

April 2008

Dear Families of St. Joseph School,

Please Read Before Spring Break:

These are the holiest days of the Church Year; Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Sunday. Please plan to celebrate together as a family with your parish community.

Please Read During Spring Break:

Here are a few+ notes of importance that will help with your planning for the month of April:

- On Friday, April 4 we will celebrate the 50 days of Easter at an all-school mass at 11:15 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:15 p.m. This is a great day to plan on spending some time here at school with your child/ren. Come to mass and then stay for lunch. (Please, be sure to call in a reservation for lunch by 9:30 a.m.) At this celebration we will present a large check, which we collected during Catholic Schools Week for St. Vincent DePaul. To keep our celebration of St. Joseph going, each classroom will present their "tool" and these will be sent with those who are going to Appalachia in the summer and to Habitat for Humanity. During the lunch we will do the presentation of the Math-a-thon prizes.
- On Thursday, April 10, a "new adventure" is planned for SJS. You and your family are invited to **Family Math Night** at 6:30 p.m. in Hughes Hall. (All families who have a 1st, 3rd, 5th or 7th grader is asked to bring finger foods to share.) As you know, one of our OCSAA Goals regarding Student Performance is in the curriculum area of math. We thought it might be helpful to parents, and older siblings to hear about this program as well as to experience the many manipulatives used by our students every day. It will be a very "hands-on" math evening. We are trying to get a Saxon math representative here that night, too. Every student is expected to be here, so please notify all coaches that April 10 is a "school night" for each SJS student and their family. There will be no homework for any SJS student.
- Spring Testing begins on Monday, April 14 for students of grades K, 3, 5, and 8. The list of tests is named on this month's calendar. Please make sure each of these students gets plenty of rest each night. Two #2 pencils are also a requirement for these tests. Most importantly, please do not make any kind of outside plans for your child/ren during these school days. It is so important for the children to take the tests during the scheduled times. Emergencies are the only exception.
- Earth Week is planned for April 21 – 24. Mrs. Kovalik and her committee have done a great job of planning activities that will help all of us be more aware of our responsibility to care for Mother Earth and all of her gifts. The calendar names the activities for each day. The committee will send home a detailed explanation for each activity.
- St. Joseph School has always supported many educational variations here at school as well as through off-campus learning. During this month, all of our students will be off to many interesting adventures. Again, please check this month's calendar. Thank you, parents, for being so supportive of this form of academic learning experience. Please note that every field trip is curriculum-based, meets the state standards, and is grade-appropriate.
- It has been several years since we have offered a class photo option to you. On Tuesday, April 29 each class will have their picture taken with their teacher and principal. The purchase of these pictures is your choice. Each student will be in the picture, even if you do not plan to purchase it. This is a dress-up uniform day for all students.
- Did you know that this fall 2008 marks the 45th Anniversary Year of St. Joseph School? (This is the 85th Anniversary of St. Joseph Parish.) A committee is being formed to plan several special events for the 2008 – 2009 school year in celebration of these many years of quality education, which just keep getting better every year. Would you like to help with the planning? Please contact me at school. We will have one initial meeting in June and the second one in August.

Thank you to all of you who attended and participated in the School Information Meetings on April 11, 12 and 13. Thank you for sharing with each other about how St. Joseph School is a blessing for your family. Thank you for asking questions that clarified issues for each other. Thank you for recognizing the support that is exchanged between your home and this school. The next step is to re-register your child/ren at SJS before April 15. In doing so, you will:

- be providing a Catholic education that is priceless, both now and for the rest of their lives
- (at the same time) be paying the \$100.00 registration fee where the entire amount is applied to your tuition. (Beginning with April 16, the fee changes to \$300.00 and only \$100.00 is applied to your tuition.) Please take some time to re-register during spring break.
- be delighted that your child/ren is safe, challenged, loved, and given the opportunity to develop in every possible way.

Enjoy the Easter Season and Spring Break with your children. We will look forward to their return on March 31. A Blessed and Happy Easter to you and your family.

