



St. Joseph School, Fullerton

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Monthly Newsletter



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GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Look at the cross and you will know what one soul means to Jesus

-Mother Teresa

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Spring is in full bloom here at St. Joseph School. It is hard to believe how fast the school year has gone by as I write this on March 31st with only 41 days left before we depart for the summer. With all of the things we have going on between now and June 9th, I wanted to highlight a few events that are of particular importance. Our students have been invited to help with the Palm Sunday service down at the Basilica, on Saturday, April 8th during the 5:30 service with Bishop Brennan. Please join us as we begin the celebration of the Holy Week followed by taking part in Light City Downtown. The next event we have coming up is the Spring Play brought to you by our Middle School. Information regarding tickets will be coming home after Spring Break.

The last two items go hand in hand as we work towards constructing a Science Lab over the summer and revealed in August upon the students return. The first is our Annual Appeal Letter that will be coming home over the next few weeks. The next is our First Annual "80's" Adults Only Dance that is taking place on Friday, May 12th from 8 – 12. Please consider supporting both of these efforts to improve our science program.

I wanted to thank you as always for all of the support and love that you give to our children each and every day. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we wish each of you a Happy and Healthy Easter and hope that you all get time to rest and enjoy each other's company over the break.

"Do not think that love, in order to be genuine, has to be extraordinary. What we need is to love without getting tired." – Mother Teresa

Blessing and Peace,

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

REGISTRATION

We are still accepting applications for the 2017 – 2018 school year. Please contact Mrs. Troiano to get information and set up a tour. As we all know, there is nothing better than word of mouth advertising. Share your good experience with friends and family. Our website is also full of information for prospective parents, www.stjoeschool.org. We are also on Facebook!

FACTS

Saint Joseph School will be transitioning to the use of the online tuition program called FACTS. Information regarding this program was sent home at the beginning of January.

2017-2018 TUITION REMINDER

All 2017-2018 tuition payments must be paid through FACTS Tuition Management. Payments will not be accepted by the school office. The link to set up your account is available on the school website at www.stjoeschool.org. The payment plan options and are explained when you set up your account. Also listed are your payment source choices. All accounts must be set up by April 12, 2017. Contact Ann Biggerman (410-256-8026) or abiggerman@stjoefullerton.org with any questions.

HASA INFORMATION

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

SAVE THE DATE

Grades 7 & 8 will be performing in the 2017 Spring Musical “Princess Whatsername”!! The Musical performance will take place on Thursday, May 18th. There will be two performances one at 1:00pm and 7:00pm. Ticket information and flyers will be coming home after the Easter Break.

LET’S KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING! BGE CONTEST NOT OVER YET! PLEASE HELP OUR SCHOOL WIN \$10,000 from BGE!

Our school entered a Baltimore Gas and Electric (BGE) contest and can win up to \$10,000! Please help us! Log on to www.bgegashero.com and vote for the ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL-FULLERTON entry. You can vote 3 times a day on EACH MOBILE DEVICE until April 9! If our school wins, we will use the funds to continue to fund the S.T.E.M. SCIENCE LAB and INTERACTIVE LEARNING SPACE. Every time you log on, each entry will appear in random order. The comic book cover will be shown along with the submitting school (St. Joseph School – Fullerton), teacher’s name (Mrs. Beres) and grade level (four) of the student. This is an EASY way to get us started on our dream to create a state of the art science space!

It’s A Totally Awesome 80’s Dance Party

The Adult Only Dance Party will take place on Friday, May 12th from 8 – 12. More information will be sent home soon.

SPRING CLEANING?

If you find books that your children have outgrown, please consider donating to our school library. If Mrs. Beres cannot use the books, she will drop them off at Good Will or Savers on her way home. Please email Mrs. Beres if you would like to donate, pberes@stjoefullerton.org.

LOOKING FOR HOMEWORK HELP?

Our school's **Homework Connection (HWC)** is here to help your child with their homework! Homework Connection is an after school program which runs **Monday through Thursday from Dismissal (2:50pm) until 4:00pm, and is located in our school library. Students will be dismissed from the Library's back door.** Students have the opportunity to learn good work habits and complete their homework with the support of a teacher. There is a fee involved. Please email Mrs. Loraditch or Mrs. Veise if you are interested in more information.

kloraditch @stjoefullerton.org cveise@stjoefullerton.org

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. mkbrooks@stjoefullerton.org

Summer Uniforms

Students may begin wearing the warm weather uniform option, Monday, April 24th.

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 - \$36.11

THANKS

SAC

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser

The Student Awareness Committee (SAC) recently completed the *Pennies for Patients* for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Fundraiser. Students were asked to donate their spare change over a two week period from March 6-17th. Their names were displayed in the hall outside the school office for all to see. In addition they were able to participate in the “wearing of the green” for St. Patrick’s Day.

After two weeks of collecting boxes, countless recesses opening boxes, and many visits to the Coin Star machine at the Giant, the money has finally been counted. Our grand total was \$3082.02. When we did this fundraiser in 2015 we raised \$1296.24. We doubled it this year. I know that the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society will be impressed and appreciative. As always...THANK YOU, ST. Joseph School Families! You are the best!

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate the following students, teams and organizations for their efforts!!

- Abigail Estavillo (3rd Place), Arianna Banas, and Sophia Sampedro for their participation in the Annual Catholic Bee.
- The 10 -12 Boys Basketball Team for winning the Archbishop League Division II.
- The 4th Grade Boys Basketball Team for winning the 32nd Annual Al Hahn St. Ursula Invitational Tournament.
- The 7th Grade Boys Basketball Team for winning the 32nd Annual Al Hahn St. Ursula Invitational Tournament.
- The School Band for receiving a “Superior” rating at the Instrumental Music Program Festival.
- To Catherine Brooks, Jacob Brown, Elizabeth Ramoy, Jillian Seay, Paige Sokolowski, and Jackson Williams for being selected for the 37th Annual Representation Band Concert on April 5th at Mercy High School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note from The Wellness Command Center

Please remember to ALWAYS report your child's absence to the main office and School Nurse. Specify the student's symptoms as well. This helps to track the number of similar ailments within the classes.

Please check your child's folders or binders for Visit Notes from the School Nurse, sign and return them to school. These allow the School Nurse to know that there has been communication to the parents/guardians about an illness or injury.

Remember the Health Care Policies: A child may not come into school until they are 24 hours symptom free without medication (vomiting/diarrhea/fever) or if prescribed antibiotics, they should have at least 3 doses before returning to school. This is very important to the health and wellness of all the students, faculty, and staff.

Feel free to contact the School Nurse with any questions or concerns at any time via email or phone.

St. Joseph Lenten Seafood Sale

When: Friday, April 14, 2017

Time: 9am – 8pm

Where: Bill's Seafood
9016 Belair Road

Stop in Bill's Seafood for the Lenten Seafood Sale and let them know you are with St. Joseph's School. With each purchase, 10% will come back to St. Joseph.