

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
April 17, 2009
Be the hands, the heart of God.

The story in Sunday's Gospel tells us: On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." John 20:19

Registrations are arriving!

Thanks to all who have returned their registrations for the coming school year. If you or someone you know has a preschooler who is ready for school, please do not hesitate to call or stop in the office. Preschool is filling up quickly and we wouldn't want to miss your child.

First Eucharist News

Please remember our students who will be receiving the sacrament of First Eucharist on April 25. The mass will begin at 11:00 a.m.

The second graders will be having their First Eucharist Retreat on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m.-noon.

Thanks to **Camille Woods** and **Jill Anspaugh** who will be representing St. Joseph School and Parish at the Archdiocesan Confirmation at Lucas Oil Stadium on Sunday, May 3.

Our Yearbooks Are Here!

Our 2008-2009 yearbooks are here! We have some extra copies available. The price is \$16.00. All of the classes—preschool through grade five—are included with the yearbook. It is very colorful and fun. Don't miss your chance to get your copy!

PTO Dinner, Meeting, Awards, and Program

Our April PTO event will be on Tuesday, April 28, beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a fried chicken dinner, sponsored by our second grade class. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the gym followed by the monthly awards and the program. Grades 3 and 5 will be presenting the program. Grades 4 and 5 will have their history projects in the cafeteria for your viewing pleasure.

Students who earned perfect attendance for the third grading period will receive their ribbons. Their names were printed in the April 3 newsletter. Students who will receive monthly awards will have their names published in a short newsletter next week.

Mark your calendars for that yummy fried chicken dinner!

School Commission and PTO Elections

Thanks to the individuals who have volunteered to run for the School Commission or for an office for our PTO. We are still looking for additional people to help with these positions. Please contact the school office if you are interested or have any questions.

Wacky Wednesday

Our last Wacky Wednesday will be on Wednesday, April 22. This event is open for all students and the times are 2:00-2:45 p.m. We will be having a mini carnival. The sign-up sheets are in the hallway by Mrs. Simpson's office. **The admission for our Wacky Wednesday Mini Carnival is FRESH FRUITS or VEGETABLES.** These items will be donated to one of our local food pantries.

The donation of fresh fruits or vegetables will be continuing through the end of the school year. More information will follow.

Please don't forget your donation for the food pantry. Fresh fruits or vegetables are needed! Thank you!

Summer Tutoring

Two of our teachers are offering summer tutoring. Please contact Mary Endris at endris_stjoe@hotmail.com or at 317-604-8690. You can reach Marilyn Williamson at Williamson_stjoe@hotmail.com or 317-364-3375 or 317-398-3114.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found items are gradually dwindling! There are still some very lovely items on the table in the gym. Please be sure to check those items out when you are in school or at the PTO meeting on the 28th.

Lunch News

Please be sure to check in with Mrs. Simpson to order a lunch if you plan on eating with your child. It is best to call or stop by before 9:00 a.m. Thanks for your help.

Mothers'/Fathers' Day Shoppe

Our PTO will be sponsoring our annual Mothers'/Fathers' Day Shoppe on May 7 and 8. Thanks to Cindy Houpt for chairing this fundraiser. We are in need of men's items and tissue paper if you would like to help out with a donation. Thanks!

St. Anne's May Meeting

Our students have been invited to entertain at the May meeting for St. Anne's Altar Society on Monday, May 4. Mrs. Dissler, our music teacher, will be contacting parents this week with the details.

Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair

Our annual Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair will be held next week (April 20-24). Flyers have been sent home for you to view just a few of the items that are available. When you purchase an item, you will pay for the higher priced item. Parents, could you please reinforce this at home. This is a difficult concept for our younger students to understand. Thanks for your help!

Thanks to **Polly Lancaster** and **Lee Mosley** for volunteering to help with the Book Fair.

Tuesday, 4/21, 7:15 –8:15 a.m.

Polly Lancaster

Friday, 4/24, 7:15-8:15 a.m.

Lee Mosley

If you are interested in volunteering there is a form to complete at the end of the newsletter.

Shelbyville High School Synergy Performance

On Thursday, April 23, at 1:15 p.m. the SHS show choir, Synergy, will be here to perform. Please feel free to join us.

Boxtops for Education Choice of Dress Day

Thursday, April 23, is our Choice of Dress Day for Boxtops for Education. To be eligible each family needs to bring in 30 boxtops. This is an easy way to earn money for the school. This year alone we have earned over \$1,100. Thanks to Mrs. Brandy Coomes for coordinating this fundraiser.

I-STEP and Terra Nova Testing—Grades 1-5

Grades one through five will be participating in standardized testing beginning April 27-May 6. Grades one and two will be taking Terra Nova, and the other grades will be taking I-STEP. Please encourage your child to do their best. Studies do show that a healthy breakfast and a good night's sleep help a student not only on testing days but every day.

