

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
February 6, 2009
Be the hands, the heart of God.

On Sunday we will hear the following words in the Gospel: Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, "Everyone is looking for you."
Mark 1: 35-37

As I sit at my desk on Tuesday, February 3, the snow is falling and I am praying and hoping that we have no additional snow days. Below you will find a listing of the days that will be used to make up the days missed.

- Friday, February 13—SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION.
- Friday, April 10—SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION. St. Joseph School will have school until 1:00 p.m. due to Good Friday services. **Afterschool Care will not be open on April 10.**
- Friday, May 29—SCHOOL WILL BE IN SESSION. This will be Graduation Day for our kindergarten and fifth grade classes. Graduation will be at the 8:00 a.m. Mass.
- Monday, June 1—Academic Awards for grades 1-5 will take place the morning of June 1. Dismissal will be following awards. Lunch will not be served and Afterschool Care will not be open.

Other important dates:

- Monday, February 16—**SCHOOL WILL NOT BE IN SESSION!**
- Wednesday, May 27—This is the scheduled day for our four-year-old preschool graduation. All-day students may attend on May 28 and 29.

So again, I hope that all the above plans will remain in place and WE HAVE NO MORE SNOW DAYS!!

Grade 3 Perfect Attendance for the Second Grading Period

My apologies to our third graders who attained perfect attendance for the second grading period! I listed the incorrect students. Students who received their ribbons for perfect attendance are: **Konrad Dorsey, Luke Foltz, Katie Lux, Nate Reuter, and Damon Lux.**

Brain Game 2009 Update

WOW! The Brain Game competitions this year were outstanding! On Monday, January 26 **Jennah Foltz, Sophia Sandman, and Katie Lux** competed against **Michael Hornsby, Cora Reinhart, and Emily Foltz**. **Jennah's team** won with a score of 31-28. **Megan Thoman, Hannah Dwenger, and Sebastian Sandman** faced **Katie Settles, Billy Blocher, and Damon Lux** on January 27. The score for that round was 33-28 with **Katie's team** winning.

We were able to have our final round of competition on Monday, February 2. **Jannah, Sophia, and Katie** played **Katie, Billy, and Damon** for the championship. The regular round ended in a tie (39-39). In overtime play, **Jannah, Sophia, and Katie** were victorious with a score of 46-41.

Special Note: **Jannah Foltz** has been a member of the winning Brain Game in third, fourth, and fifth grade! This is tremendous and difficult to achieve! Outstanding!

Congratulations to all of our students who tried out for the Brain Game and great work to our twelve participants!

Animal Show

The Animal Show has been rescheduled again for Tuesday, February 10, at 10:00 a.m. Our three-year-old PS class is invited to stay until 11:00 a.m. and four-year-old preschoolers are welcome to attend.

Teacher Luncheon

All of our plans for Catholic Schools' Week have been accomplished—Brain Game, Carey Landry Concert, C'mmotion, Book Fair, special masses, etc. Mrs. Jane Kuhn, our coordinator for the teacher luncheon, would like to plan the luncheon for Friday, February 20. She will be in contact with the moms who were going to help with the food.

Special moms and grandmas volunteered to help with the classrooms while the teachers and staff enjoyed an extended lunchtime. These wonderful people include: **Mary McQueen, Susan Furgeson, Mary Brown, Michelle Beck, Cindy Houpt, Mary Reuter, Theresa Walke, Pam Watson, Debbi Gallagher, and Denell Schacht.** Hopefully, you lovely ladies can help on February 20! Please contact the office and let us know if you available. We could still use **one or two** more individuals since we lost a couple of volunteers.

City Elementary Basketball Tournament

The tourney will begin on Tuesday, February 10, at 6:00 p.m. at Coulston School. We will be playing Coulston Red.

The boys have a bye for the first round, so their first game will be on Saturday, February 14, at 1:00 p.m. at Shelbyville Middle School.

Please come and cheer our teams to victory!

Market Day/Choice of Dress Day

Our February Market Day pick-up is on Thursday, February 12, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. This is also a Choice of Dress Day.

Closings and Delays Information

Just a reminder that when Shelbyville Central Schools has a closing or delay, St. Joseph School follows their plan. St. Joseph School follows what the middle school and high school does. This is due to the bus schedule—our students ride the bus with the older children. For example, if it is stated on television that the middle school and high school are closing at 1:00 p.m. and the elementary schools are closing at 1:50 p.m. St. Joseph School will close at 1:00 p.m.

