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Monthly Newsletter



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GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier. If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. If you judge people, you have no time to love them.”

Saint Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are excited and honored to share with you some great news. U.S. Secretary of Education, John B. King, Jr., announced on Wednesday, September 28th that St. Joseph School has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. St. Joseph School is one among 279 public and 50 private schools receiving this honor. If you would like to watch the official announcement please go to the following link <http://nationalblueribbonschools.ed.gov/>.

The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle, and high schools where students achieve very high learning standards or are making notable improvements in closing the achievement gap. The award affirms the hard work of students, educators, families, and communities in creating safe and welcoming schools where students master challenging content. The National Blue Ribbon Schools flag gracing a school's building is a widely recognized symbol of exemplary teaching and learning. National Blue Ribbon Schools are an inspiration and a model for schools still striving for excellence.

Now in its 34th year, the National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has bestowed this coveted award on fewer than 8,500 schools. Mrs. Ashby and I will represent Saint Joseph's at a two-day awards ceremony in Washington, D.C., to celebrate the schools hard-won achievements.

We know how hard our teachers and students work on a daily basis but we are still overwhelmingly humbled by this award. Thank you for all of your hard work and support and please know the best is yet to come. Please remember to reach out to us with any needs, concerns or suggestions this year.

Blessing and Peace,

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Principal's Scholars Recognized at Awards Dinner

On Thursday, **October 6th**, 114 students will be honored as Principal Scholars for their academic achievement during the 2015-2016 school year. A 'Principal Scholar' is a student who, in 4th through 8th grade, achieved either First or Second Honors on each of their trimester report cards. All these students and their families, about 500 people in all, gather in the Parish Center (in their "Sunday Best"!) for a dinner and awards presentation. It is also a homecoming for our more recent freshmen as they are acknowledged for their work in 8th grade. In addition, we induct the 8th grade graduates who earned recognition into the National Junior Honor Society during the award portion of the evening. An advance 'Thank you' goes out to Mrs. Karen Ellis, our chairperson who spent her summer coordinating this wonderful event.

Individual Picture Day

Our Home and School Association will sponsor Individual Picture Day on Wednesday, October 5th. All children will have their personal picture taken here at school. Children may wear their school uniform or they may wear nice clothing to school. It is the parent's choice. Please do not dress your child in shoes that might cause them to slip (no backless shoes, slippery dress shoes, heels or boots). Children should wear tennis shoes. The picture will not show the shoes. Tennis shoes are required if your child has P.E. that day. In addition our 8th graders will have their picture taken for the composite picture for the alumni wall in the hall. They must wear full winter uniform for their portrait.

These pictures make great gifts and will be ready in time for Christmas.

Individual Picture Make-Up Day is Thursday, October 20th.

Hot Lunch Begins!!

The Hot Lunch Program begins on Tuesday, October 4th and continues almost every Tuesday and Thursday through January. Lunches were ordered and could be paid for online. We hope that this was a convenience you enjoyed. The HASA Hot Lunch Committee has worked very hard to keep you informed about the content of the program. (Please note: There is no lunch scheduled for October 18th because of Chicken Dinner clean up in the kitchen. You have not paid for this day.)

Genevieve Wrapping Paper Reward Day

Thanks to our families for their support of the Genevieve fundraiser this year. Any student that participated in the fundraiser won an out of uniform day prize for Thursday, October 6th. These students may wear modest, appropriate school clothing. Please make sure that the clothing does not have words, symbols or pictures that are offensive, violent or critical. Children should wear tennis shoes (required if they have P.E). Make-up, jewelry, unusual hair, etc. are not allowed on out of uniform days.

Archdiocese of Baltimore Learning Differences High School Fair

Families with middle school students are invited to attend the Learning Differences High School Fair. It is a great opportunity to meet representatives from our Catholic high schools, and learn about the programs and resources available for students with learning differences. The fair is Wednesday, October 12th from 6:30 – 8:30 at the St. Mark Parish Center, 26 Melvin Avenue, Catonsville, MD 21228.

School Closed and Parent Conferences

St. Joseph School will be closed to students on Monday, October 10th for Teacher Professional Development and Parent Conferences. Parents are reminded to sign up for conferences via the school website. Conferences are available on Monday, October 10th from 1 – 6 and Tuesday, October 11th from 4 – 7 by appointment.

Winter Uniforms Begin

School winter uniforms begin on Monday, October 17th. Please check your uniform inventory now so the clothing will be ready in mid-October. See your handbook (pages 7 to 9) for details. Mr. D'Adamo will determine when PE uniform needs to switch to only sweat clothes and he will inform the students.

