

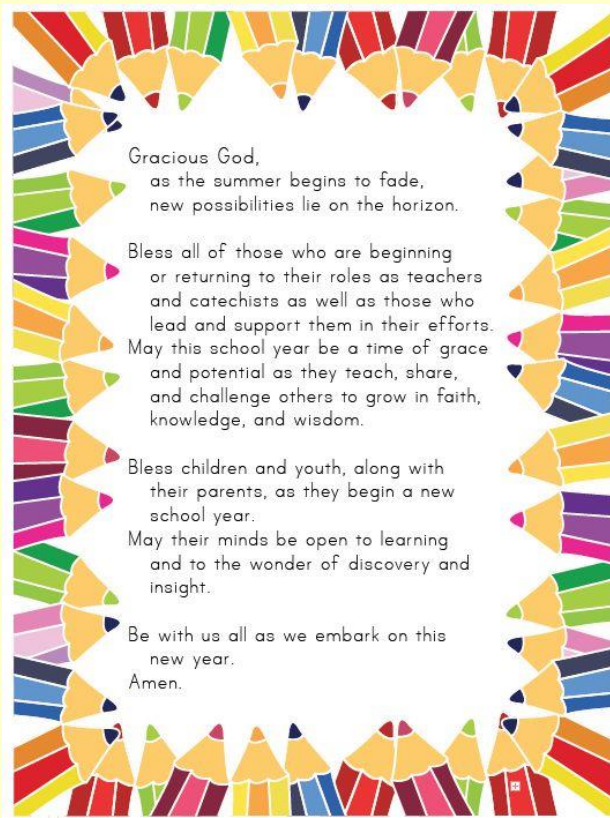
August
2018

St. Joseph School



A Note from the Principal

I hope you have shared happy, restful times with family and friends. Surprisingly it is nearly time to begin another school year. As we begin a new school year please join me in reflecting on the words of the following prayer:



On behalf of all of us at St. Joseph School, we look forward to another successful school year as we work together to build our community of faith, knowledge and service.

Sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Karen Green
Principal

Arrival and Dismissal

School opens on Tuesday, September 4th with full-day sessions for Kindergarten through 8th grades. Students should be in their classrooms by 8:00 a.m.; dismissal is at 2:20 p.m. for bus students; 2:35 p.m. for walkers and parent pick-up. All students, including Kindergarten, should report directly to their classrooms. **Grades K and 2-8 will be in the main building, while 1st Grade, Pre-K and Wrap-Around-Care will be located in the Annex Building. Please note: Miss Zambito's 1st grade is located on the 2nd floor of the annex.** Beginning at 2:20 p.m. our bus students will be dismissed as their appropriate bus arrives. At approximately 2:35 p.m. after the bus traffic is complete, teachers will escort those students who are walking or being transported by private vehicles to the parking lot. Vehicles may be waiting in the Church parking lot. No vehicles will be allowed near the school building past the barriers. They should not enter or exit Summit St. as the students are crossing the parking lot. Please be patient at dismissal and do not attempt to move your vehicle while children are still walking out to their cars. Please help to keep our children safe!

Tuition Statements

Tuition Statements for the 2018-2019 school year were sent to each family in July. If you have not returned your signed statement, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation!
REMINDER: All families must register on the FACTS tuition management web-based system to begin payments in August or September. Otherwise, payment in full was expected by August 1st.

Parent/Student Handbook

The **revised** Handbook and School Calendar is available to all families on our school website (www.sjsbatavia.org).

Please note: Paper copies will not be distributed this year. Parents, please read the handbook with your child(ren), discuss school policies, and sign and return the agreement found at the end of the handbook.

Thank you to our Home School Association--SOS (Supporters of St. Joseph School) for providing the funds for printing our student agendas which will be distributed to our students in grades 3-8 the first week of school. It is **mandatory** that they have this throughout the school year. Please assist us in teaching our students that personal organization is a life skill. If your child loses their assignment book, we have limited replacements available for \$7.00 in the main office.

