

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



St. Joseph School



Our first-quarter marking period ends on November 10th, and with that milestone comes the time for our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences. This year we will schedule the conferences on Monday, November 21st. There will be no school for students on this day. These meetings provide an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teacher to discuss academic growth, work habits and study skills, as well as social/emotional growth. This is also an appropriate time to discuss your child's specific areas of strength, as well as opportunities for improvement. This is a time to strengthen your partnership with your child's teacher to ensure the success of your child for the remaining three-quarters of the school year. We welcome your input, feedback, and insight. As you prepare

November 2016

for Parent-Teacher conferences, I offer a few suggestions to reflect on before that day:

- Be prepared for the conference. It may be helpful to bring a list of questions you have regarding your child's progress.
- Talk with your child before the conference. Ask your child what he/she likes most about school. Discuss with your child areas that might be difficult or causing anxiety. Talk to the teacher about both areas.
- Provide the teacher with information about how your child learns and what your child likes to do in his/her free time. Ask how you can promote successful learning at home.
- Listen to what the teacher tells you about your child's academic achievement. It can be difficult to hear that your child might be struggling in an area or two. Together, we can help your child be successful.

- Remember that teachers are meeting with all parents and therefore conferences are scheduled for 15-minute periods. Due to the tight scheduling, please be on time. If you are unable to make the scheduled time, please call the school office.
- Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns when you arrive home. Maintaining open communication will help to ensure a successful school year for your child.

The best conferences are those in which both teachers and parents remain focused as they work together for one purpose: to help your child do well and achieve the best education possible.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Green

Dates to Remember

November 1st...

All Saint's Day, Mass @ 11AM

November 4th...

- Mass @ 8:30 AM
- October Student of the Month Assembly

November 8th...

SOS Meeting @ 7:00

November 10th...

End of the 1st quarter

November 11th...

No School– Veterans Day

November 16th...

Picture Make-Up Day

November 18th...

- Mass at 8:30 AM
- Report Cards distributed

November 21st...

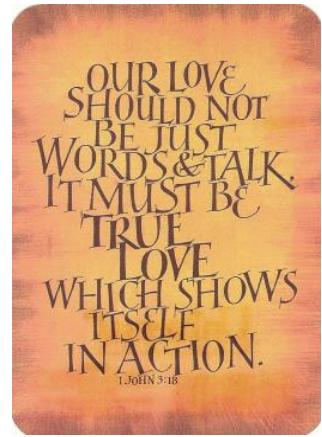
NO SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher Conferences

November 22nd...

NO SCHOOL
Staff Development Day

November 23rd-25th

Thanksgiving Recess



September Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students:

K: Drew Beachel
1: Carmelina Allen
2: Andrew Compton
3: Amelia Sorochty
4: Maria Pratico
5: Emma Sisson
6C: Kaylie Kratz
6W: Carol Carlson
7: Gianna Fanara

8B: Skye Colantonio
8L: Anne Kochmanski
Earth Science: Amanda Bergman
6/7/8 Math (Sands): Colin Kratz
Art: Shawn Searls
Music: Nya Thomas
Phys. Ed.: Norman March
Spanish: Donato Fiorentino



VIRTUS Updates

As of December 31st, anyone who has not been continuing to read the VIRTUS online training bulletins will have their accounts suspended for non-compliance. Please check the status of your account at www.virtus.org. Thank you for your prompt attention to this.

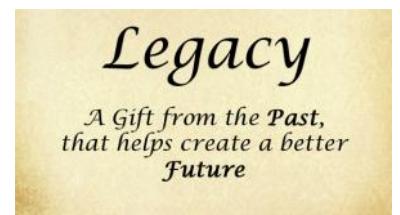
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Thanksgiving Mass

All students will attend a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday, November 18th at 8:30AM. **We ask that each student donate a non-perishable food item to present during the offertory during Mass.** These items will be given to our local Salvation Army who will distribute them to families in need for the Thanksgiving holiday. Items can be sent in with students anytime between now and the 18th.

Remembrance

Thank you to those families who have remembered St. Joseph School in their loved-ones' memorials. Naming our school in an obituary is a concrete way to live the faith while remembering those who have gone before us.



Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences

Report cards will be distributed on Friday, November 18th. Please see the parent/student handbook on academic information, grading scale, and honor roll. All subjects are figured into the quarter average. A passing grade is 70% in all grades.

An email was sent out on

Wednesday November 2nd that invited you to schedule your child's conference time. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, November 21st! Our first Honor Roll Assembly will be held on Friday, December 2nd after the 8:30 a.m. mass for grades 3-8.



Lunch Orders

Order Lunch by 9

If your **child is late** to school, please **call** the main **office** and **order** his/her **lunch** by **9:00 a.m.** We need to phone-in our lunch order to Notre Dame by 9:30 each day. We appreciate your cooperation.

Uniforms

November 1st marked the change in uniform dress code:

- Short sleeve **polos** may **no longer be worn**. Long sleeve banded polos may be worn in grades K-5.
- Shorts may **no longer be worn**
- **Girls may** choose to wear **navy-blue** dress **pants**

Thank you to our families for their continued respect and support of our uniform dress code. Did you know that uniform dress codes:

- Promote studious behavior
- Reduce teasing associated with economic status
- Stress that individuality and self-expression are not determined by designer clothing or the latest fashion
- AND are far less expensive than a school-aged child's wardrobe



Popcorn Ball



Thank you to Kristina Clark, Tracy Milliman, Melissa Landers, Amanda McCulley, Carrie and Larry Frazer, Julie McCann, Stephanie Peruzzini, Carol Piechowiak, Chad Zambito, Heather Zerillo and the entire Popcorn Ball committee for organizing another successful event!

