

# St. Joseph School, Fullerton

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**Last Monthly Newsletter** 



**June 2018** 

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"Go forth and set the world on fire." - St. Ignatius Loyola

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With only seven days of school left, I want to thank each of you again for your constant support as we wrap-up the school year. Over the next week we culminate the year with Field Day, Class Picnics, and our Closing Mass. We would like to congratulate our two retirees, Mrs. Myszkowski and Mrs. Enggaard for their many years of service to St. Joseph School and wish them a happy retirement. They will be dearly missed.

We have a busy summer planned with our last two bathrooms being remodeled and the installation of new water fountains. Due to the work in the bathrooms, the school office will be closed the week of July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Thank you again to everyone who helped the school during the lock down on Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. We also want to thank everyone for their kind donations of food for the faculty and staff. It was greatly appreciated. This was a tough moment for our community but together we reaffirmed our faith that through prayer and family we can work through anything.

This fall we are transitioning from a monthly newsletter to a weekly email update. As a result, this is the last monthly newsletter. We are transitioning in order to give more up to date information in a timely manner.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful summer, filled with time for family and friends. School office summer hours from June  $18^{th}$  – August  $31^{st}$  are Monday – Thursday from 8:00-1:00 with school reopening on Tuesday, September  $5^{th}$ . On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, thank you again for a wonderful school year and we look forward to seeing you back for the 2018-2019 school year.

### "Hello Summer -Let's Have Some Fun."

Blessing and Peace,

Kenneth J. Pipkin

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## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

#### **ROBOTICS CAMP AT SJS**

This is a reminder that the Baltimore Robotics Club will be hosting the  $2^{nd}$  annual Robotics Camp this June at Saint Joseph School Fullerton. The camp is available for Grades 3 - 8 and will take place in the Library. A flyer with more information is at the end of the newsletter and you can sign up online through the school website.

#### HASA INFORMATION

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

#### **Field Days and Picnics**

This is a reminder that our school-wide Field Day will be taking place on Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and the school-wide picnic will take place on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help. The events will only be open to those who were selected to volunteer.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade on a wonderful graduation this past Friday. The ceremony was wonderful. We wish them nothing but the best as they head off to high school.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **THANKS:**

We would like to send best wishes and thanks to Ms. Smythe, Mrs. Maul and Ms. Myers who will be leaving St. Joseph School at the end of the school year. God Bless each of you on your future endeavors.

#### **Personal Information Changes**

Should any of your contact information change over the summer, please notify school as soon as possible. We appreciate hearing about the changes during the summer as they occur so that we can update your records in a timely manner. Summer office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 1:00 but you can email us at any time at <a href="mailto:office@stjoeschool.org">office@stjoeschool.org</a>

#### A Few Openings Remain for 2018-2019

We are still accepting applications for the 2018 – 2019 school year for PreK-4, Kindergarten, and 3rd Grade. If you know someone who is considering a Catholic education for their child, please have them contact Mrs. Troiano at <a href="mailto:admissions@stjoeschool.org">admissions@stjoeschool.org</a> to set up a private tour and get information about the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **Referral Drawing**

Thank you for your referrals this school year. The Referral Drawing winner is the Bolyard Family. Congratulations and we look forward to another great drawing next year!

#### **BEFORE IT GETS TOO CRAZY**

This summer would be an awesome time to work on your mailing labels for our Race for Education. The post office will no longer deliver hand written mailing labels, and the beginning of the year is hard enough! Type them up this summer, and when September comes and that Race for Education packet comes home, all you have to do is hit "PRINT"! Thank you in advance!

#### DO YOU HAVE AN INTERESTING JOB? A SPECIAL TALENT?

If you have a special job or a special talent you'd like to share with our students, could you please let Mrs. Beres know by emailing her at **pberes@stjoeschool.org**? As we look towards next year, it would be nice to know who could share their talents with our students. Thank you!

#### **Counselor's Corner**

It is hard to believe that our school year is coming to close soon!

As you focus on summer plans, I want to remind you again that I am happy to assist with summer programming resources for your children.

I am so grateful, as always, to connect with so many of you and your children at St. Joseph's. Class lessons, student committees such as Mediators, Finding Kind and The Organizers, special projects, the club's program, small groups, one on one meetings, have all afforded me the opportunity to get to know your children, and my life is truly enriched each day by these experiences.

As always, I strive to meet the diverse needs of students, and hope to return next year with new ideas and knowledge to share with you. If there are specific issues you would like me to look into over the summer, please do not hesitate to contact me at gvernick@stjoeschool.org. I will be checking my email throughout the summer months.

In case I don't get to see you before June 13th, I hope you all have safe, relaxing, and most enjoyable summer!

My best,

Gail Vernick

#### From the Nurse:

Parents/Guardians of **current 5th grade students**: Upon entering 6th grade in the 2018-2019 school year, all **6th grade students** will need an updated Health Physical. This ensures that I am up to date on any medical concerns or new medications your child may be taking. I sent a notice home on March 6, 2018, advising parents/guardians of this requirement. You can print the **Maryland School Record of Physical Examination Form** in your School Admin portal or from the school website, www.stjoeschool.org/resources/forms-documents.

Parents/Guardians of current 6th grade students: Upon entering 7th grade, all 7th grade students are required to submit an updated Immunization record in order to enter 7th grade in the Fall. Proof must be provided that 1 dose each of Tdap and MCV (Meningococcal) vaccine has been administered in order to enter 7th grade for the 2018-2019 school year. I sent a notice home March 3, 2018, advising parents of the immunization requirement, in order to afford parents plenty of time to contact their pediatrician's office to request an updated record and verify that the vaccines have been administered already. Most students have received these vaccines, however, their immunization records on file in my office are from when they first entered school originally and must be updated. You may have an updated record faxed to school, if more convenient: fax # 410-529-7234. I will be sending a reminder notice home again in May to those that have not submitted an updated record, before school concludes for this current year. You may contact me if you have any questions. Please note: State law requires proof be provided, a child has up to 20 days from the start of the 2018-2019 school year to provide a current immunization record, after which, exclusion from school will be enforced.

\*\*\*Please remember, if your child/ren has **ANY** medication(s) in the Nurse's office, they **MUST** be picked up the last week of school or they **WILL** be disposed of accordingly.

All medications require a physician's order, including over the counter medications (Tylenol/Ibuprofen). You can find all the medication order forms in your School Admin portal or on the School website, <a href="www.stjoeschool.org/resources/forms-documents">www.stjoeschool.org/resources/forms-documents</a>. Please have your physician complete these forms if you want your child to have medications at school. ALL medications MUST be provided and delivered by an adult to the nurse, including Over the Counter medications.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me anytime via phone or email, **mkonopacki@stjoeschool.org**.

Have a safe and healthy summer!!!!!!





# **Robotics Summer Camp!**

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**Grades 3-5** June 18-22 8:30am-11:30am **Grades 6-8** June 18-22 12:30pm-3:30pm

## Learn

Learn basic robot mechanics from expert coaches, while working on Project Team skills in Programming, Teamwork, Competitive Strategy and established curriculum. State and World Champion level Instruction By coaches and league players!

# Play

Drive and Program your robots to complete fun challenges and **specific** tasks! Even learn to **fly** a drone

## Compete

Prepare and participate in robot competitions!

## **Awards**

T-Shirt & Certificate of Completion

