



Dear Parents,

Our “Meet the Teacher” evening on Tuesday, September 26th was well attended. Thank you to everyone who participated. We appreciate your support and your eagerness to work with us as we are entrusted with the most important and rewarding task of educating your child(ren). Please partner with your child’s teachers and help your child keep up-to-date on assignments and projects. Together, we can work to help your children become confident, successful students! As we begin the month of October, we will be stressing

the rosary in our religion classes. I encourage you to set aside a time to pray the rosary as a family. A great day to do this would be on the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, on October 7th.



Finally, please take the time to read the information provided in our Family Envelopes and return any forms and envelopes in a timely manner. We strive to keep you up-to-date and informed as much as possible.

Thank you again for your continued support!

Mrs. Karen Green
Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER IN OCTOBER

- 6.....NO SCHOOL: Diocesan Professional Development Day
- 9,,.....NO SCHOOL: Columbus Day Holiday
- 10.....SOS meeting, 7 PM
- 12School Pictures for Grades Pre-K and K-2
- 13.....School Pictures for Grades 3-6
-Mass at 9:00 AM
- 14.....Mother/Son Bowling from 1-3 PM
- 16.....Protecting God’s Children Workshop @ 6 PM
- 20.....1st Trimester Interim Reports
-Father/Daughter Dance
-Mass at 9:00 AM
- 23.....Red Ribbon Week Kick-Off: Wear Red Day
- 27.....Mass at 9:00 AM
-Subway Day
-Special Touch Pie Orders Due
- 28.....St. Joe’s Halloween Party from 1-3 PM

School Pictures



Our school pictures will be taken on October 12th and 13th. Pre-K students and grades K-2 will be photographed on Thursday. Students in grades 3-6 will have their pictures taken on Friday, October 13th. Order forms will be coming home in the family envelope. This is a **dress-up** day for all students. Uniforms need not be worn, but jeans and t-shirts are not permitted. Thank you for your cooperation.



We will recognize Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd through October 27th. Red Ribbon Week activities raise drug abuse and violence awareness with age-appropriate activities and classroom discussions. SJRS will kick-off the week with a **Dress in Red Day** on Monday, October 23rd. Students may wear clothing that is red in color and school appropriate. Students should not be dressed in: tank tops, bare midriffs, inappropriate t-shirts, etc.



Can & Bottle Drive

St. Joseph Regional School is registered at Eastown Beverage in Batavia (563 E Main St.) for can and bottle redemption. If you would like to support this fundraiser, just drop off your cans and bottles and let them know you want the proceeds to benefit SJRS.



Daily Home Screening for Families

Symptoms:

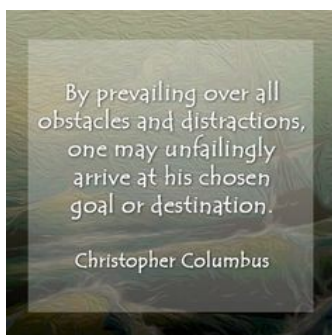
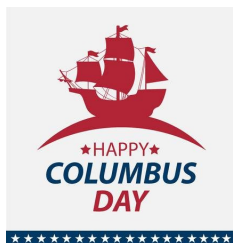
If your child has any of the following symptoms, that indicates a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading illness to others, please keep them home. Check your child for these symptoms each day:

- Temperature 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or higher when taken

- **New** uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
- Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

No School

There is **NO school on Monday, October 9th** in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday.



Subway Day

Our next Subway Day will be Friday, October 27th. Please be sure that order forms are turned in by 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 26th. NO regular lunch will be available on that day.



School Uniforms

The winter school uniform begins on November 1st. Boys in grades K-6 have the option to wear either a long-sleeve polo shirt or button-down shirt and blue tie with their navy-blue uniform pants. Boys in grades 4-6 may wear a tie of their choice. Girls in grades 4-6 may wear a long-sleeve polo shirt, white or light blue button-down blouse, white turtleneck with either a khaki, blue or plaid skirt, jumper or navy-blue pants. Girls in grades K-3 may wear the long-sleeve polo shirt, white turtleneck or button-down-shirt with navy-blue pants or a navy, khaki or plaid jumper.



