

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
May 8, 2009
Be the hands, the heart of God.

In Sunday's Gospel story Jesus will say: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."
John 15: 7-8

Dismissal for Festival Week

Beginning on Monday, May 11, dismissal will take place on Broadway. Parking will be at a premium as the week goes on and rides, etc. are assembled for the festival. Please park where you can and meet your child in front of school on Broadway. Thanks for your help.

North American Human Influenza A

Listed below are precautionary measures that are being used at schools and could be used at home to help decrease the spread of germs.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Cough or sneeze into your sleeve, rather than your hands, if a tissue is not available.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are most effective.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- If you have mild flu symptoms, stay home and contact your health care provider for advice. Seek medical care if symptoms become more severe, such as high fever, troubling breathing, or inability to keep down fluids.

The spread of the H1N1 is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads, mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing. It is not transmitted by food.

Attendance rates at St. Joseph School are good. We receive regular updates from the Indiana State Department of Health, the Indiana Department of Education, and the Shelby County Health Department.

If you have any questions, please free feel to contact the school office.

Spring Fling

This weekend after the Masses our students will have a variety of projects on display in the cafeteria. Students in all grade levels (preschool through grade five) will be represented. The projects on the tables will stay on display until Tuesday, May 12. Hopefully you will have time during those days to stop in and see what's going on at St. Joseph School!

Preschool Program Time and Spelling Bee Time Change

Our four-year-old preschoolers will be presenting their program on Wednesday, May 27, at 9:00 a.m. in the gym. Following their program, our second through fifth graders will be participating in our annual Spelling Bee. This will be at approximately 9:30 a.m. Please join us!

SCUFFY Art Contest Winners

Congratulations to our students whose posters were chosen as winners in the recent SCUFFY Art Contest.

First Place—Hannah Dwenger and Katie Settles

Second Place—Sophia Sandman and Makayla Schacht

Third Place—Ryan Douglas and Evita Koth

First place winners will receive a \$20.00 KidZone gift certificate, and all places will receive ribbons. Good job!

Yearbooks are available!

There are a limited number of 2008-2009 yearbooks available. The price is \$16.00 per copy. All students (preschool through grade five students) are pictured in the yearbook.

FANTASTIC!!

Thanks to everyone who has donated fresh fruits and vegetables for the food pantry at the First Christian Church. We will be continuing this drive until the end of the school year and plan on doing this next year. Remember we will collect on Wednesdays and they pick up on Wednesdays

around noon.

Kroger Cards

Our Kroger card fundraiser is going well! We have six cards left from our original forty. Recently we received a check from Kroger in the amount of \$371.50. This profit comes from approximately nine individuals loading their card at Kroger and by doing this the school receives \$5 for every \$100 they spend. This is an easy way for the PTO to make money for the many projects they support in the school—awards, Catholic Schools' Week activities, the maintenance on the copier, treats for the students, classroom supplies, convocations, and many, many other things.

If you are interested in a Kroger card, please stop by the office.

Summer Tutoring

Teachers who are available for summer tutoring:

Mary Endris—317-604-8690 or endriscstjoe@hotmail.com

Marilyn Williamson—398-3114, 317-364-3375,

or williamsonstjoe@hotmail.com

Parish Festival News

Our parish festival is just a week away! Thanks to all who have returned the raffle tickets for the festival.

Pre-sale ride tickets are on sale in the school office. The cost is 20 tickets for \$9. Each ride will take three or more tickets. The tickets that you purchase prior to the festival are a better bargain for you, and the parish makes a better profit from these sales.

Please send your order to school in an envelope marked with your child's name and how many tickets you would like to purchase. If you are writing a check, please make it out to St. Joseph Parish.

Market Day/Choice of Dress Day

Our May Market Day sale is on Tuesday, May 19, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is a change of day because of the festival. This is also a Choice of Dress Day.