Beth A. Frank
Principal

Honor Roll 2007/2008

Third Quarter

High Honors

8th Dane Engelhart
8th Sarah Rowley
7th Stephanie Judd
6th Brittany Lally
6th Drew Truax
5th Jared Bakes
5th Makenna Delgado
3rd John Burns
2nd Toni Chinchar
2nd Cassandra Crane
2nd Kassandra Fedor
2nd Lillian Harris
2nd Breanna Kimball
2nd Adison Onchak
2nd Delaney Wetherholt
1st Stephen Glova
1st Brody Lally
1st Bianca Marinelli

Honor Roll

8th Noland Fortin
8th Jacob Pastor
8th Andrew Villegas
7th Robert Corrigan
7th Olivia Kotkowski
7th Brock Lally
6th Marcia Burns
6th Erin Calvey
6th Carley Gross
6th Elizabeth LaMarca
6th Jordan Pastor
6th Emma Twardzik
5th Emily Burke
5th Cheyenne Caddell
5th Benjamin Chaykowski
5th Sarah Greff
5th Angelena Nero
4th Nate Daczko
4th Adam Pastor
4th Alexandria Skowronski

4th Brenna Truax
3rd Jacob Crane
3rd Rose Englert
3rd Alexandria Geraci
3rd Emma Kotkowski
3rd Brandon Peterson
2nd Joseph Daczko
2nd Cole Giacomo
2nd Evan Kurtz
2nd Sean Mitchell
2nd Ashley Wieclaw
1st Steve Duber
1st Collin Gross
1st Lauren Walz

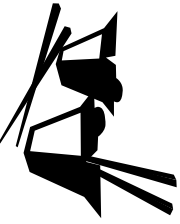


Principal's Honors

8th Drew Kovalik
6th Ryan Bernhard
6th Allison Vannoy
5th Joseph Romano
4th Kallen Kurtz
4th Lauren Goble
2nd David Bowden
2nd Lillian Kulla
2nd Mitchell Reder
1st Jacob Ober
1st Erin Owens
K Noah Hickin
K Nick Lowry
K Dakota Nutt
K Tyler Peterson
K Dino Sargiovanni
K Jordan Zielinski





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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | March 31 9:00 am SJS resumes 7 pm Cub Scouts | 1 Begin the month of April by re-registering your children for SJS | 2 6:30 H & S Board Mtg | 3 2:05 Singing practice 6-7:30 Jr. G.S. | 4 50 days of Easter 9:30 All School Mass Dress up uniform 12:15 Lunch Bingo 1st week | 5 Bingo 1st week |
| 6 PSR | 7 This is still a great week to re-register your children at SJS 7 pm Cub Scouts | 8 | 9 4:00-5:30 Market Day P/U 6-7 pm Brownies | 10 Grades 1/3/5/7 bring finger foods 6:30 Family Math Night No homework | 11 Dress down Day 10 am string Quartet Assembly Bingo 2nd week | 12 Bingo 2nd week Set up for Chinese Auction after Bingo help needed |
| 13 PSR 12:30 Chinese Auction | 14 7 pm Cub Scouts 7 pm Finance Mtg. | 15 Re-registration forms due so you can use the full \$100.00 | 16 7 pm Parish Council Mtg. Re-registration Fee increases to \$300.00 | 17 9:20 am Grades 1-2-3 F/T Akron Art Museum and Civic Theater | 18 9:15-3 pm Grades 5 & 6 to St. T Ag Bingo 3rd week | 19 Cub Scout Camp out Bingo 3rd week |
|  | Grade 8 Of grade Proficiencies Grades 3 & 5 Off Grade Writing Grade K IOWA Testing | Grade 8 Of grade Proficiencies Grades 3 & 5 Off Grade Writing Testing | Grade 8 Of grade Proficiencies Grades 3 & 5 Off Grade Writing Grade K IOWA Testing | Grade 8 Of grade Proficiencies Grades 3 & 5 Off Grade Writing Grade K IOWA Testing 6-7:30 Jr. Girl Scouts | Grade 8 Of grade Proficiencies Grades 3 & 5 Off Grade Writing Grade K IOWA Testing |  |
| 20 Last PSR Cub Scout Camp out 12:30 pm Liturgical Ministers Training | 21 Make up Testing No Cub Scouts Recycle Day Gr K Contest due Earth Week | 22 Make up Testing Can It Day Dress Down for 50 cans or more Earth Week | 23 Secretaries Day 6-7 pm Brownies Zero Waste Lunch Day Earth Week | 24 9:20 Gvs. K-8 Earth Day Field Trips 3 pm Food Service In-service 6-7:30 Jr. G.S. Earth Week | 25 8:30 Staff Dev for teachers No School Bingo 4th Week Earth Week | 26 9-12 noon Jesus Day Bingo 4th Week |
| 9:30 Ox Roast meeting Hughes Hall May 1st 1pm First Eucharist at St. Joseph Parish | 28 9:30 K-Screening 7 pm Cub Scouts | 29 9:20 Class Photos by Interstate Photo Dress up Uniforms | 30 Grade 5 Camp Christopher | May 1st Grades 6/7/8 Trip to Pa. Grade 5 Camp Christopher | May 2nd Grades 6/7/8 Response Day Grade 5 Camp Christopher Bingo 1st week | May 3rd Bingo 1st week  |