

August
2023



St. Joseph Regional School

A Note from Mrs. Green

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:

A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.
AMEN

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

Mrs. Karen Green
Principal

Arrival and Dismissal

School opens on Tuesday, September 5th with full-day, in-school sessions for students in Kindergarten through 6th grade. Students should be in their classrooms by 8:00 a.m.; dismissal is at 2:20 p.m. for bus students; and approximately 2:35 p.m. for walkers and parent pick-up. All students, including Kindergarten, should report directly to their classrooms in the main building. Students arriving between 7:30-7:45 AM should meet in the cafeteria and will be dismissed to their classroom at 7:45 AM. 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 or library parking lot. No vehicles will be allowed near the school building past the fence. 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 2023-2024 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. Otherwise, payment in full was expected by August 1st.

Parent/Student Handbook

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

Please note: Paper copies will not be distributed. 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.

Student agendas will be distributed to our students in grades 3-6 on a monthly basis. The agendas assist us in teaching our students that personal organization is a life skill. These will be used to monitor homework, provide spelling lists, and provide a communication tool between home and school.

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 will only be allowed in the following areas in our school this year:

- To assist in our cafeteria during lunch
- To assist in the kitchen during lunch
- To join our SOS Parent Committee or volunteer for fundraising events

Please contact the main office if you would like to help in any of these areas.



Material Fee

Each family is responsible for a \$200 Material Fee. This fee was included in your tuition statement for the 2023-2024 school year. The Material Fee helps us meet the cost of copy paper, construction paper, art supplies, report cards, technology repairs, etc. This fee has been included in all FACTS Tuition Management accounts.

Faculty & Staff 2023-24

Wrap Around Care Teacher:	Mrs. Stephanie King
Wrap Around Care Teacher:	Mrs. Bridget DelPlato
Pre-School:	Mrs. Stephanie King
	Mrs. Gabriella Pawlak
Pre-K:	Mrs. Beth Hofmaster
Pre-K Aide:	Mrs. Bridget DelPlato
Kindergarten:	Mrs. Mary Case
Kindergarten P/T Aide:	Mrs. Beth DeFreze
1 st Grade:	Mrs. Kristine Fava
1 st Grade P/T Aide:	Mrs. Karen Rapone
2 nd Grade:	Mrs. Melissa Sacheli
2 nd Grade Aide:	Mrs. Diane Fraser
3 rd Grade:	Ms. Deb Dumuhosky
3 rd Grade Aide:	TBD
4 th Grade:	Mrs. Sharon Fischer
5 th Grade:	Mrs. Carolyn Fisher
6 th Grade:	Mr. Bill Fisher
4-6 Grade Aides:	Mrs. Brandie Hamilton
	Miss Nya Thomas
2-6 Religion:	Mrs. Amy Laska
Art:	Mrs. Mimi Reyngoudt
Technology/MakerSpace:	Mrs. Barbara Paserk
Music:	Mr. Daniel DeLuca
Physical Education:	Mr. Chris Harloff
AIS (Reading) Teacher & Special Education Teacher:	Ms. Mary Winiecki
Nurse:	Ms. Dawn Canale
Cafeteria Director:	TBD
Custodian:	Mr. Bob Welker
	Ms. Jennifer Moore
Business Manager:	Ms. Peggy Marone
Secretary:	Mrs. Dawn Norton
Director of Student Services:	Mrs. Nora O'Neill
Principal:	Mrs. Karen Green

Lunches

Hot lunches will be available starting on Tuesday, Sept. 5th. The lunch menus as well as the meals are prepared by Notre Dame High School.

Tickets can be purchased for **\$77** (20 lunches) in the main office. Milk at **65¢** will be available for students who wish to pack a lunch. Milk tickets may also be purchased for **\$13.00** (20 milk boxes) in the main office.

All students must purchase tickets this year to avoid transfer of money. This may be sent to school with your children in a clearly labeled envelope.

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

Double entre items are available for \$1.50 (Ex. An extra slice of pizza).

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

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 5th. Please contact Dawn Norton at dnorton@sjsbatavia.org 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.

Snack Tickets

Snack tickets can be purchased in \$5 increments (\$5, \$10, \$15, etc.). All students must purchase tickets this year to avoid transfer of money. Tickets may be purchased anytime in the main office.

***** Checks for snack tickets should be made out to St. Joseph Regional School*****

Pre-K Programs

There are only a few remaining spaces available in our 3/4 year old afternoon class. If you know of anyone who may wish to send their child to a quality Pre-School program, we ask that you encourage them to visit our website or call the school office for more information.

WELCOME

Welcome back to Mr. Dan DeLuca, who will be joining us as our music teacher. Mr. DeLuca started out his career working at SJRS and we are excited to bring him back after his retirement from LeRoy Central School in June.



