



St. Joseph School, Fullerton

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GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

"Do not be afraid to be saints.

Follow Jesus Christ who is the source of freedom and light.

Be open to the Lord so that He may lighten all your ways."

Saint Pope John Paul II

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As we settle into fall we welcome cooler weather, shorter days, the changing of the trees and a time for thanksgiving for all that God has provided us. We have so many things to be thankful for as a school family most importantly of which is to be a thriving school that has so much potential and opportunities for each of our students. This success is thanks to three groups of people. The first is you the parents who have entrusted St. Joseph School to provide your children an education grounded in our common faith. The next group is our teachers who on a daily basis deliver an exceptional education to your children due to their tireless efforts to challenge your children to be their best. Last but not least our students, who every day come to school ready to learn and are open to the Lord and allow Him to be a part of their lives.

The month of November also begins the journey to the holiday season. We ask that you check the website, updates and your calendar regularly for all of the upcoming activities in order that you may play a part of St Joseph School. Your involvement and support are critical to our success. Please know how grateful we are for all that you do to support the school. We are all one family in Christ. It is critical that we keep the lines of communication open. Lack of communication, not working together, gossip and the inability to resolve our differences goes against our mission. Our differences are what make our school so amazing because our differences complement our strengths. I am thankful each day for all of your concerns and suggestions because we are always striving to be better and improve as a school. My office is always open and I am available via email if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions. Thank you again for your efforts and I thank you again for being a member of our family.

Blessings and Peace,

Kenneth J. Pipkin

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YOUR INFORMATION IS NEEDED

Intent to Return Survey:

This year we will not be doing the Intent to Return Survey as a paper form, we will be gathering that data via the link below. It will only take you 2 minutes to complete. Thank you for your timely response, as it helps us plan for next year. We ask that all surveys be completed by November 10th. If you only have an 8th grader at SJS, you do not need to complete this form.

[Intent to Return Form](#)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Race for Education:

Our students will be RACING FOR EDUCATION this Friday, November 3rd on our campus. Students will do walking or running laps with their homerooms to raise money for technology improvements at our school. We want to thank all our parents who gave up their precious time to TYPE mailing labels so we can contact your relatives and family friends and ask for their sponsorship. This event normally raises over \$50,000 for our school, thanks to your help. If anyone asks, we will gladly accept donations even after RACE DAY, and we normally receive checks through January! We also want to thank all those wonderful parents who showed up to help on CLASSROOM MAILING DAY – Always a challenging day. There is also a group of ladies who help Mrs. Beres with the processing of the paperwork and donations: Mrs. Hudson (Mariana, 5A), Mrs. Figas, (Niko, 1B,), Mrs. Boze (Liam, 3A), Mrs. Rosenberger (River, 2A), Mrs. Ellis (Zachary, 4B and Katie, 6A), Mrs. Pac (Max, 1A) and anyone else who kindly showed up at the Library doors, and said, “I have an hour to spare!”

REMINDER: ALL students need to wear their ***WINTER PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIFORM*** on Friday, November 3 (Race for Education Day) and bring a jacket (the weather forecast predicts high in mid-60’s and it’s always a little colder up on the hill by the new graveyard).

DATES FOR RACE FOR EDUCATION DRESS DOWN AND SNACK DAYS:

If your child qualified for Race for Education Dress Down Days, they can be used November 13, 14, 15, 16, or 17. Certificates will be coming home shortly. In addition, they can cash in their Race for Education Snack Certificates (also coming home shortly) on Wednesday, November 15.

You are Invited to Attend:

The HASA General Meeting is on Thursday, November 9th. This meeting will include a special presentation, an “Open Mic” with the administration and a “SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT”. Please keep a look out for HASA information in the weekly blast.

Open House:

Please spread the good word about our upcoming Open House on Friday, November 10, from 8:30-11:30 am. If you know someone who might be interested in our school, please have them call our school office at 410-256-8026 to schedule an appointment. All current parents who refer a new family to our school will be eligible for the \$500 tuition referral drawing in June. There is nothing more effective and powerful than word of mouth advertising!

2nd Annual Canned Food Drive Contest

The entire school is collecting canned goods for the St. Clements' Food Pantry. Cans are being collected through Tuesday, November 21st. We are defending the trophy so "We Can Do It" AGAIN!! We collected 3,583 items for those in need last year. Let's beat that number this year!

2nd Annual Christmas Play

As we kick off the holidays we look forward to seeing everyone at the 2nd Annual Christmas Play – "3 Wise Men and a Baby" on Wednesday, December 20th at 12:30 or 7 to celebrate the Christmas season and our wonderful students. All students have been working in music class to prepare for this show! Look for ticket information to be coming home soon! Please mark your calendars now as all students are expected to be present for both shows.



