



June 2, 2008

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2007-8 school year quickly draws to a closed, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to St. Joseph School. We hope your children have grown in character and in knowledge. During the summer, I hope you can find time to offer enrichment activities to your children as well as time to rest and relax. However, Reading and Math skills can get rusty. While children do need vacation time, these skills must be continually practiced to keep them up to date. Please do not complete the entire summer packet in the first two weeks and don't put it off to the last two weeks either.

Listed below is the calendar for the opening days in the fall.

- Mon. Aug. 18th - Homerooms and calendar posted on website
- Thurs. Aug. 21st - Orientation Day for New Students in grades 1 to 8
- Mon. Aug. 25th - School opens for Grades 1 to 8 - Noon dismissal
- Tues. Aug. 26th - School open for Grades 1 - 8 - Noon dismissal & Kindergarten by appointment
- Wed. Aug. 27th - Full Day for Grades 1 to 8 - Kindergarten by appointment
- Thurs. Aug. 28th - Full Day for Grades 1 to 8 - Kindergarten dismisses at 11:30
- Fri. Aug. 29th - School closed
- Mon. Sept 1st - School Closed for Labor Day Holiday
- Tues. Sept. 2nd - School open full day Grade 1 to 8
Kindergarten dismisses at 11:30
Pre Kindergarten with parent by appointment

Congratulations to the 51 Eighth Graders who graduated on Tuesday, May 27th. Many received awards and recognitions. Please look for the complete listing in the bulletin. Congratulations also to 4th graders Erin Shoul and Brian McGuire on receiving The Holy Name and Sodality Award Endowment Award for 5th through 8th grade.

Remember that during the summer the school office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 to 12:30. May you and your family be blessed with a relaxing and peaceful summer. Keep us in your prayers and we will keep you in ours.

Peace,

Mrs. Phyllis Karko

HASA UPDATES

JUNE 2008

Schooooooool's Out for Summer! (If you remember this song, you're showing your age! Unfortunately, I think I had the album...and yes, it was an album!) Before you head out of St. Joe's for the last time in the 2007/2008 school year, I just wanted to update everyone on a few things.

We do still need **Chair People**! Many of you stepped up after the last General Meeting and volunteered to help out, but we still have a few openings.

We do not have anyone to run:

HAMBURGER DAY (4th Tuesday of the Month Oct-April)

THE FASHION SHOW (in April)

WINE TASTING (tentative for February)

CHICK FIL A NIGHT (probably December 8th)

If you are interested in Chairing or Co-Chairing 1 of the above (or just have questions about it), please feel free to email me @ Staceynchris@comcast.net or call me @ 410-256-5898. You can also contact any member of the Board. Our info can be found on the St. Joseph's website.

Also, as I mentioned @ the final General Meeting, the HASA would like to host a **Back-to School Picnic** in mid-August for all the returning families. This would be a Cookout/Pot Luck/Fun & Games kind of day. It would be a way for the kids to get back together with everyone before school starts up again on August 25th.

If you would like to be contacted about the Picnic, please sign up for email notification @ www.stjoeschool.org Go to the Newsletter link, then enter your email information to receive updates by email. This will also send you the Newsletter by email in the next school year.

There are also a few special Thank You's that need to go out.

Kim Holland and Debbie Antonio would like to send a BIG NEW YORK THANK YOU to all our wonderful **Fashion Show** volunteers...we had many new helpers this year and everyone did a fantastic job! Our scenery and centerpieces were incredible; our store coordinators and model coordinator did a fabulous job – as did our models! Our basket raffle was extremely nice thanks to our basket committee and raffle sellers! It takes a lot of teamwork to make this event run smoothly and we want to thank everyone for all their cooperation and hard work.

PLEASE NOTE: We are looking for a new chairperson for next year and hope this longstanding tradition will be able to continue as we know our second and eighth graders (and their parents) always look forward to it! Please contact one of us if you are interested and we'll be sure to give you everything you need to know! Thanks again for volunteering and a job WELL DONE!!

The **Golf Tournament** Committee would also like to thank everyone that supported the Tournament this year. Whether you signed up to Golf (they had 32 foursomes), bought a raffle ticket for the \$5000 in prizes, sponsored a sign, donated a gift or volunteered to help out, it was well worth it. It was quite a successful day!

A big "Thank You" also goes to Carolyn Turner and all of her 7th Grade Parents who helped host the **8th Grade Graduation Reception**. It was a very nice affair for our graduates!

Have a Safe and Happy Summer!

Stacey King

HASA President

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