Mrs. Sacheli will be out on maternity leave for the start of the school year. A long-term substitute teacher is being searched for this position. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this, please have them contact Mrs. Green @ kgreen@sjsbatavia.org

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, Tim Hortons and Dunkin Donuts in stock. A large variety of others can be ordered on Mondays by noon, for pick-up on Friday. 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 will be held on Friday, September 8th at 9:00 a.m. for grades K-6.

Special Area Subjects

Special area subjects including Technology, Maker Space, Music, Art, Library, and Physical Education will start on Tuesday, September 5th for all grades.



Birthday Party Treat Service

Notre Dame Nutritional services will continue to offer a "Birthday Party Treat Service" for interested St. Joseph Regional 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

Subway Day

Each month, we offer a special Subway Day lunch for all of our students. Our first Subway Day will be held on Friday, September 29th. Order forms will come home in the family envelopes prior to this date. If your child does not want a Subway lunch, they must pack a lunch on these days. There will be no other lunch available. Thank you to the English family for their continued efforts in providing this!

LE3 INC.

LE3 Inc. will continue to offer an After School Program at SJRS again this year. The hours are from **2:45- 6:00 p.m.** each day that school is in session, **beginning Tuesday, September 5th**. The children will receive a daily snack, homework assistance, and have tons of fun together! If you are interested, please visit www.le3-inc.org to register your child(ren).

A BIG THANK YOU TO:

- Kevin Rogers, Katelyn Wells and Katie Wujcik for organizing another fantastic golf tournament
- John Bowen and Norm Argulsky and their volunteers for all of their weekly efforts with our Mammoth Sale
- Bob Welker, Jennifer Moore and Kaiden Campopiano, our summer cleaning staff, for all of the time spent preparing the building for the start of school
- Mary Case for her work on our landscaping
- Stan Kaus and Bob Welker for their work on our heating units

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 Students

If we do not have your immunization records and your physical forms, please make sure these are forwarded before school begins. We cannot allow your child to start school without these forms on file.

We will be hosting a kindergarten orientation on Tuesday, August 15th at 7 PM. Invitations were emailed to each family and an additional copy is provided below.



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 is 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

5 th	.....	First Day of School
6 th	.....	Pre-School and Pre-K Orientations @ 10 AM and 1 PM
7 th	.....	Pre-School/Pre-K/Wrap Around Begins
8 th	.....	Opening School Mass for grades K-6 at 9:00 A.M.
12 th	.....	SOS Parent Meeting at 7:00 in school cafeteria
15 th	.....	Mass at 9:00 A.M. for grades K-6
15 th	.....	Confessions for grades 3-6
22 nd	Mass at 9:00 A.M. for grades K-6
26 th	Meet the Teacher Night at 7:00 PM
29 th	Mass at 9:00 AM/Subway Day

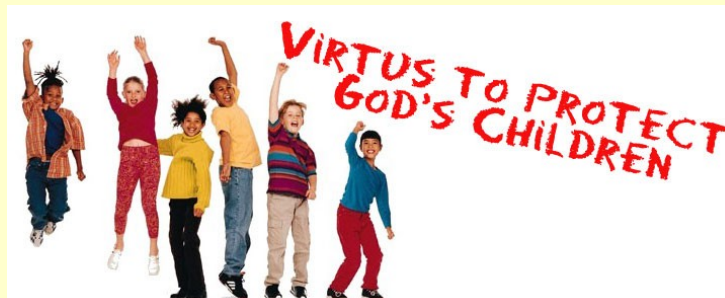
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VIRTUS Training

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 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. Joseph Regional School will be hosting a "Protecting God's Children" workshop on **Monday, October 16th** beginning at 6:00 PM and **Notre Dame High School** will host one on Tuesday, **September 12th** @ 6:00 PM. Please note: These sessions fill up quickly, so be sure to register as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.

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 Regional 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 or "mohawks". 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-6 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.

Uniform Guidelines

Boys:

- Dark navy blue flat front pants
- Khaki flat front shorts may be worn during the months of September, October, and after Easter break. **NO cargo shorts**
- Monogrammed white or light blue long or short sleeved oxford shirt (tucked in at all times)
- Hunter green, light blue or white polo monogrammed shirts may be worn during the months of September, October, and after the Easter break (tucked in at all times)
- Hunter green, light blue or white monogrammed long sleeved polo may be worn by students in grades K-6
- Monogrammed navy or green button up or V-neck cardigan sweater or monogrammed navy polar fleece pullover
- Navy blue tie for grades K-3/Tie of choice in grades 4-6 (a tie must be worn with oxford shirts). Navy blue ties are available for purchase:  ice for \$9.00 each.



