



St. Joseph Catholic School

Summer Newsletter – August 12, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership.

Welcome Back – First Day of School – Monday, August 13th
Thank you to all who attended our new family orientations and the Meet and Greet!

We are ready to welcome our students back for a new school year. We will begin with a full day on Monday. Students arrive between 7:35 – 7:55. Students need to be in their classrooms ready to learn at 8:00 am. School dismisses at 3:00 pm.

IMPORTANT SAFETY UPDATES

Last Spring, and during the Summer, we started working with Safety Solutions and the Diocese of Venice, to provide a safer environment for all of our children and staff. A complete safety audit was conducted and based on that report, many changes were made and procedures were reinforced during the summer.

- 1) **Drop off begins at 7:35 in the south parking lot.** Parents stay in their cars in a single line, following the orange cones. (No parking on the south side of the building during drop-off) Parents/Guardians pull up to the gate and staff members will open the car doors. Children should have backpacks and school items ready so they can quickly exit the car. Older students may walk to their classrooms. Younger students are escorted by staff members and/or safety patrol.
- 2) Parents of younger children may walk their little ones to their classrooms in the morning. **ALL PARENTS WALKING must park and enter by the north gate** (Parish Center side of the school.)
- 3) **After school pick-up: Parents enter the south parking lot, follow the cones, and remain in their cars.** Hang tags should be clearly displayed from the review mirror facing forward. If you did not receive a hang tag last week, please write your child's last name and grade on a large piece of paper and place on your dashboard so it is visible as you pull through the carline. VPK parents will have a staff member bring the sign-out book to your car window.
 - a. After you pull through the gate, please pause so a staff member can announce your arrival.
 - b. Pull forward slowly and stop when directed.
 - c. Six cars will pull to the bollard area and students will be placed in the cars.
 - d. When all six cars have loaded, they will be directed to pull through the exit gate and the next six cars will be directed to move forward to the bollards.

- e. If you have a little one in a car seat, please proceed forward slowly, pull to the side parking area, and then get out of your car to secure the car seat belt in place.
 - f. Please be patient, the car line always moves slower during the first week of school, but becomes much faster as everyone gets used to the process. NEVER PASS ANOTHER CAR IN THE CAR LINE.
- 4) If you need to pick your child up [early for an appointment, please do so before 2:30 pm](#). For the safety of all of our students, no one will be admitted to the office area from 2:30 – 3:15 to make sure staff can be completely attentive to all children as they prepare for dismissal.
 - 5) Hot lunch will be provided each day, or students may choose to bring their lunch from home. [No lunches may be delivered for individual students by outside vendors or parents during the school day](#). If your child forgets his/her lunch, or you did not have a lunch ready before your child left for school, do not worry, because a hot lunch will be provided and billed at the end of the week.
 - 6) Due to increased safety procedures and monitoring on campus, parents will not be joining their children for lunch on regular school days. However, once each month, we will have a Birthday Celebration Day. Parents may join their children for this special lunch during the month of their child's birthday (or ½ birthday for summer dates). Additional staff will be on hand to sign parents directly in and out of the parish center on these dates. (See the school calendar on our website to note these dates.) Parents may bring lunch to their children on this special day, if it is their child's birthday month, An ice cream treat will be provided for the parent/s and child.
 - 7) Entrance gates were installed by the school office. All parents, volunteers, and visitors will need to sign in before they are given access to enter the campus. Name tags will be issued to everyone coming on campus and will be visible to staff and students. If you are issued an access key (volunteers) you will be asked to leave your car keys at the front office. Keys will be returned when the tag and access key are returned to the office.
 - 8) We loved our gathering in the courtyard each morning, however, we were told we can no longer have this practice. The gathering was each morning and included the whole school. We were told this makes our children and staff vulnerable, as the event is predictable and continuous. We worked hard to come up with a solution that would still include our families. Our eighth graders will be our "news team" and will broadcast our morning announcements, prayer, and pledge of allegiance from a different classroom each day. Parents, grandparents and friends may follow this broadcast on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/SJCSBradenton/>.
 - a. [During the first week of school, announcements will be recorded and then uploaded to our Facebook Page. This will allow our students some practice time to get used to the live cameras.](#)
 - b. [Once our students and staff are comfortable, we will begin our live broadcasts. Watch for email and Facebook updates.](#)
 - 9) Before and Aftercare: Parents dropping off students for Before Care or picking up from Aftercare will enter by the north gate and go directly to the Aftercare portable.
 - 10) Students staying for after school activities (sports, clubs, music classes, etc.): Please pick up these students at the north gate. Staff members will bring the students to the gate at the end of their activity.
 - 11) VPK AM parents will park in the south parking lot, come through the campus gate and remain in the office gated area. Benches were placed in this area for your convenience. Staff members will bring the little ones to this area for sign-out.

