



St. Joseph School

2012

Registration/Tuition/FACTS Reminders

We are now accepting registrations for our Pre-K and kindergarten programs, as well as new entrants. Be sure to continue to spread the good news about St. Joseph School and all we have to offer!

We will be partnering with FACTS Management Company again next year to help manage our tuition collection and also to help us distribute needs-based assistance to our families.

A FACTS re-enrollment form was included in the

last family envelope for any family who was registered on FACTS this school year. Please be sure to check which payment option and payment date you prefer and whether or not you are interested in the Peace of Mind (POM) benefit. Please return this form by May 15th and this will automatically re-register your child(ren) for the 2012-2013 school year. You do not need to re-register on the website if you return this form to us. The first deduction

will be in the month of August.

If you would like to apply for financial aid through the Resurrection Parish Assistance Fund, you will need to complete and submit the necessary forms through the FACTS grant and aid link on our website (www.sjsbatavia.org).

The deadline for this is June 30, 2012.

Please do not hesitate to call the main office if you have any questions.

Dates to Remember in April...

- 2nd-13th...Easter Recess —NO SCHOOL
- 14th...SUPER MAMMOTH Sale
- 16th...School resumes
- 17th-18th-19th...NYS ELA Test for students in grades 3,4,6 &8
- 18th...SOS mtg. 7:00 p.m.
- 20th...3rd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly and March Student of the Month Assembly after the 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 22nd...Diocesan Art Exhibit
- 23rd...Pre-K Field trip to Strong Museum
- 25th-26th-27th...NYS Math Test for students in grades 3, 4,6, & 8
- 27th...Subway Day

Reporting Student Absences

Just a reminder, when your child is absent from school the following procedures must be followed:

1. Call the school office between 7:45 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. to report the absence.
2. A written excuse signed by the

parent/guardian must accompany the student when they return to school. Even if you called, we still need a written excuse. This is a NYS law that needs to be followed by everyone.

3. Students who are absent for three or more consecutive days must have a doctor's note to return to school.

We thank you for your cooperation!



Uniforms

- Please pay close attention to the uniform requirements detailed in the family calendar.
- After the Easter break, girls may no longer wear the navy blue dress pants.
- After the Easter break, polo shirts may be worn by boys and girls. Please note that only white polo shirts monogrammed with “St. Joseph School” may be worn,

and shirts must be tucked in, for boys and girls.

- Please pay special attention to the rules regarding skirt lengths, nail polish, and make-up for girls. Parents– please check the length of your daughter’s skirts and jumpers– often they have grown over the winter months. Uniform skirts must be knee length.
- Uniform shorts may now be

worn, but must be khaki Bermuda length only. These may be purchased through Flynn & O’Hara, JCPenney, and Target. No cargo shorts are allowed.

- Boys hair should not be below their eyebrows or shirt collars.
- Please note: Free for the taking are various used uniforms in the lending-closet adjacent to the nurse’s office.

News from the Health Office

Attention parents of 5th Graders: All students entering 6th grade are required to have a Pertussis Booster. This must be on file in the school office prior to the beginning of next school year. Please have your health care provider send a copy to the school health office.

Fax#343-8911

Lenten Project

A BIG thank you to everyone who participated in our Lenten project. We have received a variety of personal hygiene items that will help our local farm-worker community here in Batavia, as well as the Pediatric Transport Team at Strong Memorial Hospital. Thank you to everyone for their generosity!

Mammoth Sale

The Super MAMMOTH Sale was held on Saturday, April 14th from 9:00-4:00. This HUGE fundraiser was another great success! THANK YOU to Kathy Stefani, Jamee Logsdon, and all of their volunteers for the many hours of work throughout the Easter break!



