



# March Newsletter 2017



## 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 necessary 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...

- **1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday**
  - Mass 11 a.m.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Subway Day**
  - National Junior Honor Society Induction, 7p.m.
- **3<sup>th</sup> Mass 8:30a.m./February Student of the Month**
- **10<sup>th</sup> Mass 8:30a.m.**
  - Career Day
  - Marking Period 3 Progress Reports go home
- **14<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade to Genesee County Youth Conference**  
 SOS Meeting at 7:00
- **15<sup>th</sup> GodSpell production by Notre Dame High School 12 p.m. St. Joseph Church**
  - St. Joe’s Drum Corp, SJS Bands, Handbell & Vocal Choirs Concert 7p.m.
- **17<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL**
- **18<sup>th</sup> Penny Carnival**
- **19<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Joseph**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> Grades 5&6 Science Fair at 6:30 p.m.**
- **24<sup>th</sup> Mass 8:30 a.m.**
- **28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**
  - NYS ELA Testing Grades. 3-8
- **31<sup>st</sup> Mass 8:30 a.m.**
  - End of Quarter (Marking Period 3)

***NOTE: Mother & Son Bowling has been changed from March 25<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup> 2-4PM***



## National Junior Honor Society

Our school's chapter of the National Junior Honor Society will have their Induction Ceremony on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to the following students on their induction:

Grade 7: Nathanael Brew, Colin McCulley, Aiden Sisson, Lucia Sprague & Steven Zocco

Grade 8: Donato Fiorentino, Colin Kratz, Ava Reinhart & Maxwell Tenney

Congratulations also to the following 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have maintained their membership in the Honor Society with high grades and community volunteerism:

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



## 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
- 1<sup>st</sup>: shampoo
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: lotion
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: conditioner
- 4<sup>th</sup>: deodorant
- 5<sup>th</sup>: soap
- 6<sup>th</sup>: shaving cream
- 7<sup>th</sup>: disposable razors
- 8<sup>th</sup>: 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Please come and recognize the hard work these students have shown in completing their projects.

Please remember that sick 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.

## Student Illness

**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!





## Registration

We are now accepting registrations for NEW students for the 2017-2018 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.

If a family you refer to St. Joe's does indeed register you can earn \$100 off your next year's tuition through the GIFT program. Please see the final pages of this

newsletter for details on the program.

Please note that for Kindergarten registration, paperwork must be in by June 16<sup>th</sup> to allow for Kindergarten screening. **A copy of a child's immunizations and birth certificate will be required to enter kindergarten.**

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



## Health News



The NYS Health Department requires that all students entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade receive a Tdap booster (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis [whooping cough]) . 7<sup>th</sup> graders are required to have a meningococcal vaccine for the 2017-2018 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 # 585-343-8911).

Also, when your child receives their annual physical please remember to send a copy to the school's health office. You may make a copy or ask the Dr.'s office to fax a copy. Thank you!

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship

We have information and applications for scholarships and grants for students entering the 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



## College Tuition Rewards

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](mailto:Jennie.minor@gafundraising.com)





### *A BIG “Thank You” to...*

- Our **National Junior Honor Society** faculty advisors **Mr. Landfried** and **Mr. Bowman** for helping to plan and organize the induction ceremony on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and to the faculty council for their time and support of this program.
- **Amy Chmielowiec, Stephanie Fiorentino, Amy Murray, Tracy Milliman & Nicole Ashton** 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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**.
- **Mrs. King, Mrs. English & Mr. Landfried** for chairing the 6/7/8 grade **Fun Night**.
- Our **SJS Advisory Board** and **S.O.S members** for their dedication and “never-ending” work for our school.
- **Kathy Stefani** and her weekly volunteers for all of their continued work on the **Mammoth Sale**.

