

# Saints News

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May 2016

## **Dear St. Joseph Families,**

We are finally enjoying beautiful, warmer weather that lifts our spirits and puts smiles on our faces. We need to try and get enough sleep to stay focused on schoolwork these last weeks of school. There are many fun activities and field trips being planned, but there will also be opportunities to raise or maintain grades. You received your child(ren)'s grades this past week, which indicates your child's academic performance halfway through the fourth quarter. So please continue to encourage your child(ren) to do their best work in the remaining weeks of school.

In Christ,  
Mrs. Rogers

### **2015-2016 Schedule Change**

On Tuesday, April 19th, I received a phone call from District 108 reminding us that their last day of school will be Wednesday, May 25th. As a result, our last day for bus service will be Wednesday, May 25th. St. Joseph School will not have bus service available from Thursday, May 26th – Wednesday, June 1st. Since there will be no bus service for our families, the staff has reviewed our school calendar, spoken with Father Andrejek and have decided to amend the 2015-2016 school calendar. St. Joseph students will have their last day of school on Friday, May 27th dismissing at 3:25pm. We have decided to combine the activities for Friday, May 27th and Tuesday, May 31st into one full day of school. On Friday, May 27th, we will celebrate our end of the school year Mass together beginning at 9:00am and then hold our annual fun day at Dragonland from 12:30pm – 2:30pm. The staff and students will return to SJS by 2:45pm to distribute final report cards. All students will then be dismissed at 3:25pm. Aftercare will be available until 6:00pm for any families who are in need of this service. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Rogers.

### **All Payments Need to Be Current**

**Please remember your family should be current with all required fundraisers, tuition payments, after-care and lunch/snack balances by May 2, 2016 and must remain current in order for your child(ren) to be able to participate in any end-of-year activities.**

## **Time, Talent & Treasure Volunteer Hours**

We are at halfway through the last 9 weeks and 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 2015-2016 school year, you committed to the following:

### **Time and Talent:**

During the 2015 – 2016 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 enter as of yet. If you have any questions, please call the office.

Please note we only have a few more opportunities before the end of the year to complete the hours. If they are not completed by May 22nd, you will be billed for the remaining hours.

If you are in need of obtaining hours, you can still sign up for the following:

- Volunteering for SJS Fun Day
- Volunteering on Classroom Field Trip

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## **School Registration**

Parents...this is just a reminder in order to register for the 2016 – 2017 school year, you must be current in your tuition through January 15<sup>th</sup>, must have paid the \$125 walk-a-thon pledge and must have helped out in some way with the school carnival and Market Day. Please make sure you are current with all of these requirements as agreed upon when you registered your child(ren) last year. Registration forms are now available.

## **St. Joseph Preschool Days Registration**

St. Joseph Preschool Days is now accepting registration for its fall classes. We have classes for the children between the ages of three and five. If you would like more information or would like to register, please call 347-7194 ext. 226.

## **Sports Physicals for 2016-2017 School Year**

On Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the extra-curricular committee will be offering sports physicals for the 2016-2017 school year. Please note they will not be holding a session in the fall. Please be looking for more information in your blue folders.

## **Extra-Curricular Committee**

The Extra-Curricular Committee is looking for new members to join our extra-curricular committee for the 2016-2017 school year. The committee meets every other month and they are responsible for fundraising, running the home basketball/volleyball games, extra-curricular banquet, and the recruiting of coaches. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Mrs. Rogers.

## **Registration Day 2016-2017**

Mark your calendars...Registration will be held Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9am to 12pm and 5pm to 7pm. The registration process will be completed at this time and fees will be collected for tuition and yearbook. Please be looking for all registrations forms on RenWeb in July.

## **Box Tops for Education**

Please continue to save your General Mills Box Tops for Education over the summer. We ask that all families to clip the specially marked box tops from General Mills products and turn them in to the school office. We receive 10 cents for every box top submitted.

## **Soccer Registration**

It is that time of year again. Soccer registration is upon us. Our soccer program is for any child in grades 1st through 8th, registered and active in St. Joseph School or Church. If your child intends to play you **MUST** be registered (with payment) no later than **May 15, 2016**. Late submissions may preclude your child from participating. After the deadline players will be placed on a team only if there are openings on that team. Registration information can be obtained through the school office or by contacting Jason Haynes at [jhaynes1974@hotmail.com](mailto:jhaynes1974@hotmail.com).

## **Library Books**

All library books must be returned the week of May 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>. Please help your child(ren) return the books on time. All fines and fees for lost books must be paid by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. The following week, the library will start the huge task of conducting an inventory of the entire library. If you are able to assist Mrs. King with this task, please let her know. Thank you for your help!

