



March Newsletter 2024

St. Joseph Regional School

Principal's Memo

Dear Families,
As we reach the end of the second trimester (March 8) 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. Commit to scheduling routine appointments for after school hours. Schedule 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."*

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. *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...

- 1st Mass at 9:00 AM
..... Student & Virtue of the Month
- 2nd Live Like Levi Day
- 5th Stream Night @ 6:30 PM
- 8th Mass at 9 AM
..... End of Trimester 2
- 12th SOS Meeting @ 7 PM
- 15th Mass at 9:00 AM
..... Trimester 2 Report
- Cards go home
- 16th Chicken Barbecue
Pick-Up between 12-2
- 19th St. Joseph Table
- 21st Subway Day
- 22nd Mass at 9:00 AM
..... Confession (3-6)
..... 1st Reconciliation for Grade 2
..... Rice Bowls Due
22nd Easter Break Begins
Thinking ahead to April...
- 4th-6th Super Sale
- 9th School Resumes



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Registration

If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about St. Joseph Regional School, please encourage them to call the office for more information and to schedule a tour. Some classes are full for the upcoming school year and interested families will be placed on a waiting list.

Please note that for Kindergarten registration, paperwork must be in by June 1st to allow for Kindergarten screening on Thursday, June 6th.

A copy of a child's immunizations, physical and birth certificate will be required to enter kindergarten.

We are still accepting Pre-K registrations for both 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds in our afternoon program. The morning programs are currently full.



Subway Day

Our next Subway Day is on Thursday, March 21st. All orders need to be placed before 2:00 PM on Wednesday, March 20th.



Health News

The NYS Health Department requires that all students entering 6th grade receive a Tdap booster (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis [whooping cough]). 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). 7th graders are required to have a meningococcal vaccine for the

2024-2025 school year. Current 6th grade families should forward this information to NDHS or their home district before 7th grade.

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!

Student Illness

Please remember that sick students need their rest and should stay home. If your child is ill our nurse Ms. Canale 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!

NO SCHOOL for Students

There is NO SCHOOL on Friday, May 3rd to allow the faculty to have a professional development day.

"Let the word of God dwell in you in all its richness.
Teach and admonish with words of wisdom."
— Colossians 3: 16



Please take note of the following dates for the NY State Computer Based Tests (CBTs) this spring.

ELA (Grades 3-6): April 24th and 25th

Math (Grades 3-6): May 14th and 15th

Science (Grade 5): May 8th

Please avoid scheduling appointments on these days for your children in grades 3rd through 6th.

Miss Batavia Night

Thank you to the Engel family for hosting us and to all of our families who supported it!



Reaching you by Text

If you are not receiving text messages from us, you may have inadvertently blocked the School Messenger number at some time since your number was first shared with us as a Family Contact Number (per your Family Contact Sheet completed at the beginning of the school year). **To opt back in please text Y to 68453. If you are unsure whether you are opted-in you may text Y to 68453 just to confirm.**



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Kindergarten

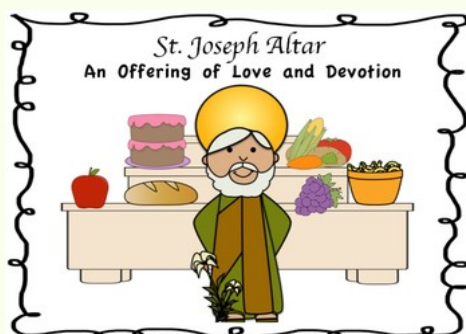
Our Kindergarten registration is going very well. We already have 19 students registered. If you know of anyone who is considering registering their child, please encourage them to do so soon.

Kindergarten Screening will be on Thursday, June 6th.



St. Joseph Table

We will be celebrating St. Joseph Day on Tuesday, March 19th with a St. Joseph Table. Lunch will consist of a meatless pasta and bread. There will be NO other lunch on this day, so students that do not want pasta will need to pack.



Massial Ayala
Everly Cudzilo
Dionna Dann
Paisley DeHaven
Robert Fava
Owen Gechell
Roman Geib
Matthew Harasimowicz
Harrison Joy
Luke Joy
Kam Kirkpatrick
Niko Marinaccio
Karter Mills
Mabel Murphy
Luke Penders
Duke Sinclair
Caleb Tiede
Jayce Tretter
Charles Veltz



THANK YOU to everyone that supported our Kid's Heart Challenge. We raised \$6241.04 for the American Heart Association.

Ms. Dumuhosky's 3rd grade classroom raised the most money and will receive a dress-down day!



