

# The Carpenter Chronicle



Learning to Lead and Serve as Saints

November 15, 2017

## Principal Ponderings

On November 9th the Diocese came for an Internal review to assess our accredited program.

The following were the findings and recommendations after classroom observations and hearing from the various stakeholders of the Saint Joseph Parish Community:

**Powerful Practices:** A very strong sense of community and family is evident in all stakeholder groups. The leadership of SJC demonstrates vision and resourcefulness in starting a new school while continuing and positively progressing each year.

**Areas for improvement:** While great work has been done to support and reach the grade level goals of students who formerly were not performing at grade level, SJC needs to put a plan in place that will challenge high achieving students.

**Improvement Priorities:** In order to best prepare students for 21st Century expectations, must assess the overall technology needs for students, parents and staff. Prepare a comprehensive plan to address those needs. This encompasses curriculum, high school preparation, enriched advanced opportunities as well as overall technological skills. Start with the upper grades and work your way down.

## COLD WEATHER

**Please remember that a school sweater is not sufficient covering for the cold weather.**

**Please make sure your child has a coat, hat and gloves every day for school. ALL PK to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students have a required 30 minute recess time outside. ALL students will go outside during this time with or without a coat. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## Band with Mr. Newman

All new students beginning Band with Mr. Newman this year will need to have their instrument and book with them on November 16<sup>th</sup> for Band class. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school front office at 260-432-4000.

## SJC Parish Thanksgiving Dinner

Saturday, November 18, the Saint Joseph parish will host the annual Thanksgiving Dinner from 12 to 3pm in the School Cafeteria! We are in need of many different talents for this event to be successful and we need YOUR help! No time commitment is too small...we will need help getting the word out, cooking, baking, setting up before the event and tearing down afterwards, as well as servers and greeters! Sign-up sheets for helpers are at the Welcome Center, and food item donation sign-up is at the table at the back of church. This dinner is FREE, so please invite all your family and friends! All are welcome!

## Coloring Contest

The Saint Joseph Catholic Church will be hosting a coloring contest for the Virgen de Guadalupe Day Festivities. All students may participate. Anyone interested in participating in the contest can pick-up the coloring sheets at the school front office and in the back of church. Entries must be turned into the school office no later than Thursday, December 7th. Prize winners will be announced at the celebration on December 12th. Prizes will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

**Our Mission is to create a spiritual community of learning that educates and inspires all to reach their God-given potential.**

## Upcoming Events:

**November 16th:**  
Open House at Bishop Luers High School  
6:30-8:30pm

**November 18th:**  
SJC Parish  
Thanksgiving Dinner  
12-3pm

**November 21st:**  
NO SCHOOL  
Boiler Repairs

**November 22nd-24th:**  
NO SCHOOL  
Thanksgiving Break

**November 29th:**  
Cyber Safety  
Presentation  
grades 6 & 7

**December 12th:**  
Virgen de Guadalupe  
Day with Bishop Rhoades

**December 13th:**  
1-Hour Delay

**Dec. 21st-Jan. 3rd:**  
Christmas Break  
NO SCHOOL

**Jan. 8th-Feb. 23rd:**  
WIDA Testing

**Jan. 21st-Jan. 27th:**  
National School Choice  
Week

**Jan. 29th-Feb. 2:**  
Catholic Schools Week

**HAVE A SAFE  
AND  
HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

<https://www.saintjosephcatholicfw.org/>

## Saturday Evening Mass Servers

Children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up interested in participating and learning to altar serve with Oscar should arrive 30 minutes before the Saturday 5pm evening mass for instruction with Oscar. Children will serve mass and are welcome to join the light dinner and Catholic movie after mass. All are welcome!

## Family Movie Night

Please join our Saint Joseph Catholic seminarian Oscar Duarte for Family Movie Night on Saturday evenings after the 5pm Mass. Dinner is a scheduled Pot-Luck style, please contact Mandi Flores at 260-415-8512 for food donation and more information. Attend with your children for these fun and enjoyable nights! There will not be a movie Night on Saturday November 18<sup>th</sup> due to the parish Thanksgiving Dinner, but will continue the following week.

## Math Night

THANK YOU to all the families that came out to Family Math Night! It was a lot of FUN! The students had an opportunity to learn and play money math games with the staff. Each family received a take home package with the game instructions and information to play the games with the family at home. Please take time at home to share the games with your children. Practicing money counting is a skill that will be with the students forever!

## Grupo de Baile Folklorico

The Baile Folklorico dance troupe will practice, and perform customary Mexican Folkloric Dancing for the Virgen de Guadalupe Day Celebration on Tuesday, December 12th. Thank you to all the interested dancers who have come out for the practices. Practice dates will continue to be Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm in the Saint Joseph Catholic School Gym. Saturday Practices will be held from 12 to 2pm at the Saint Patrick Church Lyceum. For more information, please call Lorenza Martinez at 260-515-5162.

## Religious Education classes for Adults

Everyone is invited to attend Religious Education classes for adults. On Saturday, December 2, 2017, from 8:45am - 10:30am, Franciscan Brother Dominic will offer a session on the Catechism of the Catholic Church for Adults in the United States. The class will take place in the Parish Gathering Room and will be conducted in English.

## Parish Office

Please note that the St. Joseph Parish Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24th. Also, Father Evaristo and the entire Saint Joseph Parish Staff would like to let you know how grateful we are for each of you. We wish you many blessings and a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday!

## Saint Joseph Scrip Program

The Saint Joseph Catholic Church has a very valuable Scrip Program that can benefit your child and help pay school tuition. The program works by you purchasing gift cards from many vendors around town. By purchasing from our program you can earn a rebate that will then go toward your child's tuition balance. Cards available are from popular stores, restaurants, and gas stations such as, Walmart, Meijer, Panera, Starbucks, Speedway and Marathon. Please keep this in mind when purchasing gifts during the holidays! Order forms are available in the front office. Purchases can also be made cash and carry after all mass times!

**KROGER PLUS CARD ENROLLMENT NO MORE CARDS TO PURCHASE!!** If you are struggling with enrolling your Kroger plus card please fill out a form after mass and Denise Venderley will link your Kroger card to the St Joseph parish account. Then every time you shop it will automatically send a rebate! How easy!! Your personal information will be kept confidential. Fill in the form and place it in the collection basket.

## Lunch Menu:

The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

## Thursday, Nov. 16th:

Taco in a Bag, Salsa, Lettuce/Cheese, Oranges & Milk

## Friday, Nov. 17th:

Popcorn Shrimp, Broccoli, Salad, Fruit Smoothie, Cheese Breadstick & Milk

## Monday, Nov. 20th:

Italian Sub, Sunchips, Cucumber, Tomato, Peaches & Milk

## Monday, Nov. 27th:

Chicken Leg, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Pears, Garlic Twist & Milk

## Tuesday, Nov. 28th:

Teriyaki Chicken, Broccoli/Rice, Egg Roll, Mandarin Oranges, Fortune Cookie & Milk

## Wednesday, Nov. 29th:

Chick Enchilada, Chip & Salsa, Corn, Peaches & Milk

## Wednesday, Nov. 29th:

Hot Dog, Bun, Beans, Salad, Pineapple & Milk