REMINDERS:

*NO makeup or high-heeled shoes are permitted.

*Boys' hair may not be below the shirt collar in the back or past the eyebrows in the front.

*Only school uniform sweaters or fleeces may be worn in school.

*Navy blue ties are sold in the office for \$9.00

*Thank you for your support
of these important school
policies!*



SOS Dues

Thank you to everyone who has already paid their \$10 S.O.S. dues! If you have not already done so, dues can be sent into the main office.



Please sign

Please take the time to sign and return to the office the parent/student signature page that was sent home in the first family envelope. The calendar/handbook is available on our school website.

Your signatures are important to confirm that you have had an

opportunity to read school policies and agree to abide them.

Thank you!



VIRTUS Workshop

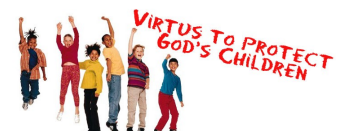
The Diocese of Buffalo, along with all Catholic Dioceses in the United States, requires that any person who works with children in any capacity, as a paid worker or volunteer, must participate in a "Protecting God's Children" Workshop. Anyone who volunteers in our school, coaches, or chaperones a field trip must attend a workshop session.

To register for an upcoming session, go to www.virtus.org and click on the VIRTUS online registration tab.

St. Joseph Regional School will be hosting a workshop on Monday, October 16th at 6:00 PM. You must pre-register if you wish to attend this workshop or any others.

Space is limited, so be sure to register early.

If you have previously attended a session, it is not necessary to attend again. However, you must keep updated by completing the monthly training bulletins. Reminders are sent to the e-mail address you provided.



Basketball Program

BOX TOPS for Education

We are beginning to form basketball teams for our boys and girls in 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade. Once we know how many students are committed, we can begin to plan for the season. Practices would most likely begin when we return from our Thanksgiving holiday, but some clinics may be held prior.

Forms will be sent home in the next family envelope and will need to be returned by Monday, October 23rd. If your child will

be participating, we ask that you please pay a \$30 participation fee and attach it to the form to help defray the cost of uniforms and coaching supplies.



Please remember after you scan your receipt on the Box Tops app to use the give back button. This will allow you to choose a grade to receive your donation. Each month the students that are at the top of the leader board will receive a free ice cream treat. Remember to spread the word to your family and friends. Anyone from anywhere in the country can log onto the app and donate a qualifying purchase.



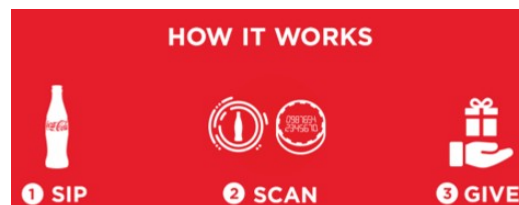
Thanksgiving Pie Sale

Our SOS Parent Group will be kicking off a Thanksgiving Pie Sale in October. Flyers and order forms will be sent home with students and all orders will be due by October 27th. As a preview, there is a sample flyer at the end of the newsletter. Please help to support this fundraiser by reaching out to family and friends. Thank you!



Coca-Cola Gives

Giving to our school is only a Coca-Cola and a click away. By scanning the code under any Coca-Cola cap with your smart phone, a donation will be made to the school of your choice. Please sign up at:



<https://us.coca-cola.com/give/>

Nurse Notes

If your child has had a physical, please provide a copy of the report to our nurse's office. Please note that NY state changed the requirement for physicals to grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 7. Nurse Dawn will be contacting families if updated physicals are needed.



If absent please call the school to report the absence and send a note upon return. Thank you!

School Sign In/Sign Out



Students must sign in and out of school in the main office if they are late arriving to school or leaving early for an appointment. A note should accompany children in the morning so the classroom teacher and office are aware of your arrangements. Please come to the main door and wait and we will call their classroom requesting that your child be excused. Thank you for your cooperation!

Vacations

Please remember that when a student is absent from school, teachers are continuing to present and explain new material. While it might be possible for a student to complete missed homework assignments, it is **not possible to catch-up on missed classroom instruction**. Please make every effort to arrange vacations when school is not in session so that each student may receive their complete education.