When we have a delay in the morning, Afterschool Care is opened.

When we have an early closing, Afterschool Care WILL NOT be opened. Parents need to pick up their child/children as quickly as possible.

If your child is tardy,.....

Please bring them to **office** or remind them to stop by the office. **Lunch counts and absentee information is sent to the office before 8:00 a.m.** We want to make sure that all students have a lunch and also that they are recorded as being present.

Yearbook Information

The Yearbook Committee is busy! It's time to pre-order your copy. The cost is \$16.00. Only 100 copies are ordered so don't delay! Please send your check/cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and YEARBOOK. Thanks.

Professional Development Half-Day—February 26

On February 26, school will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served and Afterschool Care will be open.

Preschool Open House

Do you know a preschooler who would just love to come to preschool at St. Joseph School? We will be hosting our Open House on Monday, March 2, from 5-7 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms and the teachers. Please bring your children with you. Questions—call 398-4202 or e-mail at stjoe@lightbound.com.

Visitors are welcome during the school day. Please call the school office to set up a time to see all the fun activities going on in preschool.

Kindergarten Preview

Come and see what St. Joseph School Kindergarten has to offer you and your child. Did you know that St. Joseph offers all-day and half-day kindergarten? We have afterschool care available for our all-day students. Please call the office or e-mail the principal at stjoe@lightbound.com.

Please join us on Thursday, March 5, at either 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. We will be meeting in the kindergarten rooms so Mrs. Cox can share the kindergarten experience with you. You are welcome to bring your child, but this is not necessary.

Visitors are welcome during the school day. Please call the office to set up a time to see kindergarten in action.

PTO Meeting, Dinner, Awards, and Program

Our fourth graders will be providing the entertainment for the PTO program on Tuesday, February 24. Grades 3 and 5 will be sponsoring the dinner beginning at 5:00 p.m. and ending at 6:15 p.m. The meeting and other events begin at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars.

Shelbyville Parks and Recreation

Shelby County Girls Softball—Free winter clinics—ages girls 4-12

Location: Shelbyville High School Auxiliary Gym

Dates: Feb. 15, 22 and March 1
Times: Ages 4-8, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Ages 9-12, 2:30-4:00 p.m.
No registration required. Girls may attend one or all dates.

Shelby County Girls Softball—League Registration

When: March 2-27

Ages: 4-6 (t-ball) Fee: \$50

7-18 Fee: \$75 (\$35/additional sibling)

Girls must be 4 year old by December 31, 2008 and not 18 by January 1, 2009 to play.

Contact: Shelbyville Parks Depart. At 317-392-5128 for more information.

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Congratulations to the students who used their hands and hearts productively this past week: **Evita Koth, Jennah Foltz, Nick Walke, Megan Thoman, Michael Hornsby, Trace Holt, Makayla Schacht, and Katie Settles.**

Winning DARE Essay

Congratulations to Megan Thoman, one of our fifth graders! Her essay for DARE was selected as our school’s winner during the fifth graders graduation. Thanks to Officer Floyd Hastings for coming to our school for the DARE program!

Celebrate Your Commitment

Who: Married couples and engaged couples

What: Revisit your promises to each other

When: February 28th following 5 p.m. Mass with dinner being served.

Why: To reflect, to share, to laugh, to smile, to enjoy the company of other couples in your faith community.

What it is not: Natural family planning, marriage encounter, Retrouville

Sign Up sheet in the narthex of church. Call Mary Margaret at 398-0350 or e-mail mmlynch@stjosephshelby.org. High school children will be available to watch your children. Please register by February 22nd.

Menus for February 9-20

Monday, 2/9—Ham and cheese

Tuesday, 2/10—Pork Chop Sandwich

Wednesday, 2/11—Pizza Pocket with Cheese

Thursday, 2/12—Country Fried Steak

Friday, 2/13—Turkey and Cheese

Monday, 2/16—NO SCHOOL—PRESIDENTS’ DAY

Tuesday, 2/17—Rib BQ

Wednesday, 2/18—Hot Dog

Thursday, 2/19—Ham and Cheese sandwich

Friday, 2/20—Myers BBQ