



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

January 2012



Dear St. Joseph School Families,  
January 29<sup>th</sup> marks the beginning of our annual “Catholic Schools Week” celebration.

The theme for this year’s celebration is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service.” (see logo below). The annual observance starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, January 29 to February 5.

The theme focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions: Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God; Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards and help each child reach his or her potential; Service, the giving of one’s time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good

citizenship.

Please join your child as they celebrate the week with many fun activities from lunch-time bingo to ice skating and a family dance. See a complete schedule of activities listed in this newsletter.

Finally, as we reflect upon and celebrate the value of a Catholic education in our children's lives, please consider sharing this good news with your family and friends who may be in search of a school community. Our most powerful marketing tool is your good word-of-mouth.

Sincerely,

*Mrs. Karen Green*



## Scrip Update

Scrip credit for the first quarter was submitted to FACTS and has been posted to each eligible family’s account. Feel free to check your account through FACTS or call the office to determine your new payment amount.

The next Scrip credit will be posted at the end of this month.



## Dates to Remember in January...

- 3<sup>rd</sup>... *School resumes*
- 4<sup>th</sup>...*S.O.S Meeting at 7:00 p.m.*
- 6<sup>th</sup>...*First Friday Mass at 11a.m.*
- 9<sup>th</sup>...*St. Joseph School Art Show Opening at Richmond Library from 6:00-8:00 p.m.*
- 11<sup>th</sup>...*Advisory Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.*
- 16<sup>th</sup>...*No School- Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday*
- 27<sup>th</sup>...*First Penance Service for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at 10:00 a.m.*
- 27<sup>th</sup>... *Subway Day*
- 27<sup>th</sup>...*End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter*
- 27<sup>th</sup>...*NJHS Movie Night*
- 29<sup>th</sup>...*Catholic Schools Week Mass at 11:30 followed by Open House*



## Making a Difference...

On **January 26<sup>th</sup>** the Western New York community will come together for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Making A Difference Dinner—A Celebration of Catholic Schools*. The dinner raises funds for needs-based tuition assistance for Western New York Catholic elementary school students . In the 2011/2012 school year, more than 1,600 students are attending Catholic schools on partial grants thanks to the funds raised at the dinner.

## OPEN HOUSE

**January 29<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM**  
**Come Celebrate with Us!**  
In recognition of Catholic Schools Week, we will be celebrating a Family Mass on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 followed by lunch at the school and an Open House for new families. Please consider inviting a family who might be considering St. Joe's for their children. Let's celebrate our school and all Catholic education has to offer. Hope to see you there!

## Martin Luther King Jr.

There will be **no school** on **Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** in observation of the national Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



## Our Uniform Dress Code Matters!

Let's begin the New Year right! This is a reminder that all students have agreed to respect our school uniform dress code as stated in the student/parent handbook.

Parents, please support this agreement by verifying that students are leaving your home

in compliance with our dress code.

In particular, our young ladies should **NOT** be wearing **make-up** (including colored **nail polish**) or **high-heeled** shoes to school. Further, only navy, green, or white socks should be worn.

Similarly, our young men should be wearing a **tie, shirts** that are **tucked into** their pants and maintain a short hairstyle that does not reach their shirt collar



## Penny Carnival

Our Annual Penny Carnival is scheduled for March 24<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to mark this day on



your calendars. More information will be sent home soon...



## School Closings

As a reminder, if poor weather conditions warrant the closing of school, we follow the decision of the Batavia City School District. Regardless of how the radio stations or television may read the announcement, if Batavia Public Schools are closed, we are too.



## On the Web

- Lunch Menu
- This Monthly Newsletter
- Photos
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[www.sjsbatavia.org](http://www.sjsbatavia.org)



*Music Notes from  
Mrs. Hoerbelt and Mrs. Wilbert*

*"Music is God's gift to man,  
the only art of Heaven given to earth,  
the only art of earth we take to Heaven."  
- Walter Savage Landor*

A **big thank you** to all of the students who performed in the December 14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Concert. Students worked very hard and presented a lovely concert. Our choirs also led the music at the 4:00 mass at St. Joseph's Church on Christmas Eve, with many of our talented students singing solos. Many thanks to the parents for supporting our program!

The following choir members have been selected to represent St. Joseph School at the **Genesee Wyoming Music Educator's Association All County Chorus Festivals** in March.

5th and 6th grade chorus, March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> at Elba Central School:

- Grade 5: Sam Bowman, Mary Lea Caprio, Faith Falkowski, Bella March,

Maya Rademacker

Alternate: Sandra Fanton

- Grade 6: Brigid McCormack, Natalie Thornton, Moira Werner

7th and 8th grade chorus, March 23rd and 24th at Attica Central School:

- Participants are still being determined

These students will prepare 4-5 pieces of choral music chosen by a guest conductor, then at the Festivals they will rehearse as a group with the students from all the other participating schools. At the end of the second day of the Festival the students will present a concert open to the public.

The following students will also participate in the Vocal Solo Festival at John Kennedy Elementary School on January

14th:

- Grade 6: Brigid McCormack and Natalie Thornton
- Grade 7: Fiona Beck, Lynese Castro, Alexis Hackmer, Erin Phillips, Rachel Salvador, and Julia Streeter
- Grade 8: Jessica Bukowski, Emily Fischer, and Jordyn Saraceni

The following students will participate in the Instrumental Solo Festival at LeRoy Central School on January 21st:

- Natalie Matuszak and Emily Sherman

It is an honor to be chosen for these ensembles, and we're very proud that St. Joseph's School will be represented by these students this year!



