



March Newsletter 2016



St. Joseph School



Dear Families,
As we reach the second-half of the third marking period it can be difficult for students to continue to make school attendance and homework a priority. Of course, a *continued commitment* to their education is what is needed for our students to achieve academic success.

What can you do to make school a top priority for your child (ren)? Please keep these simple ideas in mind. **Make attendance job #1** The entire family should commit to the policy that unless they are sick, students go to school. Try to schedule routine appointments for after school hours. Take family vacations during school breaks. Regardless of how well your child does in school or how quickly they can complete missed assignments, *there is important content that is presented in class that*

cannot be “made-up.” We are modeling behavior when we show our children that the family’s commitment to their education is a top priority and that the “business” of their education comes before the “pleasure” of other activities.

Stay informed If you wish to show your child(ren) that you are interested in their learning, *talk to them* about their school activities and projects. *Attend* as many school *events* as possible. *Read this newsletter* and other important school communications.

Confirm Priorities If homework and after-school activities conflict, confirm priorities: “I know you have practice this evening, but *homework comes first.* After you finish I’ll take you to practice.”

Keep it positive Try to set a positive example for your children. If you show a *positive attitude* about

your work, chances are your children will feel better about their own.

Homework help, as needed

Do your children expect your help with their homework each night?

Let them know you are available if they need you – but their schoolwork is their work. The benefit?

They’ll learn how to find answers themselves, while boosting their skills and their confidence.

I recognize how busy everyone becomes during springtime, but I encourage you to help your child(ren) stay focused and make school a top priority.

As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Karen Green
Principal

Dates to Remember in March...

- 3rd Subway Day
- National Junior Honor Society Induction, 7p.m.
- 4th Mass 8:30a.m.
- Pre-K 4-year-olds to Science Center
- 8th SOS Mtg. @ 7:00
- 9th Stations of the Cross @ 1:30 led by Grs 2&3
- 11th Mass 8:30a.m.
- 12th Penny Carnival 10-4
- 15th 8th grade to Genesee County Youth Conference
- 8:30 Lenten Prayer Service led by Grs K&7
- 7p.m. St. Joe’s Drum Corp, SJS Bands, Handbell & Vocal Choirs Concert with Refreshments
- 17th Happy St. Patrick’s Day
- Dress Down Day for \$1
- Grs. 5&6– Science Fair
- 18th Mass 8:30 a.m.
- March 21-April 1 Easter Recess

April... **March Break**

- 2nd

SUPER Sale!

- 4th School Resumes
- 5th-7th NYS ELA Grs 3-8
- 13th-15th NYS Math Grs 3-8



NJHS

Dress Down March 17

Our school's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society held their Induction Ceremony on March 3rd. Congratulations to the following students on their induction:

Grade 7: Amanda Bergman, Samuel Chmielowiec, Isabelle Cooper, Ariana deSa e Frias, Anne Marie Kochmanski, Jace Rademacker, Andrew Ricupito, Harry Schafer, Shawn Searls, Jewel Shenck, Benjamin

Streeter, Katherine Warner, Ciara Werner, and Katelyn Zehler

Grade 8: Kaylyn Carlson and Jayson Reinhart



National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) has scheduled a "Dress Down Day" for March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. For a \$1 donation, students will be allowed to dress down in St. Patty's Day attire. Donations will be pledged to the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) society.



Lenten Sacrifices

The season of Lent is upon us once again. It is a time to grow spiritually in our relationship with God, to more fully understand the sacrifices our Lord made for each of us when He suffered and died on the cross. Lent can be a time when we do additional deeds for others. As a school community, we will be collecting personal hygiene items for migrant families who will be entering our community in the

spring. We ask that each class please donate the following items:

- PreK: toothpaste/toothbrushes
- K: shampoo
- 1st: shampoo
- 2nd: lotion
- 3rd: conditioner
- 4th: deodorant
- 5th: soap
- 6th: shaving cream
- 7th: disposable razors
- 8th: deodorant

Thank you in advance for your support of this project. May God bless you on your Lenten journey and fill each of you with His love and guidance.



Science Fair

Students in grades 5 & 6 will be busy working on Science Fair projects. These will be on display in the cafeteria the evening of March 17th at 6:30 p.m. Please come and recognize the hard work these students have shown in completing their projects.

Student Illness

Please remember that ill students need their rest and should stay home. If your child is ill our nurse Mrs. Ange will call you to take them home.

For the safety of all our students please do not send an ill child to school in hopes they will improve throughout the day.

As a reminder of our policy: children must be fever and vomiting free for a full 24-hours before they will be permitted to return to school.

Thank you for your understanding and support!





