

## Principal Ponderings

As school parents, we must be mindful of all the activities and events that happen in and around school that are important for our students and families to participate in. Learning doesn't only happen in the classroom. Community activities are wonderful learning experiences and growing tools for the students. Here at Saint Joseph we encourage both students and parents to take advantage of the calendar of events. Beginning in the month of September, we will be celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. On Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, The Avila Family Scholarship presentation for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student will be held at school. We would also like for you to join the SJ parish for mass the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> as the Ministry Fair will be held in the school gym. This is a great opportunity to come and see all the groups that SJ has to offer for us all to share out time, talents, and treasures. We ask that you also take the time to sign up and join the parish and school families in sharing.

## Plant and Flower Show

The 2017-2018 Plant and Flower Show is scheduled for **Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. This event is co-sponsored by the Saint Joseph Catholic School parent HASA group and the Fort Wayne Parks and Recreation. At the end of the school year, each child was given a small plant to care for over the summer. This is the student's opportunity to show how well they cared for their plant. If your child received a plant from their previous school, please feel free to include it in our plant show. If the student does not have a plant, they may bring their favorite house plant to enter in the show. Please have each student bring their plants and flowers the morning of the show and take them down to the cafeteria.

## Knights Football

Come on out and support the Saint Joseph Catholic School students that are participating in the joint Knight Football team. The team consists of several diocesan schools that this year include: Saint Joseph Catholic, Saint Aloysius, Saint Therese, Saint John the Baptist and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Practices are held Monday through Thursday from 6pm to 8pm at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton School field. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade team is an instructional team that teaches all the football basics. No prior knowledge is required. If students in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> are still interested in joining the team, please see Ms. Flores for the proper forms. A Sports Physical is required to attend practice. The first CYO game will be at Bishop Dwenger High School on Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Come on, Come all and support our fellow panthers!

## Volleyball

The volleyball season is now in full swing. Practices are every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 pm. The first 5-6 grade game will be held next week at the Queen of Angels gymnasium on Wednesday September 6<sup>th</sup>. Game starts at 6pm. Players need to arrive 30 minutes before start time. Please be ready to go at 5:30 pm.

## Message from Ms. Flores

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program offers income-eligible Hoosier students up to four years of paid tuition at an eligible Indiana college or university after they graduate from high school, dependent upon financial need. I will be keeping you all updated with information so that we can make sure that all of our students do not miss the wonderful opportunity.

## Upcoming Events:

### September 4th:

NO SCHOOL  
Memorial Day

### September 6th:

5/6 Volleyball @  
Queen of Angels 6pm

### September 9th:

5/6 Volleyball Game @  
Saint John 9am

### September 7th:

NO SCHOOL for  
students-- Mission Day

### September 8th:

SJCS Plant and Flower  
Show

### September 9th:

City Wide Plant and  
Flower Show for blue  
ribbon winners

### September 9th:

5/6 Volleyball Game vs.  
St. John FW @ SJC 9am

### September 9th:

7/8 Volleyball Game vs.  
New Haven @ St.  
Aloysius am

### September 10th:

Knights Football vs. St.  
Charles @ Bishop  
Dwenger H.S. 2pm

### September 13th:

SCJS Dance Team  
practice 3 to 4pm

### September 10th:

Knights Football vs. St.  
Vincent @ Bishop  
Dwenger H.S. 12:30pm

### October 16th:

1-Hour School Delay  
Evening Parent Teacher  
Conferences

### October 17th:

1-Hour School Delay  
Evening Parent Teacher  
Conferences

## Saint Joseph Dance Team

- The Saint Joseph Catholic School Dance Team is still accepting dancers! This opportunity is available to any female student at SJCS in grades 3 to 8. Practices will begin September 13<sup>th</sup> and will be continue three times a month on Wednesdays after school. Practice times have changed and will be from 3pm to 4pm. Schedules are available in the front office. Performance schedules will be available soon.

Please send in an envelope that says "Dance fees" to the front office. An additional \$30 for the warmup jacket can also be paid upfront or can be paid for by fundraising that will begin soon. In order to participate at the first practice, your child **must** have turned in a dance form and paid the initial dues.

If you have any further questions, please contact Baylee Figel at [bfigel@saintjosephfw.org](mailto:bfigel@saintjosephfw.org).

## Extra Clothes for Accidents

Students in **Preschool, Kindergarten, First Grade** or if your child is prone to accidents, we are asking that each student bring a plastic bag with an extra pair of underpants, pants and socks. These items will be kept in each of their cubbies if needed. Please clearly mark the bag with your child's name.



## Saint Joseph Ministry Fair / Taco Sale

Saint Joseph Catholic Church invites you to visit our Saint Joseph Ministry Fair held in the school cafeteria following all the masses the weekend of September 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Come visit the tables of the Saint Joseph Ministries and learn about what each of the groups do, when they meet and how you can help. Please consider joining one of the groups that interests you. As school parents we are required to give back to the school and parish, and what better way to share our time, talent and treasure then by supporting our school. Please also consider visiting the Taco Sale for delicious taco options following the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am, 11:30am Masses. Cookies and punch will be sold after the 7:30pm Mass.

Saturday 3 Flautas with rice and beans \$8.00

Sunday AM Chorizo Burritos \$3.00

Sunday PM 2 Tacos with Rice-Beans \$8.00

## Absences and Appointments

If you have a sick or tardy child please make sure a phone call is made promptly to the school office by 8am. If your child has an appointment and will require early dismissal, please call the office **no later than 12pm**. Please plan to pick-up students for afternoon appointments prior, but no later than 2pm. Grades 6 through 8 have classroom instruction up until the last bell. Therefore, early dismissal is not encouraged. Students without prior notification will not be released after 2pm. These policies are also to help in the congestion of the parking lot and student safety.

## Weather Related News

Please remember that the school notifies the Indiana News Center Channels 21 and 33 for any delays and or cancellations. Saint Joseph ALWAYS sends information to the News Stations by 6am. **REMEMBER:** we are listed as SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC FORT WAYNE. In order to receive the School Messenger texts from SJCS you will need to enroll and send a text message with YES from the cell phone you wish to enroll to 68453. The school cannot enroll you.

## Lunch Menu:

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**Thursday, August 31st:**  
Turkey Gravy,  
Mashed Potatoes,  
Green Beans,  
Peaches, Roll & Milk

**Friday, September 1st:**  
Cheese Ravioli,  
Salad, Pears, Garlic  
Bread & Milk

**Monday, Sept. 2nd:**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**LABOR DAY**

**Tuesday, Sept. 3rd:**  
Spaghetti &  
Meatsauce, Salad,  
Peaches, Garlic  
Bread & Milk

**Wednesday, Sept. 4th:**  
Italian Sub  
Sandwich, Sunchips,  
Cucumber/Tomato,  
Banana & Milk

**Please pray  
for the victims  
of Hurricane  
Harvey as  
they  
recuperated  
there lives.**