SCREENAGERS

In coordination with St. Ursula and Immaculate Heart of Mary, we are offering a presentation entitled "SCREENAGERS – Growing up in the Digital Age." This is a presentation to help parents navigate in the digital world. The presentation is being held at St. Ursula on November 16th at 6:30 in their auditorium. I look forward to seeing you there. *Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter.*

Boxes of Joy Project

The SAC (Student Awareness Committee) will be collecting items for the **Boxes of Joy** Project (a ministry of Cross Catholic Outreach) sponsored by The Knights of Columbus. **Boxes of Joy** are shoe-boxed sized boxes filled with items for children that may only receive one gift during the holidays. We have committed to filling 40 boxes (two boxes per Homeroom from Grades PreK-8). Letters will be sent home on November 2nd with the requested items for each grade level.

The collection begins on Friday, November 3rd and ends on Thursday, November 9th. All items are due by end of day, Thursday, November 9th. The SAC students will be filling the boxes after school on that day. Please help us to make this collection a success. Thank you!

High School Placement Test Reminder

This is a friendly reminder that the HSPT is this Saturday, December 2nd or Saturday, December 9th. If you have not signed up for the test, please do so immediately.

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities and programs are posted on the 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.

Shield The Vulnerable Training Reminder

Beginning November 1st the Archdiocese of Baltimore has switched vendors to complete the Shield the Vulnerable training. The new vendor is titled Virtus and will house all of the previous training completed. Two letters are attached to the newsletter to explain the new program. Please contact the office if you still need to register. Just like the previous service the process involves online training and confirmation that it is complete before you are allowed to attend and/or volunteer around the children. Thank you for your support as we transition to this new vendor.

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Closings or delays announced on TV or Radio

This is a reminder that St. Joseph School-Fullerton follows Baltimore County Public Schools in regards to weather related delays and closures. If they are closed, opening late, or dismissing early due to inclement weather or other natural disaster, we will do likewise. There will not be a separate announcement for St. Joseph School unless there is something specific and different that needs to be announced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We would like to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Veise on the birth of their baby boy. We are so blessed to have a new member of the St. Joseph School family.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE NOVEMBER 9TH HASA GENERAL MEETING AT 7:00PM!!!

If you are interested in gaining insights to better handle the everyday challenges of parenting, you will not want to miss this talk.

Please join us for an evening with Dr. Tana Hope, Co-Director of Clinical Services of the Child and Family Clinic at the Kennedy Krieger Institute, who will be sharing her expertise on the topic: Practical Parenting: How to Use Behavioral and Brain-Based Strategies

If you have any questions or would like more information about this event, please feel free to email me at gvernick@stjoeschool.org or call 410-256-8026.

CONGRATULATIONS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Genevieve's Fall Fundraiser. Thank you also to all of our local sponsors that provided the prizes. We had an extremely successful fundraiser, raising \$16,000 to support our school!

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Top Sellers:

Angelina Sine 1A - \$75 Target Gift Card

David Sanico 7A - \$50 Target Gift Card

Evan Stecco 3A - \$25 Target Gift Card

Top Class:

1A - Ice Cream Party (\$4054 in Sales)

\$100 Club (Skyzone Family Fun Pack with 4 1 hour jump passes, 4 sodas & 1 large pizza):

Rees & Beckner Families

Pop The Balloon Contest:

Angelina Sine 1A - 2 Movie Tickets & 2 Beachmont Corn Maze Passes

David Sanico 7A - 4 Monster Mini Golf Passes

Evan Stecco 3A - 2 Movie Tickets & 2 Beachmont Corn Maze Passes

Alita Pirozzi 8B - 2 Ice World Passes & 2 Urban Air Jump Passes

Natalie Sinz 1A - \$50 Gift Card to the All American Steakhouse & Sports Theater & 1 Urban Air Jump Pass

Michele Petrosino 5A - 2 Ice World Passes & 2 Urban Air Jump Passes

Family Prizes:

1 Month Family Membership To The Arena Club - Madelyn Rule-Lucas PKA

5 Free Chick-Fil A Sandwiches or 8 Count Nuggets- Nick Pierorazio 5B, Jason Murray 3B, Shayla Comey 7A, Emily Georgiou 7A, Dylan Dain 2B, Avalina Downes KA, Christian Stecco 7B, Tim Emmanuel 3A, Madelyn Rule-Lucas PKA, Harry Vasilios 4A, Anjuli Jagadesan 1A, JT Castro 6B, Finn Eger 4B, Andrew Murray 5B, Ian Robinson 4A, Ava Januskiewicz 1B

2 Free Tickets To Kennedy Krieger Festival Of Trees - Dylan Berry 3A, Megan Javier 4B, Marcus Keith 7B, Christina Ellis 5B, Jessica Sangalang 4A, Jonathan Schneehagen PKA, Mrs. Enggaard 1A, Elliot Field 1B, Justin Piliotas 7B, Dylan Young 7A

Box Tops Contest:

In our Box Tops for Education contest, Darshan Patel of 4A won the \$10 Target gift card for sending in the most Box Tops, and 4A won the Popsicle party.