Health News

Registration

The NYS Health Department requires that all students entering 6th grade receive a Tdap Booster. There is a new requirement that 7th graders need a meningococcal vaccine for 2016-2017 school year. This proof must be on file at school **prior** to the start of the school year. Please have your health care provider fax a copy to the school office (Fax # 343-8911).

We are now accepting registrations for NEW students for the 2016-2017 school year.

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about St. Joseph School, please encourage them to call the office for more information.

Kindergarten paperwork must be in by June 10th to allow for Kindergarten screening. **A copy of your child's immunizations and birth certificate will be required to**

enter kindergarten.

Pre-K registrations for both 3 and 4 years olds are also now being accepted.



Thank you Target!

College Tuition Rewards

Thank you to our families who have registered their Target RED card to benefit St. Joseph School. We just received a check for \$452.31.

Every time you shop with your registered REDcard, Target donates 1% of purchases at Target and Target.com to our school through their "Take

Charge of Education" program.

To register your card please visit the webpage

www.Target.com/TCOE



Great American magazine sales is now offering a College Tuition Rewards program linked to sales and subscription renewals.

For information please contact Jennie Minor at

Jennie.minor@gafundraising.com

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

Reality Check

We have information and applications for scholarships and grants for students entering the 9th grade of a Catholic High School.

The scholarships and grants are available to children, grandchildren, and legal wards of members (living and deceased) of the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, please call the school office.



Seventh and 8th grade students are invited to join "Reality Check". The first meeting of this group for "tobacco free communities" will be in the Art Room on Tuesday March 8th during lunch. The group will meet every other Tuesday. Pizza will be served at the first meeting.





Odyssey of the Mind

On Saturday February 27th eighteen St. Joe's students participated in the "Odyssey of the Mind" Region 15 competition held at Caledonia-Mumford High School.

They joined students from Oakfield-Alabama, Perry as well as many other local districts for the competition.

Teams spent months working on "problems" in preparation to present to their peers in competition for the best solutions.

Congratulations to all our participants.

The "Stir the Pot" team created and presented a humorous performance about an object that comes to life when touched by an item that turns out to be magical. Team members were: Owen Therrien, Connor Dwyer, Lyllian Miller, Guinnevere Clark, and Madilyn Zambito.

Our "Stack Attack" team's problem required them to design, build, and test a structure, made only of balsa wood and glue, that would balance and support as much weight as possible. Team members were: Kate Ricupito, Amelia McCulley, Olivia Constantino, Kaylie Kratz, and Maylee Green.

There were two St. Joe's "Fins, Furs, Feathers & Friends" teams. These teams were required to create and present a humorous performance depicting problem solving from the perspective of three different animals. The teams were:

Division I: Rhys Tanner, Jordan Dwyer, Panorea Tsoukalos, and Rocco Sprague.

Division II: Lucia Sprague, Amanda Bergman, Andrew Ricupito, and Samantha Schell.

Photos provided by Kris Tsoukalos and Batavia Daily.



"Stir the Pot" presentation



Students present their "Stack Attack!" solution



"Fins, Furs, Feathers & Friends" Division II



"Fins, Furs, Feathers & Friends" Division I





A BIG “Thank You” to...

- Our National Junior Honor Society faculty advisors Mrs. Palmer and Mr. Landfried for helping to plan and organize the induction ceremony on March 3rd and to the faculty council for their time and support of this program.
- Amy Chmielowiec, Stephanie Fiorentino, Amy Murray, Debra Carlson and their team of volunteers for all of their work on the Penny Carnival. It is sure to be another huge success on Saturday, March 12th from 10:00-4:00. The money raised from this event will go to Catholic Charities and to our S.O.S. treasury to provide special activities and events for our children.
- Stephanie King and Amanda McCulley for organizing the basketball concession stand.
- Heather Zerillo for chairing the 6/7/8 grade Fun.
- Our SJS Board and S.O.S members for their dedication and “never-ending” work for our school.
- Natalie Corcoran and her weekly volunteers for all of their continued work on the Super Sale.

Thank you to everyone for sharing your time and talents!

Welcome Kindergarten Class of 2016

Kindergarten is Full but still accepting applications

Welcome to the following students who are registered in our Fall 2016 Kindergarten Class:

Brynlee Amend
 Harlow Ashton
 Drew Beachel
 Olivia Bezon
 Dominic Bianco
 Summer Campopiano
 Madelyn Casey
 Mason Chalker
 Declan Colantonio
 Dalton Conrad
 Nathan Dryja
 Avery English
 Peyton Ferrando

Kindergarten Screenings June 17

Harper Ferris
 Chelsea Fitch
 Aviannah Hughson
 Edward Lankford
 Matthew McCulley
 Gage Murray
 Kamryn Peruzzini
 Kendall Peruzzini
 Elliana Therrien
 Gunnar Thomas
 Michael Warner
 Maisie Yunker

As reported in our February newsletter, our Kindergarten 2016-2017 class is completely enrolled.