Parent Volunteers

As always, we depend considerably upon the generosity and good will of you, our families, for assistance with so many school functions. Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- To assist in our cafeteria during lunch
- To assist classroom teachers with special projects whenever needed
- To assist in our Pre-K program
- To join our SOS Committee or volunteer for fundraising events

A volunteer sign-up sheet will be sent home the 1st week of school. Your help, no matter how small you may think it is, is greatly appreciated.

Material Fee

Each family is responsible for a \$100 Material Fee. This fee was included in your tuition statement for the 2018-2019 school year. The Material Fee helps us meet the cost of copy paper, construction paper, art supplies, report cards, assignment books, etc. This fee has been included in all FACTS tuition management accounts.

Faculty & Staff 2018-19

Wrap Around Care Teacher:	Mrs. Jill Kratz
Wrap Around Care Teacher:	Mrs. Stephanie King
Pre-School:	Mrs. Kim Ellis
Pre-K:	Mrs. Beth Hofmaster
Pre-K Aide:	Mrs. Bridget DelPlato
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Mary Case
1 st Grade:	Ms. Nicole Zambito
2 nd Grade:	Mrs. Anne Marie Starowitz
2 nd Grade Aide:	Mrs. Flo Ventola
3 rd Grade:	Mrs. Marianne Clattenburg
4 th Grade:	Mrs. Sharon Fischer
4 th Grade Aide:	Mrs. Diane Fraser
5 th Grade:	Mrs. Kate Pezzimenti
6/7/8 Grade Science:	Mrs. Alana Caprio
6/7/8 Grade Religion:	Mr. Todd Bowman
6/7/8 Grade English:	Mrs. Alicia Palmer
6/7/8 Grade Social Studies:	Mr. Matthew Landfried
6/7/8 Grade Math:	Mrs. Carolyn Fisher
8 th Grade Earth Science:	Ms. April Meier
Spanish:	TBD
Art:	Mrs. Kim Ellis
Computers:	Mrs. Barbara Paserk
Music:	Mrs. Lauren Hoerbelt
Instrumental:	Mrs. Wendy Williams
Physical Education/Health:	Mrs. Mary Wright
AIS (Reading) Teacher:	Mrs. Alyssa Smith
Learning Lab:	Mrs. Kate Winters
Counselor:	Mrs. Sheila Harding
Nurse:	Mrs. Shari Ange
Cafeteria:	Mrs. Maria Streeter
Maintenance:	Mr. Steve Oliver
Advancement Coordinator:	TBD
Business Manager:	Ms. Peggy Marone
Secretary:	Mrs. Dawn Norton
Director of Student Services:	Mrs. Nora O'Neill
Principal:	Mrs. Karen Green

Piano Lessons

Once again, Mr. Geoff Clough will be teaching piano and keyboard at St. Joseph School on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting on September 12th. Lessons are ½ hour once a week, during regular school hours with a rotating schedule; therefore no student misses the same class each week. Lesson commitment runs from September through May. For fees or further information, please contact Mr. Clough at 585-721-6732.

Lunches

Hot lunches will be available starting on Tuesday, Sept. 4th. The lunch menus as well as the meals are prepared by Notre Dame High School. **Cost of the hot lunch for grades K-8 is \$2.90** which includes milk or juice. Extras are available for \$1.00. Milk at **50¢** will be available for students who wish to pack a lunch.

Families under the free and reduced plan last year will still be eligible for the month of September until the new applications are filed.

New applications will be sent home the first week of school.

Hot dogs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, deli sandwiches, yogurt fun packs, chicken finger wraps and salads are also available each day.

All Kindergarten Students will receive a "free lunch" on the first day of school!!!

The "Healthy Hunger-Free Act" requires that school lunches offer a balanced meal of nutrient-rich foods-emphasizing lean-protein, fruits, veggies, and whole grains. Also, under these regulations, we offer snacks which will also fall under the nutrient guidelines. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shannon Plath (Notre Dame Nutritional Services Cafeteria Manager) at 585-343-2783 ext. 106 or by e-mail shannon.plath@ndhsbatavia.com

Kitchen volunteers are needed to help with serving and clean-up Monday through Friday, 10:45 am - 1pm, beginning Tuesday, September 4th. Please contact Maria Streeter at cafeteria.sjsbatavia@gmail.com if you are able to help for a full or partial time slot.

