

**St. Joseph School**  
**School Office Newsletter**  
**September 5, 2008**  
***Be the Hands, the Heart of God.***

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus will say this to the disciples: "Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church building is being celebrated this weekend. The celebration will begin on Sunday, September 7, at 10:30 a.m. Mass. Following mass, there will be refreshments. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a Songfest in the church.

Thanks to Jennah Foltz, Evita Koth, and Megan Phelps for volunteering to present our pennies for the repair of the baptismal font to Fr. Chris on Sunday. Thanks to all of you who donated pennies, etc. to help with the repair.

One of our parishioners donated a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary sweatshirt to be given to a child. I pulled Jennah's name out of the basket, so she is the lucky recipient.

Newsletter will be e-mailed this week!!

The school office newsletter will be e-mailed this week, and parents will also receive a paper copy. Beginning with the September 19<sup>th</sup> school office newsletter, the newsletter will be sent electronically to parents with e-mail addresses on file. The only paper copies sent will be to parents who have no e-mail address on file in the school office.

If you do not receive the newsletter via e-mail this week and would like to, please send a note or call the school office with your e-mail address.

#### **Upcoming Important Dates**

**Tuesday, September 23**, we will be hosting our annual Open House. This is for all grade levels—preschool through grade five students and their families. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a prayer service in the cafeteria. A brief meeting, awards for students of the month, and some musical numbers provided by the faculty and staff will follow the prayer service. There will be an opportunity to visit the classrooms following the activities in the cafeteria.

**Friday, September 26**, is **Grandparents' (or Special Visitors') Day** for our four-year-old preschoolers through grade five students. We will begin our day with Mass in church at 8:00 a.m. Each class will have a short presentation following Mass. Refreshments will be available in the cafeteria, and our special visitors' will have the opportunity to visit their grandchildren's classrooms.

### **Outstanding News**

Last week I was informed that our school would be the recipients of a \$4,000 grant from RushShelby Energy's Operation Round-Up program!! The money will help with our stage curtain project. Along with this amount, the \$5,000 that the PTO has pledged, and various other donations (\$2,610), we are very close to the amount we need to purchase the curtain (\$12,000). Our goal is to have the curtains up in time for our first PTO program, which is scheduled for November 25. WONDERFUL!

### **Public Law 221 Half Days**

Please mark your calendars for the following staff development days for the 2008-2009 school year. Dismissal times are also noted. Our students follow the middle school/high school dismissal schedules.

Wednesday, October 8, 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2, 11:45 a.m.

Thursday, February 26, 12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 13, 11:45 a.m.

Lunch will be served on all of these days, and our After School Care program will be open from the dismissal time until 6:00 p.m.

### **Fall Conferences—October 21-22**

Fall conferences for grades 1-5 will be held on Tuesday, October 21, in the afternoon and evening. More details will be given at a later date. Dismissal on both the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will be at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will not be served. After School Care will be opened from 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. After School Care students will need to provide their own lunch on both of these days.

### **Volleyball Season Begins!**

Our fifth and fourth grade girls will be beginning their volleyball season on Tuesday, September 9, at 5:00 p.m. Our team will be playing Loper Orange at home. Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for school-age children. A huge thanks to our volunteer coaches: Traci Foltz, Kristin Laker, and Melissa O'Connor.

I am in need of volunteer referees for our home games. Interested? Please call the school office (398-4202).

### **Are you in need of uniforms?**

Since the school year has begun, many uniforms have been donated to the school office for reuse. The uniforms will be available for parents during the week of September 22 in the gym.

### **Reverse Raffle Date**

Our annual Reverse Raffle sponsored by the School Commission will be on Saturday, November 15, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a great event for our adult community. Please mark your calendars.

Last week letters were sent to the parents who volunteered to help with the Reverse Raffle requesting specific information. Please call the school office if you interested in helping.

### **Boxtops for Education**

WOW!! Bunches of boxtops have been arriving in the office. Thank you very much. The school earns \$.10 for each boxtop that is collected. Students in kindergarten through grade five earn a Choice of Dress Day for every ten boxtops that they bring to school. These Choice of Dress Days may be used on non-church days (Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday).

### **Wacky Wednesday**

Our first Wacky Wednesday will be on Wednesday, September 25. beginning at 2:00 p.m. For September each teacher will be offering an activity in her classroom focusing on a game. The games will include pictionary, memory game, sudoku, card games, dice games, computer games, animal trivia, crazy eights, and go fish card game. There will be sign-up sheets in the main hallway by Mrs. Simpson's office. There will be approximately 10 spots for each teacher, and the grade levels will be mixed. Students will be dismissed at 2:45 p.m.

Please remember that bus riders will be picked up at the usual time on Wednesdays (1:45 p.m.).

### **Market Day/Choice of Dress Day**

Thursday, September 11, is our September Market Day pick-up date. Items ordered may be picked up in the cafeteria between 4:30-5:30 p.m.

This is a Choice of Dress Day for students and staff.

### **Gigantic THANK YOU**

Many thanks to the Forville family who donated many items for recess! The students are thoroughly enjoying all the fun stuff!

### **Be the Hands, the Heart of God**

The following students were caught doing something good during the last two weeks: **Katie Lux, Katie Settles, Brock Pitman, Garrett Davis, Nick Duffy, Camille Woods, Jillian Roell, Nolen Kincade, Beth Forville, Jack Baker, Heath McIntire, Dakota Sosbe, Evan Van Wye, Mason Lasure, Mimi Kobayashi, Hannah Lux, Mitchell Smith, Reid Schene, Clarice Fischer, Cole Lux, Grace Laker, Nick Amos, Trevor File, Logan Cord, Andrew Walke, Cameron Rodgers, Elizabeth Furgeson, Joe Lux, Kayleigh Kieninger, Luke Foltz, Sam Watson, Sebastian Sandman, Nate Reuter, Lucy Furiak, Emily Foltz, Konrad Dorsey, Ms. Kristin, Hank Johnson, and Emma Messer.**

**Menus for the weeks of September 8 and 15**

Monday, 9/8—French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty

Tuesday, 9/9—Mozzarella Cheese Dippers

Wednesday, 9/10—Cheeseburger

Thursday, 9/11—Beef Burrito

Friday, 9/12—Cheesy Coney

Monday, 9/15—Tenderloin Sandwich

Tuesday, 9/16—Chicken Sandwich

Wednesday, 9/17—Pepperoni Pizza

Thursday, 9/18—Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Friday, 9/19—Porkchop Sandwich

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