



St. Joseph School
A National Blue Ribbon School
November 4, 2009
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Rooted in Christ

This month our theme is Rooted in Gratitude and our symbol is the colored leaves of autumn. There are many times in our lives that we are blessed to have been on the receiving end of acts of kindness from others. Unfortunately we take many things for granted and fail to acknowledge the gifts we receive. The students will be asked to think about the many gifts they have been given, including their faith. We will encourage them to thank God for their blessings and also to say "thank you" to others for the many things we are given. Hopefully you will also hear these words at home when you help them with their homework, drive them to different events, prepare their meals, etc. Our leaves will indicate the many things for which we are thankful.

Fifth Grade Personal Products Collection

Fifth grade will be collecting personal hygiene products until November 20 for the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Sisters provide compassionate care for elderly men and women with very limited resources. Personal hygiene items might include: bar soap, deodorant, body wash, scrubbies, shampoo, mouthwash, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Fifth graders will collect items brought in from the homerooms. Thanks for all you do to make our service projects successful.

Wok-A-Thon

The Wok-A-Thon has been re-scheduled for this Friday, Nov. 6. So far the weather forecast calls for clear skies and no rain. Students may wear jeans, sweat pants, or spirit wear pants, but must wear their Wok-A-Thon shirts. They should dress for the weather.

Thanksgiving Toy Collection

The annual school Thanksgiving Mass and toy collection is Wednesday, November 18th. We are collecting new or gently used toys for the less fortunate. The children will offer up their toy for the collection in the opening procession. One toy

will be carried up, but you may donate more if you wish. Please encourage your child to be part of this special service opportunity.

After School Activities Pick-up

Please remember to park in the assigned parking spots when picking up students from after school activities. With so many activities scheduled and dismissal from these activities around the same time, there are many students in the parking lot. Please be careful and mindful of the students and other cars in the parking lot.

Box Tops and Campbell's Labels

Thank you for supporting our October competition. We earned \$765.10 from the Box Tops collection. The homeroom that brought in the most Box Tops was 2B. The winner of the Campbell label collection was 4B. The teachers of those homerooms will select a day to be out of uniform. Please continue to save Box Tops and Campbell labels, as we will have another competition in January.

From the PTO

Volunteers are still needed for the Wok-A-Thon this Friday at the same times as originally scheduled. Please contact Beth Campbell if you have any questions.

Volunteers are needed for the Ice Cream Social, one of the Wok-A-Thon prizes. We will be hosting it on Wednesday, November 11 at 1:15 pm in Noll Hall. Please email Beth Campbell at bcampbell@fuse.net if you are able to help.

All SJS parents are invited to attend the next Open PTO meeting. It is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 12 at 7:00 pm in the library. We had a great turnout for the last meeting and many good ideas were shared. We hope you can join us!

Please submit your nominations for the SJS **Volunteer of the Month!** It's our way to recognize

our volunteers. Please send nominations to PTO President Beth Campbell at bcampbell@fuse.net and thank the SJS volunteers who are so generous with their time and talents. If you know of someone who is making a difference at SJS, please nominate them! You can nominate teachers, staff members, and/or parents who volunteer at school.

Also this Friday, November 6th, the PTO will hold the **Father-Daughter Square Dance from 6:00 - 9:30 pm**. The price is \$15 per family. Sign-up forms can be found on the “Forms” page of the school website.

Market Day

In School Orders due Mon., Nov 16
Internet orders due Thurs., Nov 19
Pick up Tues., Nov 24 from 7 – 8 pm

You may order online at www.marketday.com. The Saint Joseph School account number is 16276. If you have any questions, please contact Trisha Gamel at 344-1068.

Snow Closing/Delays and Private Transportation

On Monday, November 2, information was sent home with the youngest student in each family regarding Snow Closings and Delays as well as Private Transportation procedures. Please review this information as the afternoon pick-up locations have changed since last year.

Mini Bank Information

The next Bank of Kentucky Mini Bank Program will be on Tuesday, November 17 from 7 – 7:20 am. The Mini Bank will be available every first and third Tuesday of each month. There will also be a special drawing for new participants in the program. Look for all the details and the permission slip to participate on the “Forms” page of the school website.

St. Joseph Athletic and Activity Association

Our next General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, November 11 at 7:00 pm in the school library. Please join us and learn about all we do to

support our school. Thank you! Learn more about the SJS AAA at <http://www.sjsaaa.com/>

Skyline Time

Our next night at Skyline will be Tuesday, November 17 from 5 – 8 pm. Please purchase gift certificates from the certificate program before you go.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is again selling Entertainment Books. These books are valid now until November 1, 2010 and offer great discounts or free items at various locations in the Greater Cincinnati area. Cost is only \$20 and benefits parish youth ministry. More information, order forms and a list of just some of the participating businesses are posted on the “Forms” page of the school website. These make great Christmas gifts.

Cov Cath Middle School Football

All players on the Cov Cath 7th and 8th grade football teams will be honored for their championship seasons at the varsity playoff game at Cov Cath on Saturday, November 7 at 1 pm. All current 6th and 7th graders interested in learning more about the football program are encouraged to attend the varsity game to meet Head Coach Ted Edgington. You must attend a Covington diocesan school to participate in the Cov Cath middle school football program. Any questions, email Coach Edgington at coachedgington@yahoo.com.

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.

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.**

Calendar

- Nov 4 SJS AAA Open Meeting – 7:00 pm
- Nov 6 Wok-A-Thon
Father Daughter Dance 6 – 9:30 pm
Noll Hall
- Nov 9 Computer Club 2 – 3 pm
Yearbook 2 – 3 pm
- Nov 11 First Quarter Honors Assembly following
9:00 all School Mass
Academic Team Practices 4 - 5:15pm
Chess Club 2 – 3:25 pm
Quilt Club 2 – 4 pm
Confirmation Class 7 – 8:30 Noll Hall
SJS AAA Open Meeting 7 pm
- Nov 12 Elementary Academic Team Competition
at River Ridge 3:30 pm
PTO Open Meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov 16 Picture Retake Day
- Nov 17 Skyline Night 5 – 8 pm
- Nov 18 Thanksgiving Mass 9:00 am
STUCO 2 – 3 pm
Academic Team Practices 4 – 5:15
Confirmation Class 7 – 8:20 pm
Parish Hall
- Nov 19 Elementary Academic Team Competition
At St. Joe's vs. St. Agnes 3:30 pm
- Nov 20 November Birthday Out of Uniform

Attachments

Bank of Kentucky Announcement

Posted on School Website “Forms” Page

Mini Bank Information Letter and Permission Slip
Entertainment Book Order Form
Gift Certificate Order Form
“Justice in a Global Economy” Announcement

ATTENTION ST. JOSEPH
SCHOOL PARENTS

**OPEN UP A MINI BANK SAVINGS
ACCOUNT BY NOVEMBER 20TH**
(Forms on school website)

AND

**BE ENTERED FOR A CHANCE TO
WIN A \$15 SKYLINE GIFT CARD!**

**DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON
NOVEMBER 24TH**

Have a safe Thanksgiving!!
