

Saints News

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

Just a reminder to mark your calendar to come join our St. Joseph Parish Spring Festival events. Come and join us for the following activities:

Saturday, April 29th Golf Outing

Saturday, May 6th Clay Shoot & Lunch

Friday, May 12th Carnival, Family Dinner, Silent Auction, Plant & Bake Sale

Saturday, May 13th Plant & Bake Sale, Veteran's Ceremony, Bags Tournament, Euchre Tournament, Lunch, Gala Dinner, Auction, & Raffle

Friday Night Euchre: April 7 @ 6PM @ St. Joseph Church Parish Center; \$10/person--Cash Prize!

***Also, don't forget to turn in your raffle ticket stubs and money to the school office.**

There will be no school on Monday, April 10 – Monday, April 16 for the Easter holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday, April 17 at 8:50am.

Peace,
Mrs. Rogers

Spring Festival Raffle Tickets...

Remember...Each family received 10 raffle tickets in your blue folder back in October. The raffle drawing will be at the Gala dinner/auction on Saturday, May 13th. Please remember to reserve your place for the event and also to buy or sell the raffle tickets for your chance to win! Please return the ticket stubs and your money to the school office no later than Friday, May 12th.

St. Joseph School Carnival & Silent Auction

The school carnival and silent auction that will be held on Friday, May 12th is in need of your help. If you donate a gift card for any store/restaurant valued at least \$20, and your child (ren) will earn ONE Free Dress Day! If you purchase the donated gift cards using Scrip, your child (ren) earns TWO Free Dress Days! If you choose to donate the two gift cards, in addition to the free dress, you will receive one volunteer hour toward the required amount. All gift cards must be turned in to the school office by April 28th!

Congratulations to Destination Imagination Team

St. Joseph School students in grades 4-8 had their first competition at BJHS on Saturday, February 18th. They participated in an exciting and creative team competition called Destination Imagination. After weeks of hard work our team, consisting of Billy Small, Brenner Abts, and Mira Medina-Dixon, won First Place! The team will now advance to Affiliate (State) on April 8th at Northern University in DeKalb. Way to go St. Joe's!! Best of luck on April 8th!

Spring Musical 2017 is just around the corner

On Thursday, April 28th, St. Joseph Catholic School will be hosting our annual Spring Musical, Give Our Regards to Broadway. Students in 4th – 8th grades should report to their classrooms between 6:45pm and 6:55pm. The doors to the school will not be open until 6:45pm. Come and see a wonderful performance beginning at 7:00pm.

Capri's and Shorts...

It's that time of year again!!! Students may wear uniform shorts and capris to school beginning April 1st. Please remember they are to be navy or khaki shorts/capris no more than 2" above the knee, belts are required if there are belt loops and tights are not to be worn.

Intruder Drill

The past several years, St. Joseph staff has been running practice drills with the local police department for intruders and active shooters as part of our compliance for the State of Illinois and the safety of our students. This year we are scheduled to run a practice drill for an intruder with students present in the building. We have been notified by the police department that our drill will take place within the week of April 18th. We will be running this drill with our local police department as if we had a hostile person within the building. This means we will be sending out a school reach for parents, calling 911 and locking down the students for safety. Please remember this is ONLY a drill to help prepare our students if we were ever placed in this type of situation. If you happen to be volunteering in the building during this drill, we will have you participate as well. Please follow the instructions given by the school personnel. Thank you in advance.

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Technology Warning for All Parents

Recently students have discovered a new app called Musical.ly. It can be used on either an Apple or Android device. The application is considered insecure. The company claims that it uses filters and you can make your settings private, however, users are still able to search for videos even if they "lock" the site down. Complaints have been reported that pornographic videos have been inserted under names of legitimate videos (i.e. if you searched for My Little Pony videos there could be a pornographic video in there). The company will remove videos if they are reported, but we know once these kids see something it cannot be unseen. Another issue with this application is the private chat feature. You can receive or send pictures and videos in a private chat room. Predators are using this app to groom children into sending inappropriate photos which then they post on child pornography sites. Please take a few minutes to review your child(ren)'s applications on their phones, iPads, Tablets etc. and review with your child(ren) on how to be safe.

Extra-Curricular Recognition Night

Please come join us for our 2016-2017 extra-curricular recognition night on Tuesday, May 2nd beginning at 6:00pm. We will recognize all extra-curricular activities.

Extra-Curricular Coaches for 2017-2018

The extra-curricular committee is looking for coaches for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in sharing your talents with our students, please complete the coaching application and turn it onto the school office by Wednesday, April 6th at 4:00pm.

Extra-Curricular Committee

The Extra-Curricular Committee is looking for new members to join our extra-curricular committee for the 2017-2018 school year. The committee meets every other month and they are responsible for fundraising, running the home basketball/volleyball games, extra-curricular banquet, and recruiting of coaches. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact the school office.

St. Joseph School has K-8 Openings

St. Joseph School has openings for the 2017-2018 school year for Kindergarten – 8th grade. If you are interested in enrolling your child or know of a family who would be interested in attending St. Joseph Catholic School, please call the school office at 347-7194 and schedule a tour.

St. Joseph Preschool Registration

Preschool is now accepting registration for its fall classes. We are offering classes for children between the ages of three to five years old. Beginning this fall, we are offering an all-day 5 year old transitional kindergarten class. If you would like more information or would like to register, please call 347-7194 ext. 226.

Time, Talent & Treasure Volunteer Hours

As we are beginning the 4th nine weeks, I just wanted to remind each family of their commitment to Time, Talent & Treasures for St. Joseph School. When you registered your child(ren) for the 2016-2017 school year, you committed to the following:

Time and Talent:

During the 2016 – 2017 school year, each two parent family will need to complete 20 hours of volunteerism. A single parent family will need to complete 10 hours of volunteerism.