The September lunch menu will be available on our website at www.sjsbatavia.org.

Lunch Tickets

Lunch tickets for all grades will be sold for \$58, which is good for 20 lunches. We strongly encourage every family to purchase a lunch ticket to cut down on the times that children forget to bring in their lunch money. Lunch tickets may be purchased anytime in the main office.

*****Checks for lunch tickets should be made to "Notre Dame Nutritional Services"*****

Pre-K Program

There are still spaces available in our Pre-K afternoon programs. If you know of anyone who may wish to send their child to a quality Pre-K program, we ask that you encourage them to visit our website or call the school office for more information.

STREAM Academy

To continue to allow time in the day for our Pre-K-8 STREAM initiative, we will continue our STREAM Academy on Fridays from 1:30-2:30 this year. The following is a list of academies beginning in September:

- Pre-K and K: STREAM Sprouts
1 and 2: LEGO U Building and PEAP (Primary Engineering Adventure Program)
3 : Kitchen Chem/Carnegie Storymaker
4: Kitchen Chem/"Lights, Camera, Action!"
5: CSI Science Scrimmage/"You're the Balm"
6: Invention Convention/Rockin Roller Coasters
7: Ignite the Power of Art and Video Game Art & Design/Fab Fashion
8: Robotics/Coding

BINGO

We are in need of a few more bingo volunteers. Work one Friday night from 6-10 pm once a month. All proceeds from this fundraiser comes back to SJS. Please contact the main office if you would like additional information.

Big G Box Tops

Please continue to save Big G Box Tops and send them into school with your children. **Please make sure your child's name is written on the bag or envelope when you send them to school.** Monthly prizes are distributed in each class.



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Scripts

Once again we are offering this gift card purchase program as a way of earning funds for our school by purchasing items such as weekly groceries. By purchasing Tops or many other gift cards or certificates from our school secretary Mrs. Norton, you can make purchases and earn money for our school. We currently keep a number of cards such as Tops, WalMart, Wendy's, Arby's, Target and JCPenney in stock. A large variety of others can be ordered on Mondays by noon, for pick-up on Friday. In the past, Scripts credit has been distributed to our families for tuition credit. Due to state regulations, we are no longer able to give this credit back to individual families on their tuition. However, the funds raised from this program, will be given back to the school to use for necessary materials, improvements or upgrades.

Opening Liturgy

Our Opening School Liturgy with Fr. Dan Serbickie will be held on Friday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. in the Church, for grades K-8. All families are encouraged to attend.

Special Area Subjects

Special area subjects including Spanish, Technology, Music, Art, and Physical Education will start on Tuesday, September 4th for all grades.

Birthday Party Treat Service

Notre Dame Nutritional services will continue to offer a "Birthday Party Treat Service" for interested St. Joseph School families. Please see the final page of this newsletter for an order form.

You may contact Mrs. Shannon Plath at Notre Dame High School with questions:

585-343-2783, extension 106 or
shannon.plath@ndhsbatavia.com

School Supplies For Sale

Pens.....	\$0.50
Stretchable book covers	\$1.00
Cursive Tablet (Grade 3)	\$1.00
One-subject notebooks	\$1.00
Protractors/Rulers/Highlighters/Crayons/ Glue Sticks	\$0.50 each
Composition Notebook	\$1.00

* These items and many more are for sale in the school store located in the cafeteria*

Notre Dame Fall Modified Sports Program

7th and 8th grade students are eligible to participate in modified sports under the auspices of Notre Dame High School. The following is a list of Fall modified sports offerings. Please contact Notre Dame High School if your child is interested.

Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
Girls Volleyball

There is a \$40 fee for all students participating in a Modified Sports Program.

This fee is paid to Notre Dame High School. Health forms also need to be turned in as soon as possible. These forms are available in ND's main office. For your convenience, the fee and health forms can be turned into St. Joseph School office; they will be forwarded to the Notre Dame Office.

