

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
February 20, 2009
Be the hands, the heart of God.

The story in Sunday's Gospel tells us: When Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic and his companions; he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there asking themselves, "Why does this man speak that? He is blaspheming. Who but God alone can forgive sins?" Mark 2:5-7

PTO Dinner, Meeting, Awards, and Program

The third and fifth grade classes will be sponsoring a pizza dinner on Tuesday, February 24. Dinner will be served from 5:00-6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria. Our fourth graders are the performers for the evening. Please come and join us—you will be entertained! The entertainment will follow the meeting and awards, which starts at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

Students who will be receiving awards on the 24th include:

Grade 5-Jennah Foltz, Makayla Schacht, Trace Holt, Katie Settles

Grade 4-Colleen Davis, Matt Kenkel, Addyson Miller, Ryan Douglas, Hannah O'Connor, Cora Reinhart, Hannah Dwenger

Grade 3-Lucy Furiak, Damon Lux, Samantha Watson, Emily Foltz, Konrad Dorsey

Grade 2-Jacob Coomes, Camille Woods, Joseph McQueen, Eric Beyer, Hanna Bills, Lilyann Gulley

Grade 1-Elizabeth Furgeson, Mitchell Smith, Alex Watson, Lukas Harley, Andrew Walke, Mimi Kobayashi, Nicholas Robinson, Jillian Linville

Kindergarten-Heath McIntire, Evan VanWye, Emma Messer

Audrey Reinhart will be receiving her perfect attendance ribbon for the second grading period.

Science Fair Judging and Science Fair Viewing

Our annual Science Fair will be held on Monday, February 23. Judging will take place on Monday, and the projects will be available for viewing during the day and evening of Tuesday, February 24 (PTO night). Please be sure to stop and see the projects while you enjoy the pizza dinner!

Voice of SCUFFY

Each year our third graders have an opportunity to try out for the Voice of SCUFFY for our school. A boy and girl are chosen and they are invited to go to the radio station and tape a message to use during the SCUFFY campaign. Congratulations to Lucy Furiak and Damon Lux – our representatives!

Water Pirates of Neverland Run Aground

Indiana American Water is sponsoring this performance by the National Theatre for Children of Minneapolis. The lively production dramatizes the importance of water conservation and protection of our natural resources.

When: Wednesday, February 25, at 1:00 p.m.

Where: St. Joseph Gym

Staff Development Half-Day-February 26

Thursday, February 26 is a half-day of school. Dismissal will be at 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served and our Afterschool Care program will be open.

February 28-Boys' Basketball Games

Our boys' basketball team will be participating in two games on Saturday, February 28. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Paul Cross Gym (Civic Center), our boys' team along with Waldron Elementary, St. Bartholomew from Columbus, and a Columbus Elementary will each play two games. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for school-age children. St. Joseph will play at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Good luck!

I-STEP Testing for grades 3, 4, 5

The third, fourth, and fifth graders will be participating in the first part of spring I-STEP testing from March 2-11. All grades (3,4,5) will be taking math and language arts. Grade 4 will also be taking a science portion while grade 5 will have social studies.

Please remind your child to do their best, to read the stories and questions carefully, and to listen carefully to the instructions. A good night's sleep and a nutritious breakfast also help.

Preschool Open House

Our preschool Open House for incoming three and four-year-olds is scheduled for Monday, March 2, from 5-7 p.m. Please mark your calendars and share this information with your friends and relatives who have preschoolers. The child needs to be three or four by August 1, 2009 to be eligible for preschool.

We have several options for preschool. They are listed below:

- Three-year-olds, Tuesday and Thursday a.m., 7:45-10:15 a.m.
- Three-year-olds, Tuesday and Thursday all-day, 7:45-2:45 p.m.
Afterschool Care available
- Four-year-olds, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday a.m. 7:45-10:15 a.m.
- Four-year-olds, Monday through Friday, 7:45-10:15 a.m.
- Four-year-olds, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday all-day, 7:45-2:45 p.m. Afterschool Care available.
- Four-year-old, everyday all-day, 7:45-2:45 p.m. Afterschool Care available.