Other safety changes on campus include:

- Seventy-one cameras now cover all areas of the campus, including parish center, gym, parking areas, and all buildings and hallways.
- Permanent bollards were placed in the pick up area and the walk area was expanded by

eliminating the grass (and ants).

- Additional security gates were added in the front to limit initial entrance to only the office area.
- A campus-wide safety committee has been established and information sessions will be held for parents and staff (watch for future announced dates and topics).
- Fire, tornado, and lock-down drills will be held as in the past. However, these drills will now all be announced to students and staff to reduce anxiety during these events.
- Safety shades were installed in all rooms of the school.
- High impact windows are now in all buildings on the campus (including the Parish Center), with the exception of the newest building (middle school). This building will have window replacements completed during the school year. (They have been ordered.)

Important Dates

First Day of School	August 13	8:00 am	
School Mass	August 15	8:00 am	St. Joseph Church
School Picture Day (Uniforms)	August 21		
Back to School Night	August 29	6:00 – 8:00 pm	
School Mass with Bishop Dewane	August 30	8:00 am	St. Joseph Church

Please visit our school website to see our complete calendar at www.sjsfl.org.

Important News for Second Grade Parents

During the summer, our numbers indicated that we would only have one second grade classroom, and Mrs. Hernandez would be teaching. Last week the class grew in size and it will be necessary to divide the class. We do have an excellent teacher, Ms. Kimberly Heimiller, beginning next week, but we need to set up the second classroom. Monday and Tuesday, all of the second graders will be with Mrs. Hernandez and Mrs. Grantham. On Wednesday, Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Grantham, and Ms. Heimiller will go to Mass and teach together in Mrs. Hernandez's room so the students can get to know the new teacher. On Thursday, half of the class will stay with Mrs. Hernandez, and half of the class will be assigned to Ms. Heimiller.

As a graduate of State University of New York, Ms. Heimiller started out in the corporate world and worked internationally as a marketing specialist. She was the global account manager for Burger King's Kids Meal and directed the program in over 95 countries. As she prayed and reflected on her life, she decided she wanted to work with children to help build their futures and make a difference that she was not able to make as a corporate executive. She then went back to school to obtain her teaching certification. She taught Grades K – 6 in Miami, until her move to Sarasota. Last year, she filled in at St. Martha's as a long-term sub for two teachers who took extended leaves. We are grateful she will be at St. Joseph this year with our second grade and comes highly recommended. Ms. Heimiller is fluent in Spanish.



First School Mass – August 15 – Feast of the Assumption

Our first school Mass is scheduled for 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 15th. Students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade will go directly to church as they arrive at school. Please make sure your child is in church for the beginning of Mass. Parents are welcome to join us for this Holy Day Mass. Staff members will be assigned to each door of the church. (All preschool children will go to their classrooms and will be joining us for Mass in a few weeks.)

IMPORTANT FOR ALL CHOIR MEMBERS

First Practice: Tuesday, August 14, 3:00 – 4:00 pm Practice for August 15th Mass
First Regular Choir Practice Monday, August 20 3:00 – 3:45 pm
First Choir Practice for Saturday Mass Monday, August 20 3:45 – 4:15 pm

Beginning on Monday, August 20th, choir practice will be held on Mondays.

