

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
May 22, 2009
Be the hands, the heart of God.

The Gospel story for the Ascension says: The disciples went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.
Mark 16:20

St. Joseph School has been named as an exemplary school as reported by the Indiana Department of Education. Our performance rate is 88.6% passing I-STEP and our improvement rate is 5.6%. Congratulations to our students, parents, faculty, and staff!

Prayer for the Summer Months

God of fruitfulness, we celebrate your gift of life in the season of fresh rains and warm air. Help us to grow in the truth of your Word during the summer months.

We pray that the peacefulness of summer weather may be translated to peace with God, neighbor, and self.

We pray for the safety of family, friends, and parishioners during this season of travel.

We pray for friendly and cooperative interaction between humankind and the natural environment.

Hear us, God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This is our last office newsletter for this school year!! It's almost unbelievable that the year is ending. Good luck to our fifth graders as they move onto middle school—I know you will do well!

Next week packets will be sent home with your child for the coming school year. The packet includes:

- **School Calendar**
- **Dress Code Information**
- **Shaheen's (uniform supplier) Information**
- **Supply List**
- **Service Hour Requirement Information**
- **Registration Form**

Tuition information will be sent in the mail and by e-mail soon.

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

Thanks to **Mrs. Cindy Houpt and all her volunteers** who help with the Mothers'/Fathers' Day Shoppe! Approximately \$500 was earned for the PTO!

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time for the festival this past weekend. If you did not sign a sheet for your service hours, please send a note or e-mail me (Mrs. Livingston) at stjoe@lightbound.com.

**June 1—Academic Awards for Grades 1-5 at 9:00 a.m. Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
June 1 will be a Choice of Dress Day. Happy summer!**

Track Meet

The annual city track meet was held on Monday, May 11. Congratulations to all of our fourth and fifth graders who participated! We received two first place finishes: **Logan Young** who placed first in the boys' softball throw and **Cora Reinhart** who placed first in the 1600 meter run!

Sports' Awards

Our annual Sports' Awards were held on Wednesday, May 20. Coaches were recognized for their dedication and effort. Our coaches this year include: **Melissa O'Connor, Traci Foltz, Don Lux, Craig Laker, Jennifer Haehl, Kristin Laker, Kathleen Simpson, Rhonda Glidden, and Missy Martin.**

Each of our athletes received pins for the various sports they played. Chenille letters were given to athletes who participated in volleyball or basketball for the first time this year.

Special awards presented:

Volleyball

Most Valuable Player—**Katie Settles**

Most Improved Player—**Makayla Schacht**

Consistency Award—**Jannah Foltz**

Determination Award—**Megan Thoman**

Girls' Basketball

High Scorer—**Cora Reinhart**

Most Improved Player—**Megan Thoman**

Hustle Award—**Katie Settles**

Mental Attitude—**Makayla Schacht**

Boys' Basketball

Mental Attitude—**Drew Mathies**

Most Improved Player—**Hank Johnson**

Mr. Hustle—**Matt Kenkel**

Most Valuable Player—**John Lux**

Leadership Award—**Michael Hornsby**

In the paint Toughness Award—**Billy Blocher and Logan Young**

All of our boys' basketball team received trophies for placing second in the city tourney.

Cheerleaders

Most Improved—**Jannah Foltz, Makayla Schacht, Katie Settles, and Megan Thoman.**

Track

First Place Finishers—**Cora Reinhart and Logan Young**

Lots of Heart Award—**Josie Roell**
Most Improved Participants—**Brendan Brown and Hannah Dwenger**

Tutoring Available

Two of our teachers will be tutoring this summer. For more information, please contact Marilyn Williamson at 398-3114, 317-364-3375, or Williamson_stjoe@hotmail.com or Mary Endris at 317-604-8690 or endris_stjoe@hotmail.com.

Fruit and Vegetable Day

Our last fruit and vegetable day for the First Christian Church will be on Wednesday, May 27. Thanks to all who have helped with this project—it is very much appreciated.

Our hope is to continue this project next year when school begins.