Diocesan Art Show

The Twenty-Second Annual Diocesan Art Exhibition, endorsed by the Department of Catholic Education, will take place on April 22-26, 2012. The Diocesan Art Show will be held at Mary Queen of Angels, Regional Catholic School, 170 Rosewood Terrace, Cheektowaga, NY. The Diocesan

Art Show will be held Sunday, April 22nd from 1:00 to 4 p.m. (refreshments will be served) and Monday – Thursday, April 23rd-26th from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. We encourage you to visit the art exhibit. We will have entries from St. Joseph School. Certificates and ribbons will be given to all entrants.

“Dress Down” Day

Our K-Kids Group sponsored a “dress up” (non-uniform) day on March 20th. For \$1 students and staff “dressed up” for the day. \$80 was raised for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and Juvenile Diabetes. Thank you for your support!

Cell Phones



As a reminder, cell phones should not be out of any student's backpack or in use at any time when the students are in school. Phones will be taken away and parents will be notified to pick them up in the main office if this happens. If it is necessary to make a phone call during school hours, the students have permission to use the phones in the main office.

Walk for Education

Our annual SOS Walk-a-Thon will be held on Friday, May 18th. Students in grades 4-8 and morning Pre-K will be walking from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Students in grades K-3 and afternoon Pre-K will be walking from 1:00-2:00 p.m. Please call the school office if you would like to volunteer to help that day.

First Communion

First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 20th at the 11:30 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph Church. Mrs. Paserk will be taking photographs again this year. More information about picture packages will be sent home with the students in the near future.



Student of the Month in February

Kindergarten: Emma Sisson
Grade 1: Kyle Swift
Grade 2: Michael Cianfrini
Grade 3: Rachel Nickerson
Grade 4: Benjamin Paserk
Grade 5: Tyler Fuller
Grade 6: Hunter Mazur
Grade 7: Fiona Beck
Grade 8: C.J. Suozzi

Math: Anthony Haitz
Art: Anthony Gallo
Gym: Emily English
Spanish: Shawn Searls



NYS Exams

Students in grades 3, 4, 6, & 8 will be taking state exams on the following dates:

NYS ELA: April 17-18-19

NYS Math: April 25-26-27

Please make sure your child is on time, eats breakfast, and has plenty of sleep the night before. Please refrain from scheduling any appointments for your child on these days.

Bison Fund (formally CTAP)

The Bison Fund (formerly called Catholic Elementary School Tuition Aid Program, CTAP) has been developed to provide needs-based tuition aid for Catholic and non-Catholic students registered at a parish-affiliated or regional Catholic school in the Diocese of Buffalo. Approximately \$250,000

is available each year. Bison awards will be distributed throughout the Diocese of Buffalo to families that have applied and meet eligibility requirements. A formula that includes the ranking of financial need of the total applicant pool and administered by an independent third party will

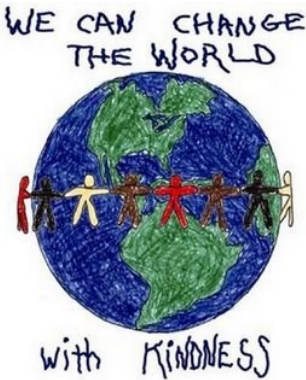
determine the amount of each Bison award. If you are interested in applying for this program you may request an application in the main office or download one from www.bisonfund.com. **The deadline for this is April 30, 2012.**



Presenting the blankets that we made in our “houses” to residents of the VA nursing home...



*“Each one of them is Jesus in disguise”
—Mother Teresa of Calcutta*





Technology and Our Children

A common concern of parents is keeping up with their children when it comes to the latest technology. Often, it is the children teaching parents what technology can do. This may leave parents feeling uninformed and, more importantly, unsure of how to protect their children from some of the dangers associated with a high-tech world. What can we, as parents, do to help ensure that our children's use of electronic technology is a safe experience that supports learning?

Here are a few tips from experts:

1. **Talk to your child.** Just as parents want to know where their children are going and with whom they are socializing, find out where

your child goes on the internet. Part of our responsibility as parents is to help our children learn to make good decisions about technology use. This can be accomplished through frequent conversations with our children.