## **1<sup>st</sup> Friday Collection**

This Friday, May 6, 2016 we will be taking our final collection for our sponsored friends, Elmer and Placida. We will be collecting for their support for May, June, July and August. Anything you can do to help us out with this project will be greatly appreciated. Jesus tell us, "Whatever you do for the least of your brothers and sisters, you do for Me" You have always been so generous with your support and it is greatly appreciated. We hear from a favorite song at Mass, "Go Make A Difference – You Can Make A Difference – Go Make A Difference in The World" Through your support of Erik and Placida you truly make a difference in the lives of our brothers and sisters in need.

May God richly bless you for all you do to help His children here on earth!

## **Notre Dame Junior Football League**

**Now accepting Registrations at [www.ndjfl.com](http://www.ndjfl.com).** We offers flag football for ages 5-7 and tackle football for ages 8-14. **We also offer Cheerleading for ages 8-14.** Your help in registering before June 1st allows us to order the right amount of equipment for the upcoming season. Please contact us at [pndjfl@gmail.com](mailto:pndjfl@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## **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 or snack. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **GET DIRTY FOR THE KIDS OF ST. JUDE!**

**Sign up today to join the Annual**

**Kids Muddy Madness for St Jude 2016**

[www.kidsmuddymadness.com](http://www.kidsmuddymadness.com)

**July 9, 2016**

**Ages 2-17**

**Westwood Park, Morton, IL**

Join us on July 9th for the 5th Annual Kids' Muddy Madness for St Jude mud run. The event will be the highlight of your summer! All the information you need can be found at [www.kidsmuddymadness.com](http://www.kidsmuddymadness.com). We are hoping to top last year's 1400+ kids that came out and got muddy. Registration is \$20.00/child. However, if each child fundraises at least another \$30.00 or more, they will receive a really cool t-shirt. We are asking that you pre-register before 7/1/16 to be guaranteed a shirt and race packet goodies. If you have 25 or more kids participating, you will get your own wave- but you must contact us in advance to arrange! **Fundraising is now ONLINE on our website.** So, get to the website, get registered, and then get going on asking all your family & friends to donate to St. Jude! **The winning fundraiser will receive a Kindle Fire table!** Our goal is for kids to help raise a whole bunch of money for kids fighting cancer! So sign up today to get dirty for a kid at St. Jude who can't get out there and run! Please email any questions to [kidsmuddymadness@gmail.com](mailto:kidsmuddymadness@gmail.com)

Or contact Christy Howell 309-303-1084

**Sponsors Needed!**

Thanks,  
Christy Howell  
Co-Chair of Kids Muddy Madness for St. Jude

## **Quote of the Week...**

**Parents can plant magic in a child's mind through certain words spoken with some thrilling quality of voice, some uplift of the heart and spirit.**

**~Robert MacNeil**

## **PND Cheerleading Jr. High and Kids Camp**

K- 6th grade Kids Camp

Cost- \$40 per participant

June 6-8 8:15AM-9:45 AM

Performance 9:00 AM June 9th

Learn cheers, chants, jumps and more!

Jr. High Camp 7th and 8th grade

Cost- \$40 per participant

June 6-8 10:00AM- 12:00PM

Performance 9:00 AM June 9th

Bring your whole squad, a group of friends, or come alone! Groups will learn new side line cheers and customized floor cheers to take back to your school! Individuals will receive personalized instruction!

Registration Due by Friday, May 27, 2016

Check blue folders April 28 for more information on how to register!

## **Parents' Corner**

### **Sunday Mass: A gift you can give your family every week**

In the hectic pace of a busy family, getting to Mass on Sunday can be a struggle. Between soccer games, dance lessons and play dates, going to Mass is one more activity competing for precious time. Yet it is the most important thing you can do for your family all week. Why? Consider some of the ways your children benefit from weekly Mass.

**Tradition and security.** How many things do you still do today that you've done since you were a small child? No matter what other changes take place in their lives, the Mass is a constant to which your children can cling.

**Children learn by repetition, through consistency and from example.** When Sunday Mass is part of their regular routine, children learn how to maintain the habit of weekly attendance. Seeing the importance you place on the habit teaches them obedience and discipline.

**Visiting the rest of the family.** When in church, our children are surrounded by the Body of Christ – people who care about and pray for them. Mass becomes an oasis in an increasingly hostile world.

**The week starts with a God – centered focus.** Attending Mass at the beginning of the week helps children learn that God comes first on Sunday and every day

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## **Pekin Pride Soccer Club**

Spring Season! ALL PLAYERS AND PARENTS:

Spring season is fast approaching. Emails have been sent out to all the teams/past players and NEW players. Fee's are due the 1st week of practices.