**Thank you to everyone for sharing your time and talents!**

## Welcome Kindergarten Class of 2017

Welcome to the following students who are registered in our Fall 2017 Kindergarten Class:

MacAlister Batdorf  
 Luciana Borello  
 Patrick Casey  
 Elliana Fava  
 Lauren Ireland  
 Adam Laska

Khloe Leach  
 Natalya Lyons  
 Makenzie Neth  
 Zyann Pore  
 Adrian Tabelski  
 Paul Winters

*Save the Date:  
 Kindergarten Screenings  
 June 16*





# THE NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL DRAMA SOCIETY PRESENTS



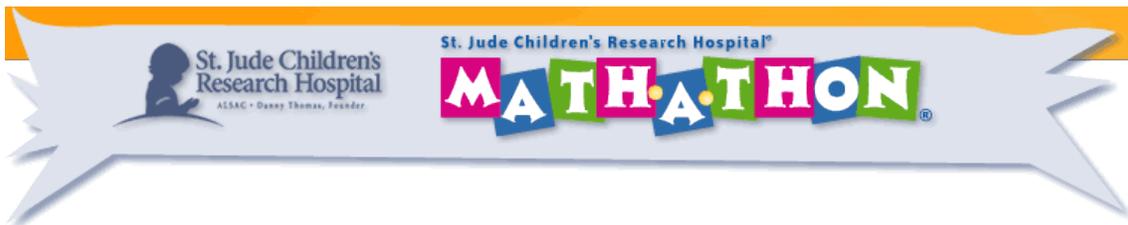
## Godspell

March 10 – 7pm St. Vincent's, Attica  
 \*March 11 – 7pm Notre Dame H.S.\*  
 March 15 – noon St. Joseph Church  
 March 17 – 7pm St. Mary's, Holley  
 March 18 – 7:30pm St. Mary's, Batavia

*Suggested donation \$5 per person*

*Godspell is a musical of parables from The Gospel According to Matthew. Jesus recruits a group of followers and teaches them various lessons through song and dance*

*\*Saturday, March 11 is a Dessert Theater production, reservations required. Ticket price - \$12. For reservations for the Dessert Theater please call Karen Rapone at 343-2783 X205 or Lorie Fix at 343-2783 X100*



St. Joe's students will be having fun and earning prizes with the St. Jude Math-A-Thon, a fundraiser that improves students' math skills and teaches the importance of helping others. Our school will participate in the challenge the week of March 13-16.

The St. Jude Math-A-Thon is a school-based fundraiser that benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Since 1962, St. Jude has treated children who

are battling cancer and other life-threatening diseases, and no family ever receives a bill from St. Jude.

Using the St. Jude Math-A-Thon Funbook, developed for grades K-8, students get excited about math while fundraising for the children of St. Jude.

Thank you to Mrs. Sands, National Junior Honor Society and their advisors Mr. Bowman and Mr. Landfried for organizing this fun event.

Please see

[www.mathathon.org](http://www.mathathon.org)  
for details.





## February Students of the Month

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

- K:.....Matthew McCulley*
- 1<sup>st</sup>:.....Max Marsocci*
- 2<sup>nd</sup>:.....Clayton Conrad*
- 3<sup>rd</sup>:.....Clairissa Milliman*
- 4<sup>th</sup>:.....Panorea Tsoukalos*
- 5<sup>th</sup>:.....Abbey Rose Root*
- 6<sup>th</sup>.....Aaron Treleaven & Anna Rose Winters*
- 7<sup>th</sup>:.....Nathanael Brew*
- 8<sup>th</sup>.....Colin Kratz & Harry Schafer*
- Art:.....Harry Schafer*
- Earth Science:.....Kate Warner*
- Physical Education:.....Amanda Bergman*
- Spanish:.....Sara Nickerson*
- Math (Sands).....Kaylie Kratz*
- Music.....Jewel Shenck*
- Golden Note Award.....Mrs. Perl's 2nd Grade*

## 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. Plagiarism includes any misrepresentation of other's work

as our own whether copied from print or on-line sources or by allowing parents or older siblings to complete all or part of an assignment. Plagiarism may also be the use of any sources beyond those authorized by the instructor in completing an assignment or assessment. Simply, plagiarism is the act of presenting the words, ideas, or creations of others as one's own.