Treasure:

Each family may buy out their family volunteer hours at \$20.00 per hour.

Please take a few minutes and check to see where you are regarding your commitment. You may view your hours in RenWeb by following these instructions:

- Log into RenWeb
- Click on Family Information
- Click on Family Profile
- Click on each parent's name
- Service hours

Please remember there are a few current hours that have not been entered as of yet. If you have any questions, please call the office.

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Notre Dame Scholarship

The Extra-Curricular Committee is sponsoring a scholarship to the top 8th grade student who will be attending Notre Dame High School. The application criteria: 1) GPA; 2) Student Activities; 3) Essay; and 4) Letter of Recommendation. If any 8th grade student is interested in applying for this scholarship, they may pick up an application form from Mrs. Rogers. Applications are due back to her by Wednesday, April 12th.

Payments for After Care and Lunches/snack

This is just a friendly reminder, when paying for after-care and/or lunch/snack; you will need to make out two different checks. One to after-care and the other for lunches and/or snack. Thank you for your cooperation.

Cafeteria

Mrs. Burks has asked for everyone's assistance as she is short several forks and spoons in the school cafeteria. Please check at home to see if you have any silverware that doesn't match yours and return it to the cafeteria. Thank you for your help!!

Payments for Pre/After Care and Lunches/Snack

This is just a friendly reminder when paying for pre/after care and/or lunch/snack; you will need to make out two different checks. One to pre/after care and the other for lunches and/or snack. Thank you for your cooperation.

Camp Ondessonk

A representative from Camp Ondessonk recently spoke with our students about their summer camp. They have two financial assistance programs available. The Camp Ondessonk General Fund offers partial assistance and requires the child to complete an essay. The St. Kateri Scholarship Fund has been established to make Camp Ondessonk accessible to families of limited financial means. Applicant must provide a copy of their most recent Federal 1040 form. Parents can obtain information about both of these programs by contacting their registrar, Becky Jennings, at (618) 695-2489 x109. You may find more information about opportunities for growth and summer fun on their website (www.ondessonk.com). Please send in your registration forms soon to ensure you get a spot in the week of your choice.

Dismissal concerns

Please remember that when you are picking up your child(ren) at the end of the school day, you need to park on the school lot. Please do not park on the street, as the buses cannot maneuver around parked cars. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping everyone safe.

Parents' Corner

Same Answer, Different Strategies

Since math is orderly, children can solve the same problem using different strategies-and still come up with the right answer. Here are ways for your youngster to see this in action.

Add and think. Ask your child to pick three two-digit numbers (say, 22, 54, 18) and add them together. How did he get the sum? He might have added the ones ($2+4+8=14$) and then the tens ($2+5+1=8$ tens, or 80), and then added the results together ($80+14=94$).

Can he think of a different method? For instance, he could make the numbers 'friendlier' to add: Change 22 and 18 each to 20 (since they're both 2 away from 20). Then, add $20+20=40$, and compute $40+54=94$.

Which strategy does he like best?

Roll the dice. Play a game using three dice. First, each person writes the numbers 1-18 on a sheet of paper. On his turn, a player rolls three dice and uses either two or three of the numbers rolled to make one of the numbers on his paper. He may add, subtract, multiply, or divide.

Say your youngster rolls 3, 2, and 5. He could make $10(3+2+5=10$ or $2 \times 5=10)$. Or he might make 1 by subtracting $3-2=1$, or computing $(3+2)/5=1$. How many different ways can he reach the same answer? Cross out each number made-the first player to use all 18 numbers wins. *Idea:* Play again using four dice, trying for the numbers 1-24.

Quote of the Week

To change and to change for the better are two different things.

- German proverb

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April Calendar of Important Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
ADA Weekend		5 th Grade PND Field Trip Scholastic Bowl @ Georgetowne 3:30pm	Wendy's Night 5-7pm Track meet @ PND St. Mark's Relays	2nd Grade Seder Meal Parent's Club Meeting 6:00pm	5 th Grade Mass 7 th Grade Sophia's Kitchen Blue and White Day w/ Jeans Stations of the Cross in gym Spring Euchre Tournament 6:00	Destination Imagination at Affiliate Track meet @ St. Pat's
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	No School – Easter Break	No School – Easter Break	No School – Easter Break	No School – Easter Break	No School – Easter Break	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	No School – Easter Break	Classes Resume 8:50AM	La Gondola Fundraising Night 4-8pm	Education Commission Committee meeting 5:30pm	7 th Grade Mass Track meet @ St. Pat's (County)	Parents Club Krispy Kreme pickup and Recycling Day Track meet @ Eastside (St. Phil)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Extra-Curricular Spring Sports Recognition Mass 11:00am	Spring sports recognition-wear sport shirt w/uniform bottoms Track meet @ Illini Central 4:30pm Extra-curricular meeting 5:15pm	Track meet @ Eastside (Robein) 4:30pm	Scholastic Bowl Regional Tournament	4 th grade PND Field Trip 4-8 Spring Musical 7:00pm	1 st Grade Mass 4 th Grade Living Museum 2:00pm	Spring Festival Golf Outing @ Sunset Track meet @ St. Mary's Metamora
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Spring Festival Euchre Tournament	Track meet @ Tremont 4:30pm	Extra-Curricular Recognition Night 6:00pm	Wendy's Night 5-7pm	Preschool Field Trip Parents Club meeting 6:00pm	8 th Grade Mass – May Crowning Preschool Field Trip Adoration 2:00pm	Spring Festival Clay Shoot 2 nd Grade Gather Together Day 8:00am Track - Sectionals