THANKS TO...

Thanks to Dr. Joyce Dietrich for organizing another fantastic year at Trunk or Treat! You and your team, epically Candace Letts, Michelle Desantis and Erin Golis planned an awesome night for our families. We also want to thank Betsy Palmer for the Catacombs, as well as SJAA for the food. Thank you to all of the families that participated and help to make it another great and safe night for our students and families!

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 labels, Coca Cola, Recycling

GOT TOO MUCH CANDY???

Not sure what to do with all of that Halloween Candy?? We have the answer... donate it to our troops! Please bring your extra candy to school and place it in the box in the main lobby by Wednesday, November 8th, and we will take care of the rest! Share those goodies..... Don't let that candy go to waste!

NEW PROGRAM

St. Joseph School is excited to begin a Homework Connection for grades 1-3. Please see information below if you are interested.

Homework Connection

Primary!

LOOKING FOR HOMEWORK HELP?

Tired of struggling with your child to get their homework done?

Dear Parents,

We would like to introduce you to the **Homework Connection Primary (HWCP)** at St. Joseph's! Homework Connection Primary is an after school program which runs for an hour, **Monday through Thursday from Dismissal (3:00PM) until 4:05PM. It is held in Room 2. Students will be dismissed from the Library's back door.** Our purpose is for students to have the opportunity to learn good work habits and complete their homework with the support of a teacher.

Students (Gr. 1-3 only) can:

- Work on written and study homework with the support of Homework Connection staff.
- Enjoy a small snack to get energy to tackle their work.
- Work on their homework after school in a quiet, safe environment so that you can enjoy more family time at home.

Teachers (Ms. James, Mrs. Berg, and Mrs. Visalli) will:

- Be on hand to aid students with any difficulties they might encounter with their work.
- Review homework and offer corrections.
- Actively study with students by quizzing, reviewing (i.e. math facts-flash cards), and asking questions.

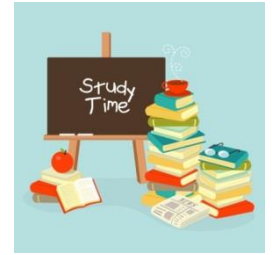
NOTE: This is a group setting; therefore teachers cannot be tutoring individuals.

The cost of the Homework Connection would be \$9 per day with a minimum commitment of two days/week per session. Anyone coming less than two days/week per session will be considered as a drop-in and charged \$12 per day. Payment is due by Thursday of the first week of the session. Any payments received after will be assessed a late fee of \$15. Staffing is based on number of students enrolled on any given day of a session. No refunds for students who are absent or don't attend. **Make checks payable to Kathy James.**

Enrollment is open each session. If you would like to drop in, you need to email the teacher as soon as possible to make sure there is enough room for your child. *Unless you have teacher confirmation via email or phone call that there is space available, your child CANNOT drop in.*

Please send in the attached slip c/o HWCP - Ms. James and you will receive confirmation from the Homework Connection Primary staff.

Homework Connection Primary!



Upcoming Sessions

Session #1	10/02-10/05	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	10/09-10/12	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	10/16-10/19	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	10/23-10/26	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
Session #2	10/30-11/02	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	11/07-11/09	Tues, Wed, Thurs
	11/13-11/16	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	11/27-11/30	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
Session #3	12/04-12/07	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	12/11-12/14	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
Session #4	01/08-01/11	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	01/16-01/18	Tues, Wed, Thurs
	01/22-01/25	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
	01/29-02/01	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs

Child's name: _____ Homeroom: _____

I am registering for session # _____ My child will attend (circle): Mon Tues Wed Thurs

I would like drop-in services only: _____ Any specific day/dates? _____

My child will be picked up by: _____

Parent's name(s): _____

Parent's email: _____ Parent's phone: _____

Is there anything you would like us to know about your child? Is there a particular subject or type of homework (written/study) that you'd like us to have your child focus on while at HWCP?

We encourage you to provide any information in the space below that could help us when working with your child. If you have any additional questions or concerns please email either:

Ms. James: kjames@stjoeschool.org

SCREEN AGERS



GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

BY: St. Joseph Fullerton, Immaculate
Heart of Mary, and St. Ursula Schools

WHEN: 11/16/17 6:30

WHERE: St. Ursula Auditorium

screenagersmovie.com