Just a reminder for Lunch in with the Principal

Thursday, April 30—**Alex Watson, Emily Kennedy, Evan VanWye, Mimi Kobayashi, Sam Sawyer, Grace Coomes, Miss Rhonda**

Friday, May 1—**Elizabeth Clark, Logan Young, Hanna Bills, Nick Walke, Evita Koth, Katie Settles, Mrs. Dissler**

Pizza, breadsticks, and drinks will be served. No lunch money is needed.

Four-Year-Old Preschool Graduation and Grandparents' Day

Our four-year-old preschool classes will be graduating on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. At that time they will also be presenting their program. In addition to this occasion, the grandparents and special friends of our four-year-olds are invited to come in the morning at 9:00 a.m. to enjoy their program.

All-day four-year-old preschoolers may attend school on May 28 and 29.

Sports' Awards

Our Sports' Awards program for our fourth and fifth grade athletes will be on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars!

Field Day and Swim Party/Sack Lunch Available

On Tuesday, May 26 we will be having Field Day and Swim Party for kindergarten through grade five students. There will be a sack lunch available from the cafeteria.

Spelling Bee

Our annual Spelling Bee for grades 2-5 will be on Wednesday, May 27, following Mass. Please join us!

Graduation for Kindergarten and Grade Five

Graduation for kindergarten and grade five is scheduled for Friday, May 29, at 8:00 a.m. The graduation ceremony will be in church and Fr. Chris will be celebrating mass. There will be a reception following in the cafeteria for our students and their families and friends.

Academic Awards for Grades 1-5

Please be sure to mark your calendars for June 1 at 9:00 a.m. Awards will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Dismissal on Monday, June 1

Dismissal on Monday, June 1, will be at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will not be served and Afterschool Care will NOT be opened. The school bus will not be picking up students at 11:30 a.m., so parents will be responsible to pick their children up. Thank you in advance with your help.

Last Days of School

Three-year-old Preschool—Thursday, May 28

Four-year-old Half-Day Students—Wednesday, May 27

Four-year-old All-Day Students—Friday, May 29

Kindergarten—Friday, May 29, Kindergarteners will be leaving after

Graduation and Reception

Grades 1-5—Monday, June 1--Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.—Lunch will not be served and Afterschool Care will NOT be opened. Parents will need to pick up their children at 11:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Parish Festival—May 15,16,17

Our St. Joseph Parish Festival will be held on May 15, 16, and 17. This is a great opportunity for parents to fulfill their service hour requirement for either this year or get started for next year. I have given names and phone numbers to the chair people of parents who have marked on their service requirement form that they would like to help with the festival. The festival is a great time to meet new friends and to help the parish and the school.

St. Joseph Parish Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets for the festival will be sent home with each child who attends St. Joseph School. The parish and school truly appreciate your help with this part of the festival. It makes a big difference in the income for the raffle when the school helps out by giving the tickets to our families to sell. Any help with this will be wonderful. Please return the ticket stubs and money in an envelope marked appropriately!

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Congratulations to the following individuals who were caught doing kind deeds recently: **Logan Young, Addyson Miller, Sophia Sandman, Hannah O'Connor, Matt Kenkel, Ben Reuter, Nick Walke, Evan VanWye, Cole Lux, Clarice Fischer, Mimi Kobayashi, Fourth Grade Class, Mitchell Yeend, Heath McIntire, Konrad Dorsey,**

Jake Wingo, Cameron Rodgers, Randy Hubbell, Audrey Reinhart, A. J. Phelps, Camille Woods, Mary Alice Furgeson, Joseph McQueen, Hanna Bills, Grace Laker, Brendan Brown, Colleen Davis, Hannah Dwenger, Scarlett West, John Lux, Zoe Laker, Drew Mathies, Jared Gilles, Alex Watson, Mitchell Smith, Reid Schene, Julia Prickett, Hannah Lux, Mikey Lay, Lukas Harley, Daniel Duffy, Trevor File, Dakota Sosbe, and Emma Messer.

Menus for the weeks of April 20 and 27

Monday, 4/20—French Toast Sticks and Sausage Patty

Tuesday, 4/21—Fiestada Pizza

Wednesday, 4/22—Hamburger

Thursday, 4/23—Corn Dog

Friday, 4/24—Beef Burrito and Cheese Sauce

Monday, 4/27—Pizza Hut Pizza

Tuesday, 4/28—Tenderloin Sandwich

Wednesday, 4/29—Corn Dog

Thursday, 4/30—Turkey and Cheese Sandwich

Buy One, Get One Free Book Fair Volunteer

I will be able to help with the Book Fair on the following mornings from 7:15-8:15 a.m.

Monday, 4/20 _____

Wednesday, 4/22 _____

Thursday, 4/23 _____

Name, Please and Thanks!