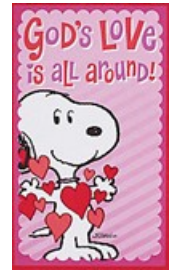


2024

St. Joseph Regional School



February Newsletter

Dates to remember in
February...

2nd Mass @ 9 AM

Student of the Month
and Virtue Assembly

.....Chocolate Sale Kick-
Off

9th Mass @ 9 AM

14th Ash Wednesday:
Mass at 8 AM

.....Happy St. Valentine's
Day

13th SOS Meeting @ 7PM

.....Grades 3 & 4 to the
Buffalo Philharmonic

16th Mass @ 9 AM

...Chocolate Orders Due

19th-20th NO SCHOOL

Presidents' Recess

23rd Mass at 9 AM

29th Subway Day



The late Tim Russert, journalist and the longest-serving moderator of NBC's Meet the Press, often shared that " [he] would not be where he was if it were not for his Catholic education in Western New York."

Catholic Schools Week is a celebration of the dedication, ingenuity, perseverance and the willingness of teachers, staff, administrators, and most importantly families to answer God's call to a faith-based education.

If you attended Catholic School perhaps you could reach out to former teachers with a word or two of thanks.

If you believe the education your child

*"I would not be here
tonight if it were not
for my Catholic
education in Western
New York"*

—Tim Russert

is receiving at St. Joseph Regional School is making a difference in their life, perhaps you could take a moment to express your gratitude to a former or current teacher.

I wish to express my personal gratitude to our faculty and staff here at St. Joseph Regional School who make a difference every day in the lives of our students.

God Bless,
Karen Green
Principal

AND NOW
THESE
3
REMAIN:
*faith,
hope
& love*
BUT THE
GREATEST
OF THESE IS
Love

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13



Nursing News

Ms. Canale, our school nurse, wishes to thank those families who sent in the water bottles she requested. She is so very thankful for your show of support!

If you are still interested in donating more, she will accept them anytime this school year.

Thank you for your generosity!

As a reminder, children should stay home if:

- They have a fever of 100 or higher (without medication)
- They have vomited within the past 24-hours
- They have had diarrhea within the past 24-hours.

Please pay attention to any symptoms such as headache, dry cough or dizziness that have been signaling the on-set of the flu this season.

Thank you!



School Tours

We are now scheduling tours for new families interested in enrolling their children for the 2024-2025 school year. Please let prospective families know that they can call the main office to schedule a meeting and tour.



poverty in our community.

A Rice Bowl box will come home with each student on Ash Wednesday. We will meet each week to learn more about the help Catholic Relief Services provides to those less fortunate than us. We hope you can help us support this worthy cause.

Subway Day



Our next Subway Day is scheduled for Thursday, February 29th. All orders are due by, Wednesday, February 28th.

Kids Heart Challenge

Thank you in advance for contributing to the Kids Heart Challenge. If you haven't done so already, please consider making an online donation.

<http://www2.heart.org/goto/StJosephBatavia>



Need-Based Aid: BISON Fund

Families new to our school as well as current families not receiving BISON can now apply for scholarships for the 2024-25 school year. To start the process, families can complete a pre-application form online at <http://bisonfund.com/our-scholarships>. The deadline is March 15, 2024. Scholarships are awarded using a lottery system from all submitted

pre-application forms and all applicants will be notified of lottery results via email on March 16th.

They will open the requalification process for current families on February 21st by sending them an email with the renewal link in it. They will automatically grandfather siblings into the BISON

Fund. The deadline for requalification is April 15th. Any questions can be emailed to Cindy McDonald at cmcdonald@bisonfund.com



BISON
CHILDREN'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Staying Informed, Keeping our Children Safe



Just a reminder from the "Safe Environment Office" of the Diocese of Buffalo that they recently updated all Diocesan VIRTUS records for people who appear to not be participating in the monthly VIRTUS training bulletins.

If you have not been reading your training bulletins, you may have been marked as no longer meeting the minimum requirements established by the Diocese for people who work with youth. You will no longer have access to the online

training bulletins until you take the necessary steps to unsuspend your account. Please call the school office if you need to begin this process.

If needed, Protecting God's Children workshops are offered on a monthly basis. To see the complete listing or to register online go to www.virtus.org.

Go to the left panel of the page and click on "Registration", then click the "View a list of sessions" link. At the "Please select your

Archdiocese/Diocese/Religious Organization from the list below: "prompt, select "Buffalo, NY (Diocese)".

There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul than the way it treats its children.

Nelson Mandela

Pre-Kindergarten/Wrap Around Registration



Keeping you informed

Please remember to **inform** the **school office** if you **change** your "landline", cell phone or e-mail contact information.

We would like to be able to reach you by voice message, text and email depending on the time-sensitivity and length of the message.

Please keep us informed so we can keep you informed!

Thank you.

St. Joseph's Pre-Kindergarten Program and Wrap Around Care are now taking registrations for Fall 2024. Registration forms can be found at www.sjsbatavia.org.