LE3 INC.

LE3 Inc. will continue to offer an After School Program at SJS again this year. The hours are from **2:45- 6:00 p.m.** each day that school is in session, **beginning Tuesday, September 4th.** The children will receive a daily snack, homework assistance, and have fun together! If you are interested, please visit www.le3-inc.org to register your child(ren). The cost of this program is \$6.00/hour.

10 Ways to Help Your Child Do Well in School

1. **Show you care.** Your child needs hugs and words of support. Ask your child about school each day.
2. **Read, read, read.** Read with your child or have him or her read every day. Make it fun- talk about what you've read.
3. **Make home a place for learning.** Help your child practice reading, writing, math, and science skills. Stimulate your child's creativity.
4. **Promote healthy habits.** Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and exercise and eats balanced meals. Schedule regular check-ups.
5. **Be a role model.** Your child learns from you. Be positive about education and show you enjoy learning.
6. **Encourage independence.** Allow your child to make mistakes and learn to accept their consequences. Give your child responsibilities, such as household chores.
7. **Create a study routine.** Set a time and quiet place for your child to work every day. Go over homework together.
8. **Get involved.** Meet with your child's teacher, attend school events and help out at school if you can.
9. **Build success.** Help raise your child's self-esteem by setting reachable goals and praising your child's efforts, not just results.
10. **Make school important.** Insist on good attendance and punctuality.

Kindergarten Orientation

All Kindergarten students and their families are invited to a picnic on Tuesday, August 21st at 6:00 p.m. You will meet your teacher Mrs. Mary Case, and enjoy a picnic style dinner with your classmates and their families, and have any questions answered before your child begins kindergarten. Please be sure to call the school office and let us know how many people will be attending. If we do not have your immunization records and your physical forms, you must bring them with you to Orientation. Please remember that we cannot allow your child to start school without these forms on file. Also, feel free to bring your child's supplies with you that evening.



Website

The following is the address for our website:
www.sjsbatavia.org.

For your convenience our lunch menu and monthly newsletter will be available each month. Each month we will send an email to our families announcing that the newsletter and menu are available. If you have not already done so, please inform the school office if you wish to receive hard copies of these publications.

Be sure to also check in to the classroom news pages to see what is happening in your children's classrooms.

School supply lists may be found on our website also.

Dates to Remember in September

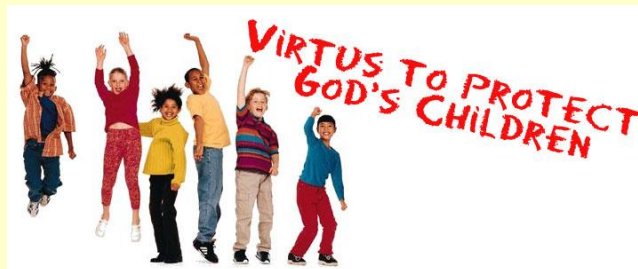
4 th	.....	First Day of School
5 th	.....	Pre-School (3 year old) Orientation
6 th	.....	Pre-K (4 year old) Orientation and Pre-School (3 yr old) Begins
7 th	.....	Pre-K (4 yr old) Begins & Opening School Mass at 9:00 A.M.
14 th	.....	Mass at 9:00 A.M. for grades 2-8 /Subway Day
21 st	.....	Mass at 9:00 A.M. for grades 2-8
24 th	.....	Kutter's Cheese Kick-Off
25 th	.....	Meet the Teacher Night at 7:00 PM
26 th	.....	Grandparent's Day Celebration in Grades K-2
28 th	.....	NO SCHOOL, Staff Development Day

VIRTUS Training

It is a Diocesan policy that anyone who works with children in any capacity must attend a "Protecting God's Children" workshop. If you plan to volunteer in your child's classroom, work in the cafeteria, coach basketball, or even accompany your child's class on a field trip, **this workshop is mandatory.** Those who participated in the workshop previously are not required to attend again, however you need to maintain your status by reading the monthly training bulletins online and completing re-certifications.