**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 Educators Association All County Chorus Festivals** in March and April.

Elementary All County Chorus, March 24 & 25 at Attica Central School :

- Melania deSa e Frias
- Hannah Tenney
- Violet March
- Maia Zerillo
- Sophia Papponetti
- Jekora Anderson
- Kate Ricupito
- Kaylie Kratz
- Loretta Sorochty
- Morgan Wahl

Junior-High All County Chorus, March 31 & April 1 at Pavilion Central School:

- Amanda Bergman
- Joseph Perl
- Skye Colantonio
- Shawn Searls

Sean Czyryka  
 Jewel Shenck  
 Annie Kochmanski  
 James Weicher  
 Rachel Nickerson  
 Katelyn Zehler

These students will prepare 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 14 :

- Amanda Bergman
- Samantha Schell
- Ariana deSa e Frias
- Jewel Shenck
- Krysta Hansen
- Morgan Wahl
- Annie Kochmanski
- Katelyn Zehler
- Rachel Nickerson

The following students participated in the **Instrumental Solo Festival** at LeRoy Central School on February 4 :

- Carol Carlson
- Colin McCulley
- Cayla Hansen
- Katelyn Witherow
- Camden King
- Katelyn Zehler

Finally, Katelyn Witherow was selected for **Elementary All County Band** on March 31 & April 1 at Pavilion Central School, and Colin McCulley and Katelyn Zehler were selected for **Junior High All County Band** on March 24 & 25 at Attica Central School. It is an honor to be chosen for these ensembles, and we're very proud that St. Joseph's School is well represented by these talented students this year!



### Notre Dame High School Open House

Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are considering Notre Dame High School are encouraged to attend their next **Open House on Sunday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** 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 9<sup>th</sup> grade student during the school day, are encouraged to arrange

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






## St. Joseph's School G.I.F.T Program

### Think We Have a Great School?

**Recommend a new family to St Joseph's Catholic School through the G.I.F.T Program and receive \$100 off your tuition!**

#### **Here's how:**

Announcing the **G.I.F.T**-Growing In Family Together- Program. Our Families are the best voices for spreading the word about SJS because we each know our academic excellence, faith based Catholic education and rewarding enrichment programs.

The **G.I.F.T.** program will reward a \$100 tuition credit\* to those families who recommend SJS to a new non-school family. The tuition credit will be awarded once the new family has enrolled and completed all their tuition and fee obligations for their first part of the school year ending in December.

There is no limit to the number of families you can recruit and you collect the \$100 credit\* for each child you bring in. With your assistance, we can build our school community with families who, like you, realize that values and education matter!

#### **Here's what to do:**

1. Recruit a new family to SJS.
2. Complete the attached form and return it to the school office.
3. After a new family's children have enrolled and paid tuition and fees through December of the school year, you will receive a \$100 tuition credit.

#### **Rules that apply:**

1. The credit may be applied to tuition only.
2. Tuition credits cannot be transferred from one family to another without approval of principal.
3. Tuition credits cannot be carried over from one school year to the next.

4. The actual cash value of the tuition credit is zero dollars.
5. Families who have departed SJS and later decide to return are not eligible to be part of **G.I.F.T.**
6. This applies for new students in first through eighth grade. Preschool and kindergarten do not apply.

\*Note: In the case of a midyear transfer, tuition is pro-rated so the \$100 tuition credit will be likewise pro-rated. For example, a transferee that pays one-half tuition for the year earns you a \$50 tuition credit.

**Thank you for your continued support of St Joseph's School!**

---

### **G.I.F.T. Recruitment Incentive Program**

**Recruiting Family:** \_\_\_\_\_

We would like to recommend the following family to be new members of the SJS Family:

New Family's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student #1 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student #2 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Student #3 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* Administrative Use Only:

New Family enrollment date: \_\_\_\_\_ Incentive amount: \_\_\_\_\_ Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_