We will continue to provide more options for

our busy families. Wrap Around Care will continue to be available each day that school is in session.

Children must be 3 or 4 years old by Dec. 1st to be eligible for each

program.

Please note that our **morning 4 yr old program is full and we have limited spots available in the 3 yr old morning session**, so we encourage our current families to register soon.

K-6 Registration

Registration for **new** families in Kindergarten through 6th grade for the Fall of 2024 is now open. You as parents who have made a choice of a Catholic education can help spread the "good news" about St. Joseph Regional School to your friends and neighbors. Anyone

wishing for more information is invited to call the school office at 343-6154. For those entering Kindergarten, a copy of your child's birth certificate and immunizations are required. These may be brought in at any time or at the

assigned screening date which will be held on June 6th. A child entering Kindergarten must be 5-years-old by December 1st.





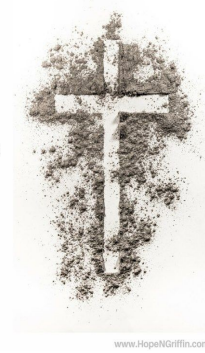
Easter Chocolate Sale

Our SOS Parent Group will be kicking off an Easter Chocolate Sale on Friday, February 2nd. Order forms will come home in the family envelope with the students on this day. All orders need to be returned by Friday, February 16th. Delivery is scheduled for the week of March 18th and will be available for pick-up during that week. More details will be given once a final delivery date is established.

Ash Wednesday

Mass will be held at 8:00 AM on February 14th for Ash Wednesday. Please have your students arrive by 7:45 AM that day.

for you are dust, and to dust you will return
Genesis 3:19



President's Day

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on **February 19 & 20** in observance of Presidents' Day.



THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Ladies of Sodality at Resurrection Parish, Ladies of Charity from Holy Family Parish in Albion and the Knights of Columbus for all they do for St. Joseph Regional School.

If you see one of these dedicated members, please extend your gratitude.

Donations

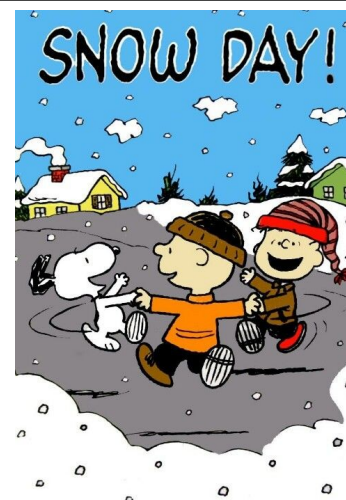
Thank you to everyone who donated supplies for our Catholic Schools Week activities!



School Delays and Closings

As a reminder regarding school delays and closings, we follow the Batavia City School District decision. If there is a delay announced, school will not be in session until the delay is over. However, if a student rides a bus from a district that is not delayed, we will have staff members present to monitor

these children until school begins. If you do not feel it is safe to place your child (ren) on the bus, you may transport them to school yourself. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the office.



January Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Month certificates for January:

K: Henry Murphy

1st.: Owen Ford

2nd.: Benjamin DiLaura

3rd.: Gabriel Selle

4th.: Morgan Ireland

5th.: Quinn Spyropoulos

6th.: Patrick Casey

Ms. Winiecki.....Morgenn Surabian

Art: Gabrielle Dumuhosky

Physical Education: Rowley Spencer

Technology:.....Taylor Trzeczieski

Music.....Taylor Trzeczieski

WE ARE SO
Proud
OF YOU



January Virtue of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received
Virtue of the Month for January:



K:.....Cecelia DiLaura
1st:.....Jaxon Gechell
2nd:.....Lucas Hamilton
3rd:.....Anna Tabelski
4th:.....Jackson Therrien
5th:.....Vincent DiLaura
6th:.....Mackenzie Hamilton



Congratulations!


**2ND ANNUAL
DIOCESAN
SPELLING BEE**

Wednesday
JANUARY 31, 2024

Mount St. Mary's Academy
**3756 DELAWARE AVE.
KENMORE, NY 14217**

Please arrive by 5:30pm
BEE WILL BEGIN AT 6PM
Students should wear
their school uniforms.

For More Information :
☎ Lwojtaszczyk@buffalodiocese.org
📄 [Study Lists with definitions](#)



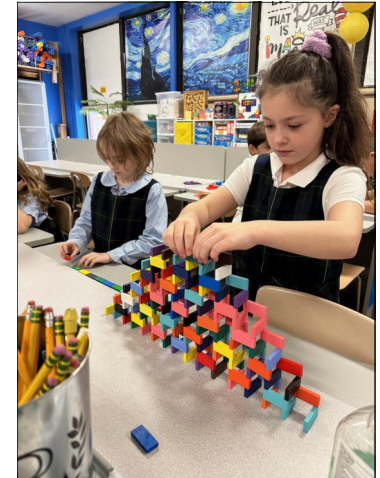
Congratulations to our Top 3 Students who participated in the Diocese of Buffalo's Spelling Contest on January 31st. Out of 47 students, our SJRS students shined!