Parish Chicken Dinner and Bazaar Needs Volunteers

The famous St. Joseph Parish Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 16th. This event raises money to directly support the school. Please volunteer on Friday or Saturday morning and especially during the event on Sunday. Dads, it has become a tradition for you to help on Saturday in the back room of the kitchen with the chicken preparation. There is always laughter and lots of fun as the men get the birds ready! In addition, we will be asking families with students in grades 4 to 8 to bake or buy bake goods to donate for the cake stand. Mr. Pipkin will provide a Pizza Party to the class that brings in the most cakes. Help is still need for Sunday, October 16th from 11 – 3 and from 2 – 5. Any assistance you can provide is greatly appreciated. (FLYER AT THE END)

Red Ribbon Week & Anti-Drug Parade

During the week of October 24th, children will be presented with anti-drug and anti-tobacco education. During this week, teachers offer information and advice on drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention as appropriate to each grade level. At 1:00 on Friday, October 28th, we will have a great time spreading anti-drug ideas through our annual Red Ribbon Week Parade. Look for details on the flyer that came home with your child.

HASA Information

Please keep a look out for HASA information in the weekly blast.

HASA Trunk or Treating

The 1st Annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Saturday, October 29th from 6:15 – 8:30. A flyer will be going home and one is below as well. There will be music, food, fun, prizes for the best decorated car and oh yes CANDY!! Please get in your response as soon as possible, spaces are limited. We look forward to seeing everyone out on the LOT! (FLYER AT THE END)

ST. JOSEPH IS RACING FOR EDUCATION

WE ARE RACING TO HELP OUR SCHOOL!

If your child has not given you the Race for Education packet, please (if you dare!) take a look in their backpack. Each year, we ask family friends and relatives to sponsor your child in our Race for Education. Many times, parents send in their computerized Christmas card list. We send the letters out from the school. On Friday, November 4th, our students do walking or jogging laps on our campus to raise money for our school. Here is just a sampling of the prizes available:

- * Your child's homeroom receives a prize if there is 100% participation.
- * Your child gets a dress down day or snack for every five labels brought in.

Please help us reach our \$50,000 goal by filling out the label sheet. The packet has all the information,

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Do you know someone in your life who might be interested in a Catholic education for their child? Please spread the word that our school is hosting an Open House for prospective parents on **Friday, November 11**, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. This is a great opportunity to see our school "in action". If you know someone who is interested, please have them call 410-256-8026 to set up an appointment. Our second Open House will be held on Sunday, January 29, from 1:30-3:00 p.m., during Catholic Schools Week. No appointment is necessary for this Open House, and our entire staff will be on hand to answer questions about our school.

BLUE RIBBON AWARENESS

Although I shared the background of the Blue Ribbon Award in my opening letter I just want to reiterate how PRESTIGIOUS this award has become and the tremendous gratitude I have to you, your students, the teachers, Mrs. Karko, and Mrs. Michaud for making this possible for us as a family. You have probably have heard of this award but it is very difficult to attain and it is truly an honor to receive it on behalf of the entire school family. This award represents all we strive for as Catholic educators. We ask that you now spread the word and share all our good news with your friends, families, co-workers and social media of how great our school is and now it has been recognized nationally. Thank you again for all of your support. Please look for more chances to celebrate our Blue Ribbon Award.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST REGISTRATION OPEN

The High School Placement Test will take place on **December 3rd and 10th** at various locations across the Archdiocese. Online registration opened on September 6th including the option for online payment. For the link to register and all information regarding the High School Admissions process, see our high school web pages located at <http://www.archbalt.org/schools/highschool-information/>. Any questions, please contact Rachel Harkins Ullmann, rachel.harkins@archbalt.org

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities and programs are posted on the new bulletin board, presented to students in class and sent home on a weekly basis. Please keep a look out for all new opportunities as they become available. (FLYERS AT THE END)

Student Awareness Committee (SAC) Purple Friday's

The SAC (Student Awareness Committee) will be sponsoring PURPLE FRIDAYS for all Ravens' home games. Each week that there is a home game, students will have the opportunity to show their purple spirit. They are invited to wear a Ravens jersey, shirt, or purple shirt over their St. Joe's uniform bottom. Participants are asked to donate \$1.00. The SAC will be sending the donations to various charities decided upon by the student members. This is a great way to show purple spirit and also help those less fortunate. Go RAVENS!!! Our first Purple Friday raised \$385. It has been donated to Preservation Maryland to help with rebuilding and preserving historic Ellicott City after the flooding that occurred in July.