Indianapolis Indians Game—May 19

Students who have completed our outside reading requirements (Books and Beyond and Book-It!) for the school year are eligible for our final

reward which will be an Indianapolis Indians game on Tuesday, May 19. Students in kindergarten through grade five received a flyer concerning this event last week in their Friday folders.

If your child does not qualify for this reward, he/she will be staying at school with Mrs. Livingston and Mrs. Simpson.

Each class will need a few parents to accompany them to the game, but we have only a limited number of tickets.

I would like to encourage students to bring an extra drink and snacks for the game in addition to their sack lunch. We are trying to discourage students from bringing money as refreshments, etc. are expensive. Thanks for your cooperation.

Field Trips

Please be sure to check out your child's classroom newsletters. There are several classroom field trips planned. Details are in those newsletters.

Police Officer Day—Memorial Week

May 11-15 is Police Officer Memorial Week. During this week officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty are honored. We have been asked by the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary to wear blue shirts on Friday, May 15. This is a very simple way to remember these individuals for their sacrifice. Students may wear a uniform shirt or another blue shirt of their choice.

Sports' Awards

Our fourth and fifth grade athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Parents, family, and friends are invited to attend.

Field Day and Swim Party

On Tuesday, May 26, we will have our annual field day and swim party for kindergarten through grade five classes. A sack lunch will be available from the high school. We will be asking students on Wednesday, May 20, for a count in order to plan ahead for the lunches.

Preschool Graduation

Our four-year-old preschool classes will be graduating on Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. They will be presenting their program at 9:00 a.m. on that same day for those of you who can't attend in the evening.

Boxtops for Education Choice of Dress Day

Don't forget to send in your Boxtops for Education! Our May date for the Choice of Dress Day is Thursday, May 28. Please remember that each family needs to bring in 30 boxtops to be eligible for the Choice of Dress Day.

Kindergarten and Grade Five Graduation

Have you marked your calendars for kindergarten and grade five graduation? The day is Friday, May 29, at 8:00 a.m. Mass. Following mass and presentation of awards, there will be a reception in the cafeteria for families and friends. Kindergarten will be leaving for the summer following the reception.

Academic Awards and Last Day for Grades 1-5

Academic awards for grades one through five are scheduled for Monday, June 1, at 9:00 a.m. Dismissal will be at 11:30 a.m. Lunch will not be served and Afterschool Care will not be operating.

If your child is a bus rider, please make other arrangements to have your child picked up at 11:30 a.m.

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Congratulations to our students who were caught doing something great recently—Hank Johnson, John Lux, Ryan Douglas, Braiden Kincade, Alex Watson, Mitchell Smith, Reid Schene, Clarice Fischer, Cole Lux, Hannah Lux, Mimi Kobayashi, Jack Baker, Nate Reuter, Emily Foltz, Katie Lux, Lucy Furiak, Sam Watson, Jake Wingo, Grace Coomes, Mason Lasure, Randy Hubbell, Beth Forville, Jillian Roell, Evan VanWye, and the WHOLE KINDERGARTEN CLASS!!

Memorial Day—School not in session—Monday, May 25! Enjoy your day!

Menus for the weeks of May 11, 18, and 25

Monday, 5/11—Pizza Hut

Tuesday, 5/12—Cheeseburger

Wednesday, 5/13—Toasted Cheese Sandwich

Thursday, 5/14—Loaded French Fry Bar

Friday, 5/15—French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty

Monday, 5/18—Fiestada Pizza

Tuesday, 5/19—Lunch not served. Indianapolis Indians Game.

EVERYONE NEEDS TO BRING A SACK LUNCH!!

Wednesday, 5/20—Beef Burrito with Cheese

Thursday, 5/21—Chicken Noodles

Friday, 5/22—Cheesy Coney Dog

Monday, 5/25—School not in session—Memorial Day

Tuesday, 5/26—Sack Lunch—please order on May 20th.

Wednesday, 5/27—Chicken Patty Sandwich

Thursday, 5/28—Pepperoni Pizza

Friday, 5/29—Manager's Choice!