40th Place: Adam Laska (Gr 6)
15th Place: Elliana Fava (Gr 6)
10th Place: Blaire Beachel (Gr 5)





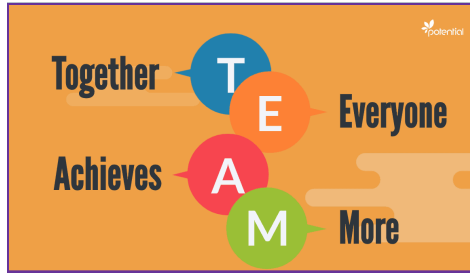
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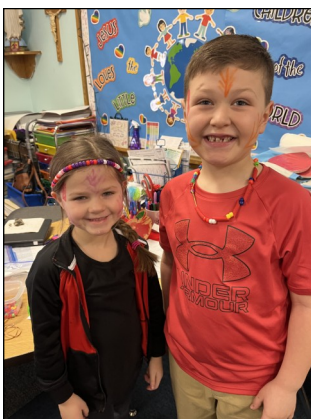
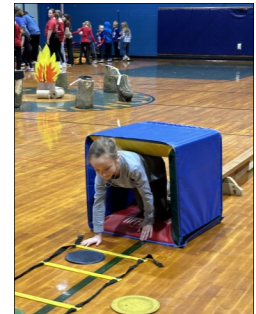
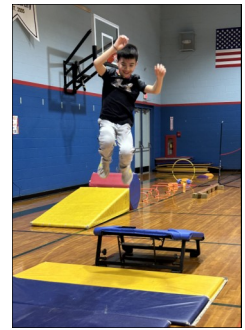


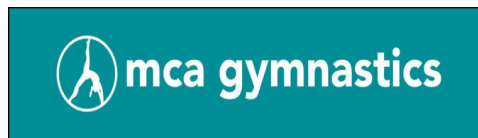
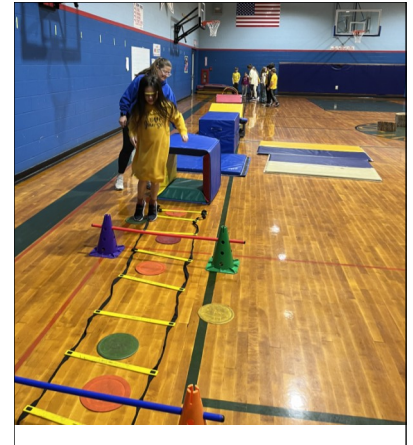
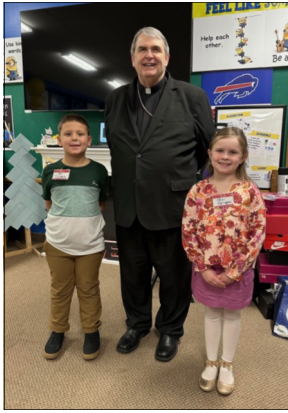


HAPPINESS
IS TIME SPENT
WITH
GOOD
FRIENDS



House Day





THANK YOU to Amy Mathisen for sharing her gymnastics equipment and overseeing our obstacle course!

Congratulations to the following tribe members who were voted in by their tribe at Tribal Council for being the best leaders during our Survival activities.

St. Lucy: Risa Bartz and Blaire Beachel

St. Patrick: Logan Kochmanski

St. Nicholas: Quinn Spyropolous

St. George: Daniel Sutherland

St. Francis: Payton Sprague

St. Zoe: Adam Laska

St. Teresa: Hunter Sprague





PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

VALENTINE'S DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024



6:00PM TO 8:00PM
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL CAFETERIA



MUSIC ♥ DANCING ♥ SNACKS
REFRESHMENTS ♥ PHOTOS

*DADS, GRANDPAS, UNCLES, BIG BROTHERS,
& FATHER FIGURES - ALL WELCOME!*



Family Name: _____



Number of Guests Attending: _____



PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

The CHOSEN

Looking for a way to get closer to Jesus this Lent?

Are you hoping to learn more about what it might have been like to live with Jesus and His disciples? Do you want to find a way to help your children understand what Jesus is like?

I would love to lead a family Lenten gathering on Tuesdays during Lent, beginning on Tuesday Feb. 13-March 19, 2024 from 5-7pm in the St. Joseph School Cafeteria. I will order pizza. Each family could bring their own drinks and a side to go with the pizza.

We will eat, then watch an episode from Season 1 of "The Chosen" (The New series that depicts what it might have been like to be one of Jesus' chosen disciples) and then discuss what we saw and/or learned.

Come to as many as your family schedule allows. Just let me know on the Monday before so I can plan accordingly.

Thank you~

Mrs. Hofmaster

bhofmaster@sjsbatavia.org

[The Miracle of the Fish \(scene from The Chosen\)](#) sneak preview of one of the scenes.