Practices are to begin (subject to Weather/field conditions)- the week of March 21st. If you are going to be a new player and we have emailed you paperwork, please reply to the email and let us know if your player will be playing this spring. I have sent emails to all new players that have inquired, please reply back to advise if your child is participating this spring so we can get a head count. If you are interested and have not received paperwork please contact us.

New Players: We will need paperwork back ASAP to order uniforms and to do data entry and put your player on a roster.

Practices will be: Starting March 21st.

Monday and Wednesdays: U7 Boys, U8/9/10 Girls, U9/10 Boys

Monday and Thursdays: U12 Coed and HS Boys

Tuesday and Thursdays: U13/14 Girls Travel Team

Practices will run from 5:30 - 7:00pm. EXCEPT- U7 Boys- They will practice 6:00 - 7:00pm. If practices will be canceled for any reason, we will post this on the FACEBOOK page as soon as a decision is made (Sometimes it's the coaches decisions and sometimes the park district may cancel the use of the fields due to excessive rains). Emails will go out also, however the FB page will be updated first.

Any questions please message us or send an email. Thank you and we are looking forward to another successful season!  
GO PRIDE!

Jason Haynes, Soccer Coordinator (309)-267-1081 or  
[jhaynes1974@hotmail.com](mailto:jhaynes1974@hotmail.com)

## **Parents' Club**

**Exciting news! School Supply Kit Sale!**

Sponsored by the Parents Club

St. Joseph School supply kits will be available to purchase from now thru June 10th. These kits contain the supplies our teachers are requesting students bring to school for the 2016-17 school year.

**Kits will be available at Teacher Meet & Greet on  
Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

Easy Ordering Instructions

- 1) Go to [www.write-stuff.com/storefront/school/SJS](http://www.write-stuff.com/storefront/school/SJS)
- 2) Select grade level.
- 3) If applicable, select kit within grade level.
- 4) Enter student name and gender.
- 5) Review kit contents; make modifications if desired.
- 6) Follow prompts to check out.

Orders received by 6/10 ship to school for FREE.

Orders received after 6/10 will ship to customer's home or office; standard shipping rates apply. Here is the link to the online store for parents to shop for school supply kits  
<https://www.write-stuff.com/storefront/school/SJS>

If you have any questions, please contact Sara Blackburn at [snaze6@gmail.com](mailto:snaze6@gmail.com) or (309) 267-4753.

**Write-stuff**

**1-800-871-8546**

**[contact@write-stuff.com](mailto:contact@write-stuff.com)**

**(phone orders accepted)**

**Please note: Book bags, Gym Shoes and Paint Smocks are NOT included within the kits. You must purchase them separately.**

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## May Calendar of Important Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 <sup>st</sup> Communion 1:00pm 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mass- Rehearsal for SJS Choir	Extra-Curricular meeting 5:15pm  Track meet @ Tremont 4:30pm	Extra-Curricular Recognition Night @ 6PM  Destination Imagination Papa John's Fundraiser- All Day	Preschool Field Trip 9:00Am-11:00AM  Confessions- 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Band Field Trip Preschool Field Trip YWCA Recognition Lunch Parent's Club Meeting @ Mi Ranchito 6:00PM Elk's Recognition Dinner	Mass – 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade 1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Mass  8 <sup>th</sup> grade May Crowning  Adoration	Spring Festival Golf Outing  Track Sectionals TBA
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	SJS Band Concert 6:00PM  DI Culver's Night 5:00-8:00pm	Sports Physical Night		Free Dress-\$1 or Canned good Donation to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry  PCHS Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation- 6:30PM	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Soup Kitchen  Mass-Kindergarten  Early Dismissal- 11:00AM  Spring Festival Carnival @ 5:30- 8:30PM  Spring Festival Dinner 5-8PM	Spring Festival Activities  Track State Meet- TBA
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	DI Mickie's Night 5:00-8:00pm	Preschool Graduation 6:00PM  Rotary Recognition Dinner 6PM	K & 1 <sup>st</sup> grade field trips  3 <sup>rd</sup> grade field trip- Wildlife Prairie Park	Education Commission Meeting 5:30PM	Mass – 8 <sup>th</sup> grade 5 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Living Museum 2:00pm Student Council Lock In Grades 7-8	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Preschool McDonald's Night 4:30-7:30PM	8 <sup>th</sup> grade luncheon K-1 <sup>st</sup> Field Trip 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade field trip 4 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip	6 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip 7 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip 8 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip	8 <sup>th</sup> grade retreat  8 <sup>th</sup> grade Graduation Mass 6:00pm	Last day of school Mass – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Sack lunches from home SJS Fun Day 12:30PM-2:30PM  3:25PM Dismissal with Report Cards	
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
	Memorial Day				Office Closed for the Summer.	