February Students of the Month

Kindergarten.....Ada Ríchenberg

Grade 1.....Jason Rapone

Grade 2.....Payton Ford

Grade 3.....Livia Dinh

Grade 4.....Michael Hamblin

Grade 5.....Nolan Rogers

Grade 6.....Natalya Lyons

Ms. Winiecki.....Scarlett Ferris

Physical Education.....Claire Lutey

Technology.....Michael Pawlak

Art.....Tillie Fava

Music.....Gordon Dahlie



OUTSTANDING





Virtue of the Month



Kindergarten.....John Warner

Grade 1.....Rose Hale

Grade 2.....Harlon Keppler

Grade 3.....Alexander Tomidy

Grade 4.....Kylie Lutey

Grade 5.....Taylor Trzecieski

Grade 6.....Matthew Pastore



FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE









Chicken

BARBECUE

Sat., March 16, 2024

**Pick up 12 Noon - 2pm
at St. Joe's**

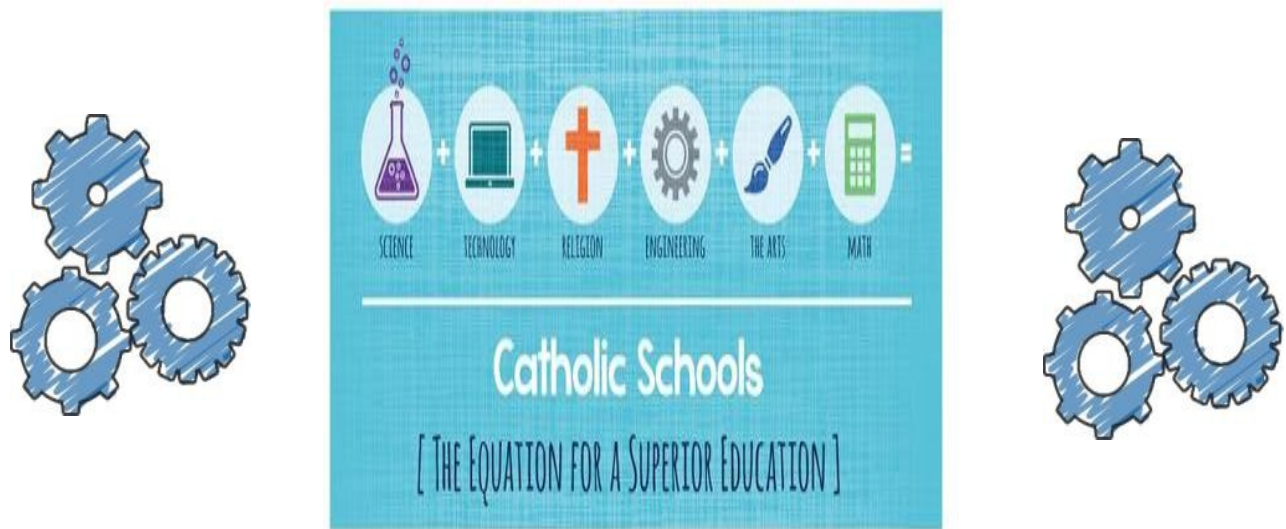
Tickets: \$15

**Call SJS @ (585) 343-6154
Venmo: @stjosephschoolbatavia**



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St. Joseph's

***ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO:
FAMILY STREAM NIGHT***



**MARCH 5, 2024
6:30 ~ 8:00 PM**

- * **FREE ICE CREAM & POPCORN**
- * **CREATE A TOWER**
- * **DESIGN A MURAL**
- * **BUILD A BOAT**
- * **MAKE & SHOOT A POM-POM CANNON**

**HANDS-ON FUN FOR THE WHOLE
FAMILY INCLUDING SCIENCE,
TECHNOLOGY, RELIGION,
ENGINEERING, ART AND
MATH ACTIVITIES!**



JOIN US FOR A

SJRS SUMMER CAMP!

JUNE 24TH - AUGUST 23RD

FULL DAY: \$50 HALF DAY: \$25

NO CAMP: JULY 4TH

STUDENTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN LUNCHES

COMPLETE PROGRAM INCLUDES

SNACKS, FIELD TRIPS, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES,
WEEKLY THEMES, GAMES, AND MORE!

OPEN TO SJRS STUDENTS

REGISTRATION FEE \$50 PER STUDENT
DUE BY MAY 1ST

FOR QUESTIONS
PLEASE EMAIL MRS. KING AT SKING@SJSBATAVIA.ORG



Dear Families,

This Lent, our school will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family.

CRS Rice Bowl gives us a wonderful opportunity to encounter different people from around the world, know more about their lives and recognize them as our sisters and brothers. We will see how, through our prayer, we encounter Jesus, who is present in the face of every member of our human family. When we fast, we encounter the obstacles that prevent us from fully loving God and our neighbor. And when we give alms, we share in solidarity with those who need our support.

By joining our prayers, fasts and alms this Lent with those of other parishes and Catholic schools in the United States, we will help millions of women, men and children around the world whose economic challenges have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Together as a Church, through CRS Rice Bowl, we can contribute to the efforts of those who seek to build a better world for themselves and their communities. CRS Rice Bowl provides many resources for daily reflection throughout the liturgical season. Consider these suggestions in your family's Lenten plan:

- Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.
- Read the Stories of Hope and daily reflections to inspire your Lenten journey.
- Use the CRS Rice Bowl recipes to prepare simple, meatless meals on the Fridays of Lent to eat in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.
- Visit crsricebowl.org to watch videos of the people and communities you support through your Lenten gifts to CRS Rice Bowl.

Your sacrifices during this holy season have the power to change lives by providing enough nutritious food for families to thrive. And by practicing the pillars of Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, I hope both your faith and connection to our one human family deepens.

CRS Rice Bowls will be distributed on Ash Wednesday and will be collected on March 22nd. Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowl with your family.

Live Like Levi Day



We will be celebrating a “Live Like Levi Day” at Notre Dame High School this Saturday, March 2nd during the SJRS basketball games between 9 AM- 2 PM. We hope you can join us for a brief presentation before each game and a 50/50 & basket raffle to support a new scholarship in his memory.

GAME TIMES

Grades 3 and 4 Girls	9:00 AM
Grades 3 and 5 Boys	10:00 AM
Grade 5 Boys	11:00 AM
Grade 6 Boys	12:00 PM
Grade 5 Girls	1:00 PM

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

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