Please call the school office (398-4202) or e-mail Mrs. Livingston at stjoe@lightbound.com if you have any questions.

Spring Pictures

Spring pictures will be taken on Tuesday, March 3. Everyone will have their pictures taken, parents will receive a picture package, and you can purchase all, some, or none of the pictures. Simply return the packet if you do not wish to purchase any.

This week you will be receiving a flyer on which you can select the pose you would like.

If you prefer that your child not have their picture taken, please send a note to your child's teacher. Thank you.

This is a Choice of Dress Day.

Lent Begins on February 25

Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season on February 25. On Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent lunches will not have meat served. Meals will include cheese pizza, mozzarella cheese sticks, fish, etc.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in church on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 3, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m.

- Tuesday, March 17, 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, April 2, 1:00 p.m.

First Eucharist Parent Meeting—March 3

The first Eucharist parent only meeting for our second graders who will be making their First Eucharist in April will be on Tuesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Kindergarten Preview

The Kindergarten Preview for incoming students for 2009-2010 is on Thursday, March 5, at either 1:30 or 6:30 p.m. Invitations have been sent to our four-year-old preschoolers and also children on the baptismal list at our parish. Please feel free to share this information with friends or relatives who have kindergarten age children. A child must be at least five years of age by August 1, 2009 to be eligible for kindergarten.

Mrs. Cox, our kindergarten teacher, and myself will be presenting information for parents and there will be ample time for questions. The Preview will be in the kindergarten classrooms.

St. Joseph School offers a half-day and an all-day kindergarten program. Half-day hours are 7:45-11:15 a.m. and all-day is 7:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m. with Afterschool Care available after regular school hours. Afterschool Care is an additional cost.

Market Day/Choice of Dress Day

Have you had an opportunity to try any Market Day products? If you haven't, our next Market Day pick-up is on Thursday, March 12, between 4:30-5:30 p.m. Market Day forms are sent home each month with our students. Take some time to check out the flyer—my favorites are the fried rice and the chicken stir-fry and the broccoli...I could keep my list going!

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Congratulations to all of the individuals who were caught using their hands and hearts in great ways recently: Jake Wingo, Ben Reuter, Braiden Kincade, Ryan Douglas, Elizabeth Clark, Scarlett West, Nicholas Robinson, All of Mrs. Williamson's class, All of Ms. Martin's class, Makayla Schacht, Grace Coomes, Dylan Thoman, Emma Messer, Adeline Haacker, Randy Hubbell, Beth Forville, Nick Amos, Eric Beyer, Hanna Bills, Jacob Coomes,

Garrett Davis, Nick Duffy, Garret Freeman, Mary Alice Furgeson, Lilyann Gulley, Sadie Jo Hansen, Sarah Houpt, DJ Kramer, Grace Laker, Anna Lux, Joseph McQueen, John Morgan, AJ Phelps, Jade Roell, Audrey Reinhart, Mrs. Douglas, Logan Cord, Mitchell Smith, Elizabeth Furgeson, Evita Koth, and Camille Woods.

Pre-order your St. Joseph School yearbook!

St. Joseph School is taking orders for our 2008-2009 yearbook. The cost is \$16.00 per book. A limited numbers of copies will be ordered.

Thanks.

Menus for the week of February 23 and March 2

Monday, 2/23—Pizza Hut Pizza

Tuesday, 2/24—Mini Pancakes and Sausage Patty

Wednesday, 2/25—Mozzarella Cheese Dippers

Thursday, 2/26—Cheeseburger

Friday, 2/27—Fish Sticks

Monday, 3/2—Hotdog

Tuesday, 3/3—Tenderloin Sandwich

Wednesday, 3/4—Corndog

Thursday, 3/5—Salisbury Steak

Friday, 3/6—Toasted Cheese Sandwich