However, we are still accepting applications for a waiting-list. We will consider a second Kindergarten class if there are sufficient additional registrants.

Please spread the word to those who may still be considering registering.





January Students of the Month

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

- K:..... Lucia Fiorentino
- 1st:..... Elizabeth Lankford
- 2nd:..... Ethan Ashton
- 3rd:..... Jordan Dwyer
- 4th:..... Emma Sisson
- 5th:..... Amelia McCulley
- 6thB:..... Camden King
- 6thC:..... Nathanael Brew
- 7thC:..... Harry Schafer
- 7thP..... Katie Zehler
- 8th:..... Sam Zerillo
- Art:..... Kate Ricupito
- Earth Science:..... Abby Pingrey
- Physical Education: . Ciara Werner
- Spanish:..... Jaden Firmstone

Christina Volpe 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

On Saturday March 17th Notre Dame will be hosting a “3 on 3” basketball tournament at 9am. Cost is \$10 per team. Boys and girls in grades 6-12 are welcome.

Winners receive a free sweatshirt and t-shirt.

A concession stand will be open.

Please email questions to christinavbbtournament@gmail.com



“The two most important things you possess are your minds and hearts. With one you learn, with the other, you love. I beg you to learn and love to your greatest capacity. The people in this world need all the love you and I can give them.”

—Pope John XXIII





February Students of the Month

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

- K: Guinnevere Clark*
- 1st: Evan Fitzpatrick*
- 2nd: Nicholas Compton*
- 3rd: Gabriella Zocco*
- 4th: Jaden Firmstone*
- 5th: Maylee Green*
- 6thB: Danilee Schneckenburger*
- 6thC: Amanda Nguyen*
- 7thC: Donato Fiorentino*
- 7thP: Ciara Werner*
- 8th: Mary Stefani*
- Art: Skye Colantonio*
- Earth Science: Kaylyn Carlson*
- Physical Education:.. Abigail Pingrey*
- Spanish: Zenallah Hatcher-Simmons*

Plagiarism

Families, please take the time to review our plagiarism policy with your child(ren) and support us in our expectations of proper behavior when completing assignments and assessments.

Cheating, including plagiarism, is a serious compromise of a student's integrity and is not tolerated at St. Joseph School. The term plagiarism includes not only the representation of other's

work as our own but also the use of any sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in completing an assignment or assessment. Specifically, plagiarism is the dual act of presenting and claiming the words, ideas, or creations of others as one's own. Often, it occurs when a students takes expressions from another author's composition and

misrepresents them as his/her own work. If plagiarism is discovered, a student's work will be confiscated. A zero will automatically be recorded. Depending on the gravity of the situation, additional school punishment, such as detention, in or out of school suspension and/or expulsion may follow.

Thank you for your support of this very important policy.



Music Notes from Mrs. Hoerbelt & Mrs. Wilbert

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 April.

Elementary All County Chorus, April 1st and 2nd at Elba Central School:

- Olivia Constantino, Maylee Green, Kaylie Kratz, Amelia McCulley, Aaron English.

Junior-High All County Chorus, April 8th and 9th at Pembroke Central School:

- Ariana deSa e Frias, Rachel Nickerson, Joseph Perl, Jewel Shenck, Benjamin Streeter, Katelyn Zehler, Jennifer Miller, Abigail Pingrey, Samuel Zerillo.

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.

Also, the following students participated in the **Vocal Solo Festival** at Batavia Middle School on January 29th:

Aaron English, Ariana deSa e Frias, Krysta Hansen, Annie Kochmanski, Rachel Nickerson, Jewel Shenck, Katharine Warner, Katelyn Zehler, Jennifer Miller, Samuel Zerillo.

The following students participated in the **Instrumental Solo Festival** at LeRoy Central School on February 6th:

- Colin McCulley and Katelyn Zehler,.

Finally, Colin McCulley participated in **Elementary All County Band** on April 8 & 9 at Pembroke Central School

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

Notre Dame High School Open House

Parents of 7th and 8th grader students who are yet considering the Notre Dame High School are encouraged to attend their next **Open House on April 17th** from 2 to 4PM. If this date is not convenient, families are also welcome to contact the school at

343-2783 to arrange a meeting and/or receive a tour.

Eighth-grade students who are considering Notre Dame and have not yet taken the opportunity to shadow a 9th grade student during the school day, are encouraged to arrange

their shadow day by contacting Mrs. Lori Fix, Notre Dame Secretary, at 343-2783.