SAC Canned Food Drive Contest

The SAC (Student Awareness Committee) will be sponsoring a Canned Goods Food Drive with a twist. Not only will we be collecting canned goods, but we will be competing against four other schools for the honor of winning the WE CAN DO IT! Trophy. The schools we will be challenging are: St. Ursula's, Immaculate Heart of Mary, St. Michael's Overlea, and St. Stephen's Bradshaw. The drive will be from October 31st through November 21st. Our canned food items will be distributed to St. Clement's Catholic Church Food Pantry. The other schools will also select donation sites. Make St. Joseph's # 1 by sending in canned goods with your child. We CAN win and we will! We put down the challenge and we will announce the winner on, Wednesday, November 23rd. Please help the SAC bring home the first annual trophy!!

Field Trips This Month

October 7th – 6th Grade Genesee Valley

October 12th – Kindergarten – Jones Farm

2nd Grade – Steppingstone Museum

October 21st – Pre – K – Chapel Hill Farm

October 26th – 1st Grade – Clark's Elioak Pumpkin Farm

Do you know how to tell which pumpkin in the patch will have the most seeds? 2A will be finding out when they make a prediction and scoop out the seeds of 3 pumpkins and then count them!! What is your prediction? We will share the results in November.

Shield The Vulnerable Training Reminder

We are very excited to have many volunteers take part in any and all activities that we host here at St. Joseph School. We just need to make sure that anyone who wants to volunteer to work with or around children has completed the Archdiocesan Shield the Vulnerable Training. Please contact Mrs. Brooks in the school office. The process involves online training and confirmation that it is complete before you are allowed to attend and/or volunteer around the children.

ACRE Testing

8th Grade students will be taking part in the ACRE testing this week. A notice went home with students reminding them of this assessment.

THANKS TO...

I would like to send out a big “THANK YOU” to all the families who participated in the Genevieve’s Fundraiser this year. A special Thank You goes out to Mrs. Gina Bollino and Mrs. Michelle Smith for all of your hard work in making this event so successful and special for our students.

I would also like to thank all of the HASA parents and especially Mrs. Michelle Streckfus and Mrs. Julie Petr for chairing the amazing Grandparents Day. Everyone had a great time and we are still receiving calls and notes thanking the school for this great event.

CONGRATULATIONS

National Junior Honor Society

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into the St. Joseph School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. To qualify, these students earned all A’s or above for the previous year end (a B+ allowed in Enrichment Math), and demonstrated service, leadership, citizenship and character. During the ceremony on Thursday, September 15th past members read the criteria and welcomed the new inductees. We are very proud of:

National Junior Honor Society Inductees from 2015-2016

Current Grade 7

Joshua Aung

Jacob Brown

John Carey

Jan Iringan

London Poist

Corinne Quaerna

Caroline Trimble

Timothy Villanueva

Grade 8

Colin Armentrout

Adam Bartosz

Kaylee Copenspire

Matthew Crenshaw

Clarisse Dapul

Nathan Ellis

Kendall Feiler

Ana Maria Frujinoiu

Brandon Hermosa

Haya Jokhader

Elizabeth Ramoy

Kesley Reynolds

Samuel Stitz

Jakob Taylor

Kyleigh Waugh

The following students earned their place in the NJHS during the 2015-2016 school year. They will be inducted during the Principal's Scholars' Dinner on October 6, 2016.

Grade 9 (Graduated June 2016)

Natalie Barlow

Claudine Blanco

Kaitlyn Bozinski

Derrick Candia

George Carey

Maria Cary

Sienna Fink

Carla Golubev

Emma Haffer

Julia Haley

Marisa Reitz

Russel Reside

Elaine Sanico

Caroline Seay

Ryan Seay

Heather Shanty

Grace Whaley

Graham Wilson

BONUS PROGRAMS

During the year, through the efforts of the Home and School Association, funds are raised using a variety of bonus programs. Some of these programs are on-going; others have a beginning and ending point. But in all cases they raise money for our school by points you accrue through purchasing their products. We continue to do the following programs with great success and encourage you to send in your Campbell Labels and Boxtops for Education!!

Programs include:

Boxtops for Education

Giant

Campbells

*Coca Cola – We received a check for \$42.43 this week from your efforts. Every
Every dollar counts.*

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Let's Tackle Fall!!!

Please remember the following;

1. Please report all absences and specify symptoms, in order to track any trends.
2. We will not have the Flu vaccine offered at school this year so PLEASE make an appointment with your pediatrician to have your children vaccinated.
3. Continue to educate your children on covering their cough and sneezes. It is very important to wash or sanitize our hands frequently, especially after using the bathroom and before and after we eat.



WHEN: Saturday, October 29th 2016 (Rain date, To Be Determined)

WHERE: St. Joseph's Fullerton Parking Lot

TIME: Parking Lot will open at 6:15 pm to park & decorate your trunk (decorating is not required but encouraged). Please do not arrive any earlier than 6:15 pm due to 4:30 pm Mass departure.

