsman at 331-7979 or tiffanysalsman@yahoo.com.

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.

We will have our first practice starting next 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 this meeting, feel free to e-mail me (kysoze@fuse.net) or call me (859-426-1901).

Thanks,

Andy Strange

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.**