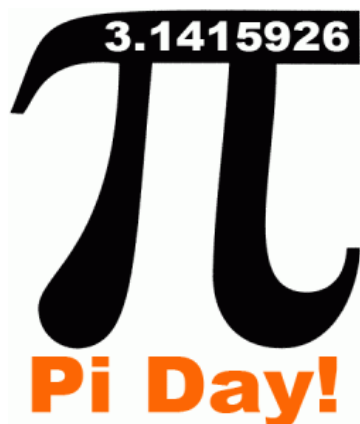
2. **Develop rules.** The best way to do this is to develop rules together with your child about the safe use of all electronic media. Just as our school has an internet policy, we as families need them in our homes.
3. **Talk with others.** Talk with other parents about how they talk about and handle technology use with their children.

4. **Educate yourself.** Be alert to new technology and devices. Also, explore websites your child visits and see for yourself.
5. **Place computers in central locations.** Require that portable devices be used in a central family location. This allows you to supervise internet activity more easily in your home.

New technology provides new opportunities for learning and connecting with others. Parents are key in helping their children remain safe and benefit from these opportunities.



8th grade Algebra students created t-shirts to celebrate ...





Congratulations National Junior Honor Society Inductees!

Congratulations to the following students on being inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on March 8th:

Class of 2012:

James Farmer, Connor Logsdon, Shea Norton, and Christopher Suozzi

Class of 2013:

Fiona Beck, Samantha Nickerson, and Julia Streeter

The purpose of the National Junior Honor Society is: (1) to create enthusiasm for scholarship; (2) to stimulate a desire to render service; (3) to promote leadership; (4) to develop character; and (5) to encourage citizenship.



3rd Quarter Honor Roll

First Honors (94.0-100)

Grade 3: Amanda Bergman, Samuel Chmielowiec, Skye Colantonio, Ariana deSa e Frias, Alex Hale, Colin Kratz, Rachel Nickerson, Joseph Perl, Jace Rademacker, Shawn Searls, Jewel Shenck, Benjamin Streeter, Maxwell Tenney, Ciara Werner

Grade 4: Adryona Miller

Grade 5: Faith Falkowksi, Sandra Fanton, Mary Kochmanski, Spencer Misiti, Maya Rademacker, Meghan Stella

Grade 6: Ethan Conrad, Jordyn Johnson, Hunter Mazur, Natalie Thornton, Nicholas Ventola, Moira Werner, Nico Zambito

Grade 7: Fiona Beck, Samantha Nickerson, Reid Rademacker, Kyra Stella, Julia Streeter

Grade 8: Jessica Bukowski, Emily Fischer, Nichol Salvador, Emily Sherman, Christopher Suozzi, Luca Zambito

Second Honors (89.0-93.9)

Grade 3: Donato Fiorentino, Doria Gallison, Anne Marie Kochmanski, Blake Paserk

Grade 4: Noah Johnson, Kaitlyn Kinter, Teagan Mathes

Grade 5: Samuel Bowman, Mary Lea Caprio, Emily English, Tyler Fuller, Madysen Henault, Bella March, Clarice Misiak, Victoria Perl, Jack Shadders, Vincent Strollo

Grade 6: Ethan Fischer, Jack Houseknecht, Joseph Kaus, Brigid McCormack

Grade 7: Evan Bender, Lynese Castro, Jacob Cryer, Alexis Hackmer, Leslie Mateos, Bradley Misiak, Rachel Salvador, James Zickl

Grade 8: James Farmer, Anthony Haitz, Connor Logsdon, Shea Norton Jordyn Saraceni

Merit Honors (85.0-88.9)

Grade 3: Matthew Bills, Matthew Neal

Grade 4: Jocelyn Cryer, Andres Mateos, Trevor Mathisen, Benjamin Paserk

Grade 5: David Doan, Mitchell Hassett, Andrew Moore, Daniel Nickerson

Grade 6: Philip Koziol

Grade 7: Erin Phillips

Grade 8: Anthony Gallo, Steven Goodberlet, Peter Koziol, Casey Midwick