Schedule for the weeks of May 25 and June 1

Monday, May 25—School not in session—Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 26—Field Day and Swim Party for Kindergarten-Grade 5

Sack lunches are available through the lunch program.

Wednesday, May 27—Dress Rehearsal for Four-Year-Old Preschool

Graduation, 9:00 a.m.

Spelling Bee—grades 2-5—following four-year-old Preschool graduation.

Last day for four-year-old half-day preschool students.

Last Fruit and Vegetable Day

Four-year-old Graduation—6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 28—Boxtops for Education Choice of Dress Day

Last day for three-year-old preschool students.

Friday, May 29—Graduation for Kindergarten and Grade 5—8:00 a.m. Mass

Last day for kindergarten and four-year-old all-day preschool

Monday, June 1—Academic Awards for grades 1-5—9:00 a.m.

Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch will not be served and Afterschool Care will not be in session.

Parents will need to pick up their children at 11:30 a.m. The bus will not be available for our dismissal.

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Congratulations to all of our students who recently used their hands and hearts to help someone or to do something good: **Randy Hubbell, Grace Coomes, Julia Prickett, Jillian Linville, Dylan Phelps, Kayleigh Kieninger, Logan Cord, Andrew Walke, Jake Wingo, Alex Watson, Hannah Lux, Mikey Lay, Mimi Kobayashi, Lukas Harley, Clarice Fischer, Billy Blocher, Nick Walke, Hannah Dwenger, Drew Mathies, Cora Reinhart, Zoe Laker, Brendan Brown, and Cameron Rodgers.**

Menus for the week of May 25

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

Tuesday, 5/26—Sack Lunch for Field Day and Swim Party

Wednesday, 5/27—Chicken Patty Sandwich

Thursday, 5/28—Pepperoni Pizza

Friday, 5/29—Manager's Choice

Summer Parks Program

Hook a Kid on Golf—ages 8-15—Bear Chase Golf Club—June 29, 30, July 1, 2, and 3. This week-long clinic offers children an introduction to the skills, techniques and etiquette of golf. Participants receive a start set of golf clubs, golf bag, shirt and hat. There are 10 scholarships available to those who receive free or reduced school lunches. Those not eligible for a scholarship may participate for a fee of \$125.

Kickball—July 28th—ages 8-17—Sunrise Park Ball Diamonds. Sign up for some old-fashioned fun. Those registered will be divided into teams. Registration deadline: July 24th. Cost: \$5/person.

Dodgeball—July 16th—ages 8 and up—Participants will be divided into age groups to compete. Registration Deadline: July 10th. Cost: \$5/person.

Youth Volleyball Clinic—grades 3 through 5—July 6,7,8, and 9. Time: 9:00-11:00 a.m. Registration: June 1-26. Fee: \$25/child

Youth Volleyball Clinic—grades 6 through 8—July 13,14,15, and 16. Time: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Registration: June 1-26. Fee: \$25/child.

The faculty and staff's wish to you and yours—HAVE AN OUTSTANDING AND BLESSED SUMMER! MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND WATCH OVER YOU!

Summer Office Hours

Mrs. Simpson, our wonderful school secretary, and I (Mrs. Livingston) are in the office during the summer months. Please do not hesitate to call the school office (398-4202) or contact us by e-mail stjoe@lightbound.com (Mrs. Livingston) and simpson_stjoe@hotmail.com (Mrs. Simpson).

SchoolAnnouncement.com

Beginning soon, St. Joseph school will be implementing a new voice notification system to improve parent communication through School Announcement (www.schoolannouncement.com). During the school year, we will be sending out voice notifications for school closings, event reminders, schedule changes, meeting notifications, and volunteer opportunities along with a variety of other reasons.

Currently all voice notifications will be sent to your home phone only, but at the beginning of next school year you will have an opportunity to add additional phone numbers (cell phone and work phone numbers) and even e-mail addresses.

More information will be distributed later, but I wanted you to be aware of the calls in the event we practice the system before the end of the year or this summer.