Drop Off/Pick Up

By this point in the school year, all students in grades K-6 should be familiar with our morning routine.

Please be sure that your children are NOT being dropped off before 7:30AM. There is NO supervision before this time, and we do not want children to be left unattended. Thank you!

SchoolMessenger

Once again this year we will be using the "School Messenger" family contact system. This allows us to contact you by phone, email and text. On your Family Contact Form you provided the number(s) and email address(es) at which you wished us to contact you. If at any time in the school year you need to update that information, please contact us in the school office.

The text messaging portion of SchoolMessenger is an "opt-in" service. This means that the system

will be sending you a text message requesting that you "opt-in" to receive messages. Please realize that text is the method we are likely to use when contacting families with time-sensitive or urgent messages.

Please feel free to contact Mrs. Nora O'Neill at noneill@sjsbatavia.org with any questions.

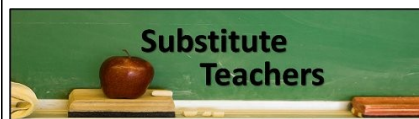


Tardiness

All students should be in school by 8:00 AM each morning. Students are considered late if they arrive in their homerooms after 8:10 AM. It is important for our students to get a good start in the morning without rushing. Please assist your children with being prompt.

Substitutes

If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as a substitute-teacher at the school, please call the office to express your interest. Thank you!



Halloween Party

SOS will be hosting a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 28th from 1-3 PM in the school parking lot. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more information. All families are invited to participate in this free event. Be sure to mark it on your calendars so you won't miss out on all the fun.



TOPS in Education

Tops markets sponsors a school fundraising program called "Tops in Education".

Thank you to our families who have supported the program for the last nine years.

Please remember that supporters must re-register each school year.

Here's how it works:

Register your TOPS Bonus card.

Select St. Joseph Regional School from the list of schools that have registered.

Purchase participating TOPS brand

products with your TOPS Bonus card throughout the 2023-2024 program year.

TOPS contributes up to 5% of your purchase to our school. The more supporters our school enrolls, and the more they shop and purchase TOPS brand products, the larger our school benefit will be.

Please go to the TOPS website to enroll for the 2023-2024 school year:

<http://www.topsmarkets.com/Education/>



Mass Intentions

Save the Date



September

8th: Carol Sherwood

15th: Essie Marone

22nd: Jared Diehl

29th: Jim Smith

October

13th: Betty Fleming

20th: Tom Woodruff & Zoey
Daggett

27th: Jim Smith

**MEAT
RAFFLE**

SJRS will be hosting a Meat Raffle on Friday, January 19th in the school cafeteria. Be sure to mark this event on your calendars.

Our Scrips Program will continue again this year. Please realize that those who purchase Scrips gift cards will be benefitting the school, which will equally reduce all students' tuition.

For more information on this program, contact Mrs. Norton in the school office or email at dnorton@sjsbatavia.org

Interim Progress Reports

No School

This year's first Progress Reports will go home on Friday, October 20th.

These interim Reports are completed at each teacher's discretion as a tool to formally communicate with families.

Not all teachers will report on all students. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Interim
Report**

There is no school for students on Friday, October 6th. Our teachers will be having a Diocesan Professional Development Day.

Students OF THE MONTH

<i>KINDERGARTEN:</i>	<i>Gabrielle Dumuhosky</i>
<i>Grade 1:</i>	<i>Claire Parmenter</i>
<i>Grade 2:</i>	<i>Austin Culliton</i>
<i>Grade 3:</i>	<i>Tillie Fava</i>
<i>Grade 4:</i>	<i>Quinlan Batdorf</i>
<i>Grade 5:</i>	<i>Morgenn Surabian</i>
<i>Grade 6:</i>	<i>Levi Mabon</i>
<i>Ms. Winiecki:</i>	<i>Damon Reich</i>
<i>Art:</i>	<i>Patrick Casey</i>
<i>Phys. Ed:</i>	<i>Michael Pawlak</i>
<i>Technology:</i>	<i>Adelyn Gephart</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Levi Zielonka</i>
<i>Cafeteria:</i>	<i>Morgenn Surabian</i>