School Closings

If poor weather conditions warrant the closing of school, we follow the decisions of the Batavia School District. Regardless of how the radio stations may read the announcements, if Batavia Public Schools are closed- we are too.

Radio: Batavia WBTA 1490 am
Rochester: WHAM 1180 am
Buffalo: WBEN 930 am

Television: Rochester Channel 8
Buffalo Channels 2,4 & 7

Box Tops

Please continue to send in Box Tops.



Please remember to put your child's name on the envelope or bag that you send these into school in. There are small prizes given each month for the top Box Top collectors in each classroom.

Halloween Party

THANK YOU to Tracy Milliman, Stephanie King and Maria Fitzpatrick from our SOS Committee, for organizing our Halloween Party. If you see one of these parents, be sure to express your gratitude for providing our children with a fun and safe Halloween event!



Student Drop-Off

By this point in the year, all students should be familiar with our morning routine. It should not be necessary for parents to walk students into the building each morning. Please drive up to the barriers and drop off your children to keep the traffic flow moving.

Thank you Knights!

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus "Msgr. Kirby" Council (#325). Each year this Council sponsors \$500 scholarships for our students. Through their generosity, we were able to distribute 7- \$500 scholarships for the 2016-17 school year. Please keep them in mind and support their fundraisers that in turn help support scholarships to our school.

Tardies/Absences

Please remember, if your child is absent or late, we need a phone call to insure they are safely in your care. Also, please make every effort to have your children on time to school each day!

punctually is a life skill!!

October Students of the Month



Congratulations to the following students:

K: Harper Ferris
1: Anthony Warner
2: Lily Kasprzyk
3: Lindsay Betters
4: Anina Pabros
5: Violet March
6C: Brandon Carrick
6W: Owen Murray
7: Madalyn Bochicchio
8B: Sam Chmielowiec

8L: Amanda Bergman
Earth Science: Jace Rademacker
6/7/8 Math (Cifelli): Nathanael Brew
6/7/8 Math (Sands): Nicholas Grover
Art: Ben Landers
Music: Kaiden Campopiano
Phys. Ed.: Steven Karas
Spanish: Lindsey Weidman
Golden Note Award: 4th Grade

Thank you Sponsors!

Thank you to our Popcorn Ball Table Sponsors:

Arctic Refrigeration Co., CY Farms/Batavia Turf, Caledonia Family Dentistry, Three Little Birds Pediatrics, Turnbull Heating and Cooling, JM Equipment Wholesalers, LLC, Skyworks LLC, Murray Construction, Tri-State Medical (Vincent Falletti), Notre Dame High School, Falletti Motors, and Conroy Motor Corporation

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Picture Re-Take Day

Any student that missed having their school picture taken in October or needs a re-take may come to school in "dress-up" clothes on Wednesday, November 16th. Original pictures should be returned for re-takes.



Veteran's Day

There is **NO school Friday, November 11th** in honor of Veteran's Day.



Thanksgiving Recess

There is NO school November 23rd through November 25th in observance of Thanksgiving Day. On behalf of the St. Joe's faculty and staff, we wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and hope you are able to share some special time with the ones you love!



Parent/Teacher Conference Days

There is **NO school** for students on Monday, **November 21st** and Tuesday **22nd** due to **Parent Teacher Conferences as well as a Staff Development Day.**



Subway Day

Our next Subway Day will be December 2nd. Please remember that orders are due the day before by 2PM. Also, there is not a regular lunch program on Subway days!



National Junior Honor Society

St. Joseph School sponsors a chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS). Students in 7th and 8th grade may be candidates if they meet the academic and community service requirements. Invitations to apply for membership will be sent home in February. Students who believe they will meet the academic requirements for membership should begin to identify community service opportunities to meet the service requirement. The Thanksgiving and Christmas season offers many community outreach opportunities. The purpose of the organization and obligations for membership are summarized below.

Purpose

1. To create enthusiasm for SCHOLARSHIP
2. To stimulate a desire to render SERVICE
3. To promote LEADERSHIP
4. To develop CHARACTER
5. To encourage CITIZENSHIP

Obligations of Membership

1. DUES: Members must pay annual chapter dues.
2. MAINTAINING STANDARDS: Once selected, all members are expected to maintain the standard by which they were selected.
3. MEETINGS: Chapters hold meetings and members are required to attend. Chapter officers need to work closely with the advisor to plan the agendas for meetings.
4. CHAPTER SERVICE PROJECT(S): All chapters are required to sponsor a chapter service project and all members are required to participate.
5. INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PROJECT(S): In addition to the chapter service project, members are to engage in additional service according to their own talents and interests.
6. All members are expected to actively participate in activities sponsored by the St Joseph School Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS).



Scrips News

Low Denomination Gift Cards

Starting Saturday, October 29th, Scrips will have a limited number of special small denomination gift cards available, perfect for stocking stuffers and holiday gift-giving.

These cards will only be available while supplies last. The following are a few participating retailers :

- Amazon
- AMC
- Applebees
- Barnes & Noble
- CVS
- iHop
- Olive Garden

For a complete list of retailers and denominations please go to the following link:

[Low Denomination Gift Cards](#)