ALL HOT LUNCH ORDERS ARE DUE BY MONDAY, AUGUST 13th – 8:00 am
(Please see attached)

Open House for August 19th – Cancelled (Will be re-scheduled for a later date)

Farewell Reception for Fr. Lawton – August 19th - Parish Center



Fr. Lawton's last weekend at St. Joseph's will be August 18th and 19th. Fr. Lawton will have the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses on that Sunday. There will be a reception for him in the Parish Center on Sunday, August 19th, after the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing breakfast (pancakes, eggs and sausage), and the parish will provide sweet rolls and fruit. All are invited to attend.

Fr. Lawton will be missed by all of us at St. Joseph Catholic School. Last year he visited the students in their classrooms each week. They looked forward to asking him questions during his visits. We all wish him well as he moves to his new assignment as Parochial Vicar of St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Cape Coral.

Top Summer Students for IXL Summer Practice

At the beginning of the summer, we presented a learning challenge to encourage our students to continue making progress during vacation. This week we honor the top five students at each grade level! Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work. IXL is promoting a summer challenge, "Study in the Sun" which will reward the top twenty students across the United States. All of our students were automatically entered into this contest. The contest deadline is August 31st. Many of our students are close to that top 20 ranking so they may want to keep on completing problems for practice!

We are proud of all of our students and will have a special treat for all who completed problems during the summer!

Kindergarten

Leo	Joseph	1937
Boyette	Isabella	1282
Antista	Cecilia	148

Grade 1

Allen	Andrade	9333
Joseph	Natoli	3341
Julious	Rodriguez	2062
Nicholas	Colonneso	1941
Jose	Estigarribia	1727

Grade 2

Jean	Andrade	10352
Julian	Hogue	2341
Connor	Longo	2095
Christian	Estigarribia	1263
Anthony	Villegas	789

Grade 3

Jeremy	Avila-Gonzalez	17015
Heaven	Francois	15279
Adelaide	Trichter	3932
Rocco	Estigarribia	2789
John	Hall	2710

Grade 4

Isabelle	Hokanson	6866
Bendli	Thony	5269
Abigail	Inman	3381
Ryli	Bautista	2519
Gabriella	Salgado	2310

Grade 5

Djoudly	Auguste	13318
Clark	Keyvani	10882
Matthew	Andrade	9459
Michael	Brunette	5574
Sienna	Bell	5418

Jr. Legion of Mary – Grades 2-8

Begins on Monday, August 13

3:00 pm – Meet Miss Rose & Miss Norma by
the School Office

4:00 pm – Parents/Guardians pick up students
at the main doors to the Parish Center



Participant's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone _____

Grade Currently Enrolled _____

People allowed to pick up child _____

Please send my child to aftercare following meeting _____

What is Jr. Legion of Mary? Junior Legion of Mary is open to students in Grades 2 through 8. Students meet their leaders by the school office at dismissal and are escorted to the Parish Center.

The Jr. Legion of Mary assists children in developing moral, Christian character under the guidance of our Blessed Mother. Activities include prayer, making rosaries, learning about our faith, and service to others. All students are welcome to attend.

St. Joseph School: After School Choir
Student Information Form

Please Print

Student Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

Mother: _____ Phone: (H) _____
(C) _____

Father: _____ Phone: (H) _____
(C) _____

Additional Emergency Contact:

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- Regular School Mass Choir Rehearsal (3:00-4:00 on Mondays)
- Saturday 4:00 Mass Choir (sings at this Mass, once a month): (Rehearses 4:15-4:45 on Mondays)

NOTE: Students, who are not picked up at the end of their rehearsal time, will be sent to the St. Joseph after-school program.