## Subway Day

Our next Subway Day will be on **Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>**. Order forms will be sent home later this month. Please remember that no cafeteria meals are served on Subway Days. If your child does not pre-purchase a Subway meal they will need to pack a lunch from home.



You are invited to St. Joseph School's Annual Art Show! Our show will be held at the Richmond Memorial Library. The opening reception will be on Monday, January 9th from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the library's Gallery Room. Please bring your family and friends to enjoy refreshments and view all of the artwork the students have created throughout the year. If you are unable to attend the opening reception, the artwork will remain up for the entire month of January. Congratulations to Mrs. Augello and all the students on your hard work!

## Health Office News

Parents and Guardians, please remember that any child with a fever should not be in school. Further, they should not return to school until 24-hours after the fever "breaks". Please continue to respect this policy. We appreciate your cooperation.



### Thank you!

- To Mrs. Hoerbelt and her accompanist Mrs. Childs for the exceptional K-8 Christmas Concert.
- To Mrs. Neer and Mrs. Gahr for the delightful Pre-K Christmas Pageant
- To Mrs. Hofmaster and the Drama Club for their inspiring production.
- To the SOS Committee, especially, for our "Supper with Santa" event.
- To the SOS Committee, and Tara Bills and Wendy English in particular, for leading the Fruit and Cookie Dough sale.



### Merger Update

Thank you to all of those who took time out of their busy holiday season to attend our Status Update presentation. For those of you who did not attend, you missed important news about our school.

In short, the key points of the presentation were: due to Holy Family's change in plans and schedule, there will be no merger. Our school will remain St. Joseph School. Further, we will be enhancing both our middle school program and our after-school program. Plans for these enhancements were given at the presentation. If you are interested in either of these aspects of our school, please contact the office to add your name to a list of parents willing to serve on committees that are

### Box Tops for Education

We recently received a check for \$511.40 from the Box Tops for Education Program. Be sure to visit [www.btfe.com](http://www.btfe.com) to learn even more ways we can earn Box Tops for St. Joseph School! THANK YOU to everyone who continues to support this program!



the difference  
1 can make.



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# Catholic Schools

The week of January 29<sup>th</sup>—February 3<sup>rd</sup>, St. Joseph School will join Catholic schools around the country in celebrating Catholic Schools Week. Catholic Schools Week marks a period in which teachers, parents and, especially, schoolchildren can express their pride in being part of a school system that strives to combine faith, values and academic excellence.

- **Sunday, January 29th**                      **Family Mass and Open House**

We will kick-off our Catholic Schools Week with a Family Mass at 11:30 a.m. at St. Joseph Church. After Mass, all are invited to the cafeteria for a luncheon and to visit the classrooms. Please be sure to return the form that will be sent home in the next monthly envelope, so we can plan for lunch that day. An Open House for prospective families will begin at 2:00 p.m.
- **Monday, January 30th**                      **Lunch and Bingo/Crazy Socks and/or Tie Day**

Parents are invited to join their children for lunch and play bingo after. Grades K-4 will be from 11:00-12:00 and grades 5-8 will be from 12:15-1:15. Parents are expected to provide their own lunch. Students can wear crazy socks and ties with their school uniforms on this day.
- **Tuesday, January 31st**                      **YMCA Visit/Ice Skating/Team Jersey Day**

Students in grades K-5 will be walking to the YMCA to participate in a variety of activities from 10:00-12:30 p.m. including swimming, group exercises, camp games, etc. A pizza lunch will be provided for all students.

Students in grades 6-8 will walk to Faletti Ice Rink to ice skate from 11:30-1:30 p.m. A pizza lunch will be provided for all students.

**This is a non-uniform day and students are encouraged to wear their favorite team jersey that day. Please make sure your children are dressed appropriately for the weather (boots, gloves, hats, warm coats, etc.)**

**The cost for students in grades K-5 will be \$4.00 and students in grades 6-8 will be \$6.00.**
- **Wednesday, February 1st**                      **House Activity/Pajama Day**

Each house will work together to make fleece-tie throw blankets to donate to the VA Nursing Home in Batavia. **This will be a non-uniform day for students where they will be allowed to wear pajamas for the day.**
- **Thursday, February 2nd**                      **Movie Day**

Students in grades K-8 will walk to Dipson Theatre and watch a movie. **This a uniform day. Students should be dressed appropriately to walk to the theatre (boots, gloves, hats, warm coats, etc.)**
- **Friday, February 3rd**                      **Celebration of Catholic Schools Mass/Grades 7 & 8  
Basketball Game/Jump Rope for Heart Activities/Family  
Dance**

All grades will be attending a 10:00 a.m. Mass with students from Holy Family School and Notre Dame High School (location to be determined). Our hand bell choir will perform, students from each school will be chosen to participate in the liturgy, and many area priests will be invited to concelebrate the Mass. If needed, students will be transported to this event by bus. S.O.S. will be sponsoring a Family Dance Night to conclude our Catholic Schools Week from 7:00-10:00 p.m. (more details will be forthcoming).-p

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE PERMISSION SLIPS FOR THESE EVENTS WHICH WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE NEXT FAMILY ENVELOPE BY MONDAY, JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup>.**

# Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Month certificates in December:

Abbey Rose Root

Morgan Wahl

Benjamin Tomaszewski

Jace Rademacker

Noah Johnson

Meghan Stella

Jack Houseknecht

James Zickl

James Farmer

6/7/8 Math: Leslie Mateos

Physical Education: Clarice Misiak

Spanish: Sammy Bowman

Art: Benjamin Streeter

*Congratulations!*