VIRTUE OF THE MONTH



<i>KINDERGARTEN:</i>	<i>Raven Radam</i>
<i>Grade 1:</i>	<i>Lucas Bobo</i>
<i>Grade 2:</i>	<i>Ricklan Cudzilo</i>
<i>Grade 3:</i>	<i>Noah Zielonka</i>
<i>Grade 4:</i>	<i>Samuel Bobo</i>
<i>Grade 5:</i>	<i>Logan Kochmanski</i>
<i>Grade 6:</i>	<i>Virginia Seitz</i>



Fall HARVEST

6-8pm
@ the School

Father/Daughter Dance

Friday, October 20, 2023

**Music,
Dancing, Photos,
Food &
Beverages**

R.S.V.P. to:



**Dads • Grandpas • Uncles • Big Brothers • Father Figures
or Special Friends, All Welcome!**

FUNDRAISING

BAKED-IN

Goodness



Special Touch
BAKERY

Pumpkin

7



It's easy to fall in love with this pie. The balance of pumpkin and allspice has Pumpkin pie lovers everywhere saying, "seconds, please."

Fudge Brownie

8



We took a decadent, dense, fudge brownie and made it into a pie! Packed with chopped walnuts, we suggest you serve warm and repeat... many times over.

Chocolate Cream

9



If you have a craving for creamy chocolatey goodness, this pie is a must-have. Chocolate cream, whipped cream and chocolate shavings... you simply can't resist this pie.

Strawberry Rhubarb



10



Rhubarb loves strawberries, strawberries love rhubarb, and everyone loves our rave-worthy Strawberry Rhubarb pie. It's the perfect combination.

Bumbleberry



11



Blueberries, raspberries and rhubarb, oh my! The sweet of the berries, the tart of the rhubarb and the uniquely delicious crust make this pie a show stopper.

All fruit pies are non-GMO.



A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR JOURNEY

1946

Holy Childhood opens its doors to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1982

Holy Childhood launches skill-building, pie-baking activity.

1983

Holy Childhood staff, family and friends begin gobbling up pies faster than we can make them.

1984

We hold a naming contest and one name wins oven mitts down, so we open our doors to the public as Special Touch Bakery.



1989

Special Touch Bakery, a division of Holy Childhood, is registered as our DBA name.

1990

We add more pies to our menu, more know-how to our bakers' skill sets, and more devotees to our fan base.

2002

Our bakers are proudly baking 17,000 pies a year out of our 700 sq. ft. kitchen.

2007

The first salesperson joins our team as our pies become fixtures on more and more local eatery menus.

2017

We develop a new logo and make the move to our new state-of-the-art 20,000 sq. ft. bakery.

Cannoli

1



Full of everything you love about a cannoli, this premium pie will have your taste buds jumping for joy!

Chocolate Peanut Butter

2



This premium pie is creamy and light - the perfect blend of chocolate and peanut butter. It's comfort food, for sure!

Pecan

3



Whether you say pee-KAHN or pee-CAN, there's no disputing this: Our classic Pecan pie is a cut above the rest. Toasty pecans, our melt-in-your-mouth sweet filling, and delicious crust makes any pie-lover swoon with delight.

Rumbleberry

4



If you're a berry lover, you'll love this pie. Filled with raspberries, blackberries and blueberries, it's a berry-lover's dream.

Apple Crumb

5



This pie is full of sliced apples mixed with cinnamon goodness, baked in our flaky crust, and topped with a delectable brown-sugary crumble. What's not to love?

Cherry

6



You'll find no canned cherries in our Cherry pie! Bulging with fresh, plump, juicy, naturally sweet-tart cherries, it is pure cherry perfection.

All fruit pies are non-GMO.





Mother & Son Bowling

2 games!

October 14, 2023

1-3 pm

@ Mancuso's

**For all St. Joe's boys
and their moms!**

RSVP by Oct. 13th

Snacks
•
Bowling
•
FUN!



**\$10 per
Family**



Moms, grandmas, aunts, big sisters, mother-figures, or special friends are all welcome!