My child will sing in the (Please mark your choice.):

- Regular Mass Choir
- Saturday Mass Choir
- Both Choirs

Individuals Authorized to Pick Up Your Child:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Please return this form in your child's notebook by his/her first choir rehearsal. •

Interim Contact Person: Jim Corbett

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2018/2019

**SJCS Pro Tennis Academy
at G.T. Bray Tennis Courts
4:00 - 5:00 pm
Beginning on Tuesday, August 14
Grades PK - 8**



Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian's Name _____

Cell Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Cell Phone _____

Grade Currently Enrolled _____

Allergies _____

People allowed to pick up child _____

Requests/notes regarding tennis _____

Classes: Tuesday and Thursday
Location: G.T. Bray Tennis Courts
Payment to: Pro Tennis Academy:
1 day per week = \$40.00 per month
2 days per week = \$80.00 per month

Please give payment & form to the
SJCS coaches who will be at GT Bray

Denis Pelegrin, Tennis Director
Pro Tennis Academy
Telephone: 941.580.7794
Email: info@protennisacademy.net
Address: G.T. Bray Park
5502 33rd Ave Dr W,
Bradenton, FL

More Information: protennisacademy.net

2018 St. Joseph Volleyball Schedule

August

14 Tuesday	3-4:45pm	Tryouts
16 Thursday	3-4:45pm	Tryouts/Practice
20 Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice
21 Tuesday	3-4:45pm	Practice
23 Thursday	3-4:45pm	Practice
27 Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice
28 Tuesday	3-4:45pm	Practice
30 Thursday	3-4:45pm	Practice

September

4 Tuesday	3-4:45pm	Practice
6 Thursday	Away game vs. Bradenton Christian (BCS) 4pm JV, 5pm Varsity	
10 Monday	Away game vs. St. Stephens (SSES) 4pm JV, 5pm Varsity	
13 Thursday	Away game vs. Suncoast 4pm Varsity (St. John's United Methodist Church 6611 Proctor Road Sarasota)	
17 Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice
20 Thursday	Home game vs. Imagine Lakewood Ranch (ISLR) 4pm Varsity	
25 Tuesday	Home game vs. Palmetto Charter (PCS) 4pm JV, 5pm Varsity	
26 Wednesday	Home game vs. SAA 4pm Varsity	
27 Thursday	Home game vs. SSIS 4pm Varsity	

October

2 Tuesday	Home game vs. Imagine Palmer Ranch (ISPR) 4pm Varsity	
4 Thursday	Away game vs. Imagine North Manatee (ISNM) 4pm Varsity	
8 Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice*
9 Tuesday	3-4:45pm	Practice*
11 Thursday	3-4:45pm	Practice*
16 Tuesday	Playoffs	
18 Thursday	Championship	

2018 St. Joseph Basketball Schedule

October

10	Wednesday	3-4:45pm	Tryouts for boys
17	Wednesday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys and tryouts for girls
22	Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice for girls
24	Wednesday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys
25	Thursday	3-4:45pm	Practice for girls
29	Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys and girls
30	Tuesday	3-4:45pm	Practice for girls

November

1	Thursday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys and girls
5	Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys and girls
6	Tuesday	Away game vs. St. Stephens girls 4pm, boys 5pm	<small>(315 41st St. W)</small>
8	Thursday	Away game vs. SAA girls 4pm, boys 5pm	<small>(Sarasota YMCA 1075 Euclid Ave)</small>
13	Tuesday	Away game vs. ILR girls 4pm, boys 5pm	
15	Thursday	Home game vs. PCS girls 4pm, boys 5pm	
26	Monday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys and girls
27	Tuesday	Home game vs. SSIS girls 4pm, boys 5pm	
29	Thursday	Home game vs. IPR girls 4pm, boys 5pm	

December

4	Tuesday	Home game vs. INM girls 4pm, boys 5pm	
6	Thursday	3-4:45pm	Practice for boys and girls (if made playoffs)
11	Tuesday	Playoffs	
13	Thursday	Championship	