

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
October 3, 2008
Be the Hands, the Heart of God.

In Sunday's Gospel Jesus tells the chief priests and elders: "Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone...? There, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Psalm 118: 22 & Matthew 21: 42b, 43

OUTSTANDING!!

Our annual Open House on Tuesday, September 23, was GREAT! Many, many parents, relatives, and friends were here to visit. It was heart-warming to see so many of you enjoying the evening. The teachers and staff hope you enjoyed our entertainment. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the teachers and staff for their wonderful performance. We loved preparing it for you!

Mrs. Stephanie DiCecco, one of our second grade moms, won the basket from Paragon Fundraisers. The basket contained a bunch of good stuff!

Please remember that the Paragon Fundraisers began on Wednesday, October 1. All fundraisers are optional for families to participate in. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.

FABULOUS!!

What a wonderful Grandparents/Special Visitors' Day! Thanks to all of the visitors for coming on Friday, September 26. Our four-year-old preschoolers through our fifth grade had a great time with their special visitors. The students gave great performances after Mass and loved having refreshments and giving tours. Grandparents and Special Visitors are FUN and ALL OF US at St. Joseph School love you!

Wacky Wednesday

The teachers had a great turnout for our first Wacky Wednesday on September 24. There was a little confusion with the day. Please remember that when we have Wacky Wednesday, the event will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. and end at 2:45 p.m.

The next Wacky Wednesday will be on Wednesday, October 29, and this event will involve community service. We will be making Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations for organizations throughout Shelbyville. All of the students will be in the cafeteria working on these projects.

Sign-ups will begin on Monday, October 6, and end on Wednesday, October 22. Sign-ups sheets are in the main hallway. Please be aware that sign-

ups will end on the 22nd so we will have time to purchase materials for the projects.

Market Day/Choice of Dress Day

Thursday, October 9, is our Market Day pick-up date. The items that you ordered can be picked up in the cafeteria between 4:30-5:30 p.m. This is always a Choice of Dress Day.

Volleyball Tourney and Elementary Night at SHS

Our volleyball season is ending soon, but we still have the tourney. The tourney begins on Tuesday, October 7, at 4:45 p.m. at Paul Cross Gym (Shelbyville Parks Department off of Meridian St.). We will be playing Loper Blue.

The tourney will continue on Thursday, October 9, with the second round at 5:00 p.m. and the championship game at 6:00 p.m.

Good luck to our girls and coaches! Huge thanks to Mrs. Traci Foltz, Mrs. Melissa O'Connor, and Mrs. Kristin Laker for undertaking the coaching duties for volleyball. Thanks to Mr. Mark Beck for refereeing our home games and to the teachers who helped with admissions and the scoreboard. St. Joseph School is SOOOO lucky to have such wonderful volunteers.

Elementary Night at Shelbyville High School is on Monday, October 6. Athletes should wear their volleyball jersey to get in free for the game. The teams will be recognized between the reserve and varsity games. The reserve game begins at 5:30 p.m.

Staff Development Half-day, October 8

Wednesday, October 8, is an early dismissal day. Dismissal will be at 12:30 p.m. Bus riders will be picked up at 12:30 p.m. also. Lunch will be served and our Afterschool Care will be opened from 12:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

Human Growth and Development Education—Grades 4 and 5

Social Health Services of Indiana staff will be here on Tuesday, October 7, to present educational materials concerning human growth and development to our fourth and fifth graders.

Parents of our fourth and fifth graders are invited to view the videos that the students will see on Monday, October 6, at 6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Moore's room. Please enter the building by using the door by Mrs. Simpson's office and going up the stairs to the second room on the right. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Report Cards

I know it is difficult to believe, but our first grading period ends on Friday, October 10. Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, October 15.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher conferences for grades 1-5 will be held on Tuesday, October 21, from 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:00-7:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets are in the hallway by Mrs. Simpson's office. Please stop by the office or send a note with your child and we will put your name in a time slot. The time slots are 10 minutes long. Our first grade teachers, Mrs. Williamson and Ms. Martin, will be conferencing separately so you will need to sign up for both teachers.

Early Dismissal on October 21 and 22

On Tuesday and Wednesday, October 21 and 22, we will be dismissing at 11:00 a.m. St. Joseph School always follows what the middle and high school students do, since our students ride the bus with the older students.

Lunch will not be served. Our Afterschool Care program will be opened until 6:00 p.m. Students who stay for ASC will need to bring a sack lunch for both October 21 and 22.