St. Padre Pio Parish in Oakfield will be hosting a "Protecting God's Children" workshop on **Saturday, September 8th** beginning at 9:00 AM. For further questions, contact St. Padre Pio parish office.

You can register online at www.virtus.org or by calling 1-888-847-8870.



Dress Code

Personal appearance is taken very seriously at St. Joseph School. We require a uniform dress code for both boys and girls. It helps in fostering a Christian educational environment. In addition to the uniform dress code, all students' hair must be clean and well-groomed with no wild styles (including colored, highlighted, or dyed hair) or shaved heads. Boy's hair must not be below their eyebrows or shirt collars. Pierced earrings are not acceptable for boys; hats or caps are not allowed in the building. No excessive jewelry or dangling earrings are allowed for girls. One post style earring per ear lobe only. Make-up is not acceptable for girls. Uniforms for Grades K-8 are to be worn starting the first day of school. The Principal reserves the right to decide if a student is dressed in compliance with the dress code.

BOYS:

- Navy blue uniform dress pants
- White long or short sleeved oxford cloth shirt
- Monogrammed navy or green V-neck or cardigan sweater (optional)
- Sneakers or shoes
- Black or white ankle socks. Knee socks are not allowed.
- Blue ties for grades K-5 (can be purchased from the main office for \$8.00) Any appropriate style tie may be worn in grades 6-8.

GIRLS:

- Plaid uniform jumper in Grades K-5 (must touch knees)
- Plaid or navy blue uniform skirt in Grades 6-8 (must touch knees)
- White long or short-sleeved oxford shirt or blouse
- Monogrammed navy or green V-neck or cardigan sweater (optional)
- White turtlenecks
- Navy blue dress pants may be worn from November 1st- March 31st.
- Navy, green, or white tights, knee socks, or ankle socks
- Sneakers or shoes- no clogs or crocs.

BOYS AND GIRLS:

- White or hunter green polo monogrammed shirts may be worn during the months of September, October, April, May, and June**These must be purchased through Flynn O'Hara with our new logo**
- White long-sleeved banded bottom monogrammed shirts may be worn in grades K-5 throughout the school year. **THESE SHIRTS MUST BE BANDED ON THE BOTTOM and purchased from Flynn O'Hara**
- Navy blue fleeces may also be worn in place of the school sweater. The fleece is available from Flynn O'Hara.

****Khaki uniform shorts** may be worn during the months of **September, October, April, May and June**. Shorts may be purchased through Flynn O'Hara, Target, or JCPenney. Bermuda style shorts only should be worn. **Cargo shorts are NOT permitted.****

USED UNIFORMS:

We have a good selection of used uniforms in a variety of sizes available outside of the girl's restroom in the cafeteria. These are free to anyone who can use them. If anyone has used uniforms that they no longer need, please consider donating them to our collection. Many families benefit from this wonderful service.

****PLEASE READ THE PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL'S DRESS CODE****



Flynn & O'Hara Uniforms
5225 Sheridan Drive
(Georgetown Square)
Williamsville, NY 14221
(716) 632-6581



St. Joseph's School
Pre-K - 8th BIRTHDAY-PARTY-TREAT Order Form

Child's Name _____ Date of Party _____
Contact Person _____ Phone# _____
Teacher/Grade _____ Amount Due\$ _____

~ a four-day notice is appreciated for all orders ~

All necessary paper products are included!

****Please notify your child's teacher that a birthday treat will be coming****

Yogurt/Granola Fruit Cup	75¢ each	Quantity _____
Chocolate Chip Cookies	50¢ each	Quantity _____
Cupcakes (decorated, white cake) frosting: white ___ chocolate ___	65¢ each	Quantity _____
Skippy Cup or Scribblers (vanilla, chocolate, strawberry, cotton candy)	50¢ each	Quantity _____
Milk FF white ___ FF chocolate ___	50¢ each	Quantity _____
Juice (100% Fruit) orange ___ apple ___ fruit punch ___ grape ___	50¢ each	Quantity _____

All checks are payable to NDHS Lunch program

Please contact Shannon Plath, Food Service Manager 585-343-2783 ext. 106 with questions.

All food is peanut-free