Parking Lot will close at 7:15 pm (no other cars will be allowed on the lot. See rules)

TRUNK OR TREAT will promptly start at 7:30pm and end at 8:30pm. (Read ALL the rules on the back)

-Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks for sale provided by the SJAA.

-Kona Ice/Hot Chocolate for sale through Kona Ice.

-PRIZES will be awarded for Best Trunk!

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer by **October 21st** with your money and number of adults and children.

Check: Checks can be made out to St. Joseph's HASA. # of Adults ____ # of Children ____

Cash: \$10.00 per car Student's Name: _____ Homeroom: _____

Send to school office c/o St. Joseph HASA/ Joyce Dietrich – TRUNK or TREAT 2016

RULES!!!



-All cars must purchase a ticket in advance. No tickets will be sold at the event! Every car must have a ticket/admission slip.

-We will not save spaces. First come first serve. If you wish to park next to a friend please arrive with that person driving in front of or behind you.

-Cars must be turned off during the event.

-The Parking Lot will open at 6:15 pm (for parking, and decorating) and close promptly at 7:15 pm (Trunk or Treat starts at 7:30pm). The Lot will be closed until 8:30 pm. No cars will be permitted to enter/leave/drive until the event is over at 8:30pm

-There will be no electricity provided; you can bring a generator if you need it for lights/ decorations.

-Please keep all décor and costumes kid friendly; no gory or “adult” themes or costumes.

-No animals allowed.

-No open flames.



-You are welcome to “tailgate” and bring snacks and drinks. Please be responsible.

-Please bring one - two pieces of candy per child to distribute. **ALL TREATS SHOULD BE STORE BOUGHT AND INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED. NO HOMEMADE TREATS!!** We will provide a head count prior to the event based on tickets purchased so you know how much candy to bring.

-Once you have paid we will return a paper that should be placed on your dash board as you enter the lot. Please try to remember this the day of the event. If however you forget we will have a list of the paid childrens’ names as you enter and are checked in.



CHICKEN DINNER – October 16, 2016

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FRIDAY – October 14 - 8:00 a.m. TO 12:00 p.m.

Needed - Dishwashers, slicers and dicers - LUNCH WILL BE SERVED.

SUNDAY – October 16



11:00 a.m. TO 5:00 p.m. - Food Servers in Kitchen (adults)

10:00 a.m. TO 2:00 p.m. - Dishwashers

2:00 p.m. TO 5:00 p.m. - Dishwashers

12:00 p.m. TO 2:30 p.m. - Bazaar Workers

2:30 p.m. TO 5:30 p.m. - Bazaar Workers



TO VOLUNTEER CALL 410-256-1630 OR EMAIL

KITCHEN HELP

KRISTA - kholder@stjoefullerton.org OR CONNIE - csavage@stjoefullerton.org

BAZAAR WORKERS

MARY ANN - mahultquist@stjoefullerton.org

**VOLUNTEERS SHOULD EMAIL, CALL OR SEND THE FORM BELOW
TO SCHOOL OR THE RECTORY.**

NAME _____ AGE (if under 18) _____

Email: _____ PHONE _____

CIRCLE ONE: KITCHEN BAZAAR

WHEN CAN YOU WORK? FRI _____ TIME _____

SUN _____ TIME _____

DONATE A DESSERT OR BASKET (FOR THE BASKET WHEEL)

**To fill a basket you can pick up a basket in the office
(Bring in Friday, Saturday or Sunday)**



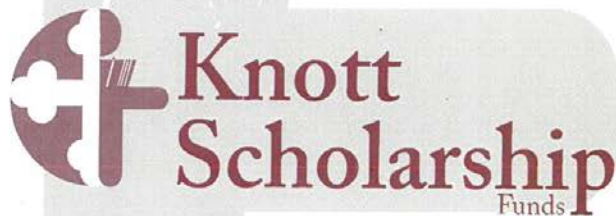
***Thank you for your support.
Without volunteers this will not be a success!***



The Knott Scholarship Funds announce the availability of full tuition scholarships for the 2017/2018 academic year. These scholarships are for four years, beginning in 5th grade or in 9th grade, and are awarded based on exceptional academic achievement.

Catholic students currently in grades 4 or 8 living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard County may apply.

Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic elementary school or a Catholic high school located in these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.



**All application materials are due on April 7, 2017.
Please see the website for additional details.**

Complete qualification requirements and application forms can be found on the web at www.knottscholar.org.

Scholarship Program

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist those Brother Knights holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any **Catholic student** who is a resident of the State of Maryland to include children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

Application period is from October 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2017.