Please remember Wacky Wednesday sign-ups start October 6 and end October 22. While you are here for Parent/Teacher Conferences, please sign your child up for Wacky Wednesday. We will be working on Thanksgiving and Christmas crafts for organizations throughout the Shelbyville community.

Wacky Wednesday will be on Wednesday, October 29, from 2:00 p.m. until 2:45 p.m.

Magazine Sales—Caribbean Cove Trip

The following students have earned the Caribbean Cove trip for selling 10 or more magazine subscriptions—Hanna Bills, Konrad Dorsey, Ryan Douglas, Hannah Dwenger, Austin Dwenger, Nick Duffy, Daniel Duffy, Beth Forville, Mary Alice Furgeson, Elizabeth Furgeson, Lucy Furiak, Jared Gilles, Hank Johnson, Matt Kenkel, Beau Kenkel, Evita Koth, Mikey Lay, Heath McIntire, John Morgan, Nicholas Robinson, Megan Thoman, Dylan Thoman, Brock Pitman, Reid Schene, Mitchell Smith, Dakota Sosbe, Haley Taylor, Mitchell Yeend, Logan Young, and Addyson Miller. Please contact Mrs. Livingston if you have any questions.

The trip is scheduled for November 5. More information will follow soon.

Fall Break

Fall Break is Thursday and Friday, October 23 and 24. I hope you have time to enjoy the fall foliage.

Important Dates for Grade 2

The following are important dates for your second grader if he/she will be receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist this school year.

November 11—First Reconciliation Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

December 3—First Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m.

March 3—First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

April 18—First Eucharist Retreat—9:00 a.m.-Noon

April 25—First Eucharist—11:00 a.m.

Help Make a Difference!

St. Joseph School and St. Joseph REP (Religious Education Program) will be collecting the following items the week of October 12 through October 21 in observance of “National Make a Difference Day”. Please take time to help those in need. We are supporting Human Services food bank and the Pregnancy Care Center. THANK YOU for supporting those in need!

Below you will find suggested items for each grade level, but please feel free to donate any of the items listed.

- **Preschool**—baby bath, baby lotion, body soap, deodorant, jelly, spaghetti sauce/spaghetti, shampoo
- **Kindergarten**—Diapers (newborn-size 6), baby wipes, peanut butter, canned meat, toothpaste, boxed meals
- **First Grade**—baby towels, baby formula (Infamil/Similac w/iron), cereal, canned meat, canned fruit, crib sheets
- **Second Grade**—receiving blankets, baby socks, beef stew, pancake mix, pancake syrup, toilet paper, canned soup
- **Third Grade**—baby bottles, crib sheets, canned meat, canned beans, boxed meals, canned chili
- **Fourth Grade**—infant sleepers (0-2T), baby wash cloths, body soap, canned soup, canned chicken ‘n dumplings
- **Fifth Grade**—baby formula (Infamil/Similac w/iron), toothpaste, diapers (newborn-size 6), cereal, peanut butter

The Pregnancy Care Center will also take used cribs, car seats, strollers, and maternity clothes.

“Be the Hands, the Heart of God”

Congratulations to our students who were caught using their hands and heart to do something nice recently: Evan Van Wye, Connor Zobel, Megan Thoman, Nicholas Robinson, Mitchell Smith, Mikey Lay, Elizabeth Clark, Addyson Miller, Trace Holt, Matt Kenkel, Andrew Walke, Lukas Harley, Jack Baker, Makayla Schacht, Evita Koth, Katie Settles, Braiden Kincade, Hank Johnson, Logan Young, Jared Gilles, Randy Hubbell, Grace Coomes, Audrey Reinhart, Beth Forville, Drew Mathies, Dylan Phelps, Mimi Kobayashi, Cameron Rodgers, Jake Wingo, Billy Blocher, and Reid Schene.

Just a Couple of Reminders.....

.... “Personal student gifts or deliveries of flowers, balloons, etc. are not appropriate during the school day.” The arrival of these fun items causes disruption in the classroom and it is difficult for young ones to understand why someone is getting something and they are not. Thanks for your help with this.

Please be sure to send jackets or sweaters for the cooler days that are approaching. It is great if you write your child’s name on the label on anything that your child takes off during the day. It’s amazing how many sweatshirts and coats are left at the end of the year!

Abitibi Paper Retriever

Have you noticed the bright green and yellow container in the parking lot? It is hard to miss, isn’t it?