Girls:

- Plaid, navy blue or khaki pleated uniform jumper in Grades K-6 (must be knee length)
- Plaid or navy blue pleated skirt in Grades 4-6 (must be knee length)
- Monogrammed navy blue or hunter green sport polo dress may be worn in grades K-6 during the months of September, October, and after the Easter break
- Khaki flat front shorts may be worn during the months of September, October, and after Easter break. **NO cargo shorts**
- Monogrammed white or light blue long or short sleeved peter pan collar blouse
- Monogrammed navy or green button up or V-neck cardigan sweater or monogrammed navy polar fleece pullover
- Monogrammed hunter green, light blue or white polo may be worn during the months of September, October, and after the Easter break.
- Monogrammed hunter green, light blue or white long sleeved polo may be worn by students in grades K-6
- Navy blue straight leg pants
- White turtlenecks

Boys and Girls:

- Gym uniform t-shirts may we worn with the uniform sweat pants or shorts on any scheduled gym day.

All uniform orders must be placed online. Use the following link to order:

<https://saintjosephsschool.secure-decoration.com/>

Please direct any questions or concerns that you have directly to T-Shirts Etc. at sales@myTshirtsEtc.com or 345-1993.

Additional information about uniform requirements can be found on our website.

Golf Tournament

Unfortunately, due to the rain, we were not able to finish the golf tournament. Thank you to everyone who still came out and supported this fundraiser! A BIG thanks to our families for donating items to our basket raffle, which despite the rain, did very well!



Thank You to our Sponsors!

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Fava Brothers
Polish Falcons- Nest 494
Settler's Family Restaurant
KMS Dance Academy
Miss Vickie's Dance Studio
Sanzo Family
Excel Fence
Stohl Enviromental
Roman's

Principal for a Day Winners

- Mr. Rick Mancuso
- Payton Sprague

Dress Down Day Winner

- Emme Allen (2nd Grade)

Thank You to our Volunteers!

Kevin Rogers
Katelyn Wells
Morgan Wells
Katie Wujcik
Jen Allen
Natasha Sutherland
Michelle Pacino
Maura Sprague
Stephanie Fiorentino

Special Thanks!

THANK YOU to TF Brown's for donating all of the side dishes for our chicken barbecue dinners!

Thank You!!!!



We couldn't have done it without you!



All parents/guardians are invited to our Meet the Teacher Night on Tuesday, September 26th beginning at 7:00 PM. Parents may choose to meet in person or join virtually. Parents will have a chance to meet their child's teacher(s), hear about our programs and learn about classroom procedures. We look forward to seeing you that evening.

Richmond Library Update

Each student will need a NIOGA system library card in good standing to be used for our library visits in the upcoming school year. Library cards from other libraries in Genesee County, as well as Niagara, or Orleans counties can also be used at RML.

Please make sure that your student's library cards are up to date and usable for the student before their first week of school.

We look forward to our partnership with our local public library in the year ahead.



STREAM Academy

To continue to allow time in the day for our Pre-K-6 STREAM initiative, we will continue our STREAM Academy on Fridays from 1:30-2:15 this year. The following is a list of academies for the year:

Pre-K and K: STREAM Sprouts

1 and 2: LEGO U Building
PEAP(Primary Engineering
Adventure Program)

3: Kitchen Chem

4: "Lights, Camera, Action!"

5: Comic Craze

6: Robotics

All classes participate in Engineering Design Projects throughout the year.



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04 Labor Day
05 First Day of School

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25-29 Easter Recess

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6 Staff Development Day
9 Columbus Day

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1-8 Easter Recess

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10 Veterans Day
20 Parent/Teacher Conferences
21 Staff Development Day
22-24 Thanksgiving Break

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3 Staff Development Day
24-27 Memorial Day Recess

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22-29 Christmas Break

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19 Juneteenth Holiday
20 Last Day of School: Dismissal at 11:15 AM
21 Staff Development Day

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01 New Year's Day
02 School Resumes
15 M.L. King Day

JULY '24						
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19-20 Presidents' Break

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St. Joseph Regional School's Pre-K - 6th Birthday Treats Order Form

Student's Name _____ Date of Party _____

Contact Person _____ Phone# _____

Teacher/Grade _____ Amount due\$ _____

- *All necessary paper products are included.*
- *All food is Peanut Free.*
- *Please notify your child's teacher that a birthday treat will be coming.*
- *A four-day notice is appreciated for all orders. Thank you!*

Chocolate Chip Cookies \$.35 each

Quantity _____

Frosted Sugar Cookie \$.35 each

Quantity _____

Cupcakes (white, decorated) \$.65 each

Quantity _____

Frosting: White _____ Chocolate _____

Skippy Cup or Scribblers \$.50 each

Quantity _____ (Vanilla, Choc, Strawberry, Cotton Candy)

Milk: Skim:

Quantity _____ FF White _____ FF Chocolate _____ \$.65 each

Juice (100% Fruit) Quantity _____ \$.50 each Orange _____ Apple _____ Fruit

Punch _____ Grape _____

All checks made payable to "NDHS Lunch program"

Please call Shannon Plath, NDHS Food Service Manager, (585)343-2783 x116 with questions.