St. Joseph School is participating in the Abitibi Paper Retriever Community Recycling Program. This program is a simple and free service to use for paper recycling. The bin is provided to the school for the purpose of paper recycling. Customers are not charged for the bins or the pick-up of paper. Abitibi pays its partners for the paper collected in each bin.

What can be put in the bin? The company accepts catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, office paper, fax paper, school paper, notebooks, and folders. No cardboard or phonebooks, please. Please do not put plastic, glass, metal, or trash into the bin.

Everyone is invited to use the bin for his or her paper recycling. This is an easy way to earn money for the school. Thank you very, very much for your assistance with this project. Not only are we helping the environment, but we are also helping our school.

Each classroom will have a recycling box in their classroom and I have asked Mrs. Endris and our fifth graders to be our GREEN TEAM. Their responsibility will be to put our school’s recyclables in the bin.

Reverse Raffle News

Thanks to all of you who have volunteered to help with the Reverse Raffle. This is always a great event for our adult community. Please mark your calendars for November 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Mrs. Karen Hornsby, one of our fifth grade parents, has been soliciting prizes and donations from many, many places and soon we will be planning our baskets for the event. Speaking of baskets, we will need various sizes of baskets to use for our prizes. Please drop those extra baskets that are taking up space in your house by school. We will put them to good use.

If you would like to donate a liter of soft drinks for the Reverse Raffle, please send it to the school office. This will help keep our costs down. Thanks.

“Take Charge of Education”—Target

As part of the September Take Charge of Education donation, Target recently sent our school a check totaling \$75.76. This payout is a direct result of the parent, teachers, and school supporters who participate in the program, which has earned our school \$2,957.55 since 1997. Thanks to everyone who already participates in this program.

Through Take Charge of Education, families, teachers and members of the community have an easy way to raise money for their school. When they sign up and designate an eligible K-12 school, Target donates up to 1% of every purchase they make with the REDcard (Target Visa Credit Card, Target Credit Card or Target Check Card) to the school. Take Charge of Education dollars are donated to schools twice a year. Take Charge of Education is part of Target’s broad commitment to education and is designed to enhance educational efforts for children in communities across the country.

For you to participate in Take Charge of Education, all you need is a REDcard and to designate St. Joseph School online at Target.com/tcoe, or by calling 1-800-316-6142.

- To get the REDcard credit account, school supporters can apply in stores or online at Target.com/apply.
- Target also offers the Target Check Card, their newest product, and acts like a debit card by connecting to an existing checking account. School supporters can apply for the Target Check Card in stores.

THANKS

Thanks to the Forville family for donating items to our kindergarten classroom. Thanks to Mrs. Jessie Biggerman for volunteering in the library.

Boxtops News

WOW—we have been receiving bunches of Boxtops! This is such an easy way to earn money for the school. The October deadline is coming soon, and there is a way you can help when you send the boxtops to school. If possible, could you please tape the boxtops to a sheet of paper in groups of ten? This will help with the sorting and counting as we get ready for that deadline.

It is not necessary to use one of the sheets that are sent home with your child. You can simply use a blank sheet. As always, many THANKS for all of your help.

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation News

“Movies in the Park”—October 11, “MONSTER HOUSE” will be showing!
Blue River Memorial Park, \$2.00 per person

“Roctober Fest”—October 10-12, Blue River Memorial Park. Carnival Rides, music, softball tournament, movie....

“Halloween Fun Festival”—Wednesday Night, October 29, 6-9 p.m.--\$4 wristband in advance, \$6 at the festival—Halloween games, hayrides to our pumpkin patch, a movie, pony rides, crafts, a magic show----get your bands now at the Parks Department on Meridian St.

“Roctoberfest”—Additional Information—see previous page and below!

Each family will be receiving 10 yellow tickets. If your child presents their yellow ticket at the Roctoberfest, he/she will receive a free ice cream cone. The school with the most tickets turned in as of the close of the event on Sunday, October 12, will receive a \$500 donation made out to the school in appreciation for showing their school and community pride.

Menus for the weeks of October 6 and 13

**Monday, 10/6—Cheesy Coney Dog
Tuesday, 10/7—Tenderloin Sandwich
Wednesday, 10/8—Corndog
Thursday, 10/9—Pepperoni Pizza
Friday, 10/10—Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Monday, 10/13—Porkchop Sandwich
Tuesday, 10/14—Salad Bowl/Pretzel
Wednesday, 10/15—Rib B Q
Thursday, 10/16—Chicken Nuggets
Friday, 10/17—Pizza Hut**