



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – August 26, 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.

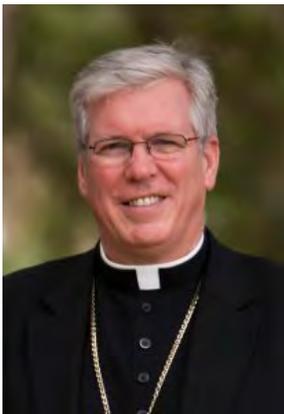
Parents Back to School Night 6:00 – 8:00 pm August 29th

All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend our Parents Back to School Night on Wednesday, August 29th at 6:00 pm in the Parish Center. This is an information session for parents and guardians only, so **we ask that children do not attend this meeting.**

Fr. Tom will begin our meeting by addressing all of our families. We will then discuss some of the changes, updates, and exciting information about our 2018 – 2019 school year.

All parents in attendance will have a chance to meet our PTO officers, the Knights of Columbus, and learn about the many volunteer and family involvement opportunities at SJCS.

Following the meeting in the Parish Center, parents and guardians will have an opportunity to visit classrooms, meet our teachers, and hear about the learning activities throughout our school.



Mass with Bishop Dewane – August 30 – 8:00 am

Mass is scheduled with Bishop Dewane on August 30th at 8:00 am. He will be accompanied by our Diocesan Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ben Moore. During the Mass Bishop Dewane will be distributing rosaries to all of our children.

Please make sure your children are on time and seated to be ready for the beginning of Mass at 8:00 am. Parents and families are welcome to attend. All Choir Students need to meet in the church choir room at 7:30 am.

Important Dates

Back to School Night	August 29	6:00 – 8:00 pm
		6:00 pm Parish Center
		7:00 pm Classrooms
School Mass with Bishop Dewane	August 30	8:00 am St. Joseph Church
Early Dismissal	August 31	11:30 am (No After School Care)
No School – Labor Day	September 3	

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

Additional After School Programs Beginning After Labor Day

Guitar classes begin September 4th

Irish Dance begins September 6th

Flavia Zappa Medlin, from the Sarasota Orchestra, has agreed to teach violin again this year at SJCS. If your child would like to participate, please email Ms. Suddarth to indicate your interest, dsuddarth@sjsfl.org.

Hot Lunch orders are billed each week via FACTS.
Please make sure your FACTS billing account is set up for incidentals.
This prevents families from falling behind in payments and allows us
to provide this program for our children.
Menus were sent home with all students last week.



Odyssey of the Mind Meeting
for Students in Grades 6 – 8
Monday, August 27 at 3:00 pm
Room 722

Thank you to Dr. Pardo, who has agreed to coach our middle school students again this year. Any parents interested in assisting, please contact the school office.

Paul Todd September 11th Remembrance Concert
Tickets are Now on Sale in the School Office



Fingerprinting and Safe Environment

Everyone is invited to be a part of our school and we encourage our families to volunteer with our children throughout the year.

If you are volunteering with the students, helping with class parties, chaperoning field trips, etc. you must have completed a background check through the Diocese of Venice, and attended a Safe Environment class.

Classes are scheduled for the following dates in the Grade 4 classroom:

- September 11 at 6:00 PM
- September 29 at 9:00 AM
- October 20 at 9:00 AM
- December 6 at 6:00 PM

The evening classes are scheduled for weekdays, and the 9:00 AM classes are on Saturdays. Please register by visiting the Diocesan website at <https://dioceseofvenice.org/> scroll to the bottom and select "Safe Environment" then select "Training Schedule" to choose the session you wish to attend. Or follow the link:

https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg_list2.cfm?theOrgID=35244&theme=0

Pre-registration must be completed by 2:00 PM for the weekday classes, or by 2:00 PM on the Friday before the Saturday classes.

August Birthday Celebration



Congratulations to all of our students who had birthdays during August.

Clarification:

- Students may bring cookies, cupcakes, or donuts on their birthday to share with their homeroom. (No cupcake cakes, please.) Please arrange with the homeroom teacher regarding the time they will be sharing their treats.
- Students may dress down on their birthdays (see handbook which is posted on the school website). If your child's birthday is on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, they may celebrate on Monday, or the day we return to school.
- If your child has a summer birthday, they may celebrate their half birthday.
- Each month, we will celebrate our birthdays for that month. Students (Grades K – 8) will invite family guests, receive a gift, and enjoy a cupcake for dessert.

Our September birthdays will be celebrated on September 21st.

Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale

The kick off for our Spunkmeyer sale was on Friday afternoon. Our sale runs until September 7th. Each child brought home an information packet. Beginning tomorrow, students may return coupons indicating the number of items sold. Please do not send order forms and money back until the end of the sale.



Thank you to our volunteers who baked cookies on Friday and passed them out in our carpool line!

We are still in need of additional volunteers during the Spunkmeyer sale.

Please use the volunteer link below,

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-spunkmeyer>

or visit our school website at www.sjsfl.org and select "Volunteer Opportunities"



Knights of Columbus #5604
Soccer Challenge for Boys and Girls age 9 – 14
Saturday September 15th at 9am on the St. Joseph Soccer Fields



BoxTops Contest

WELCOME BACK SJCS! Here is a fun activity to start off the 2018-2019 school year!

Want to earn your kids a FREE Dress Down Day, plus enter for a chance to WIN a HUGE container of Dum Dums Pops?

All you have to do is show us your love for Box Tops! Simply snap a photo of your child or children holding products featuring Box Tops for Education and email it in.

Your kiddos will then receive a Dress Down Day Coupon and your family gets entered in for the Pops!

Tips: Take a photo with items you already have in your pantry or while shopping at the Grocery Store. Please see the example. Plus, visit

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/in-store-offers> for ideas on where to locate Box Tops for Education products.

Contest runs through August 29th! Please email all photos to dsuddarth@sjcsfl.org and by doing so, you are also allowing the photo to be used in communications such as the newsletter and online. One entry per family.

We can't wait to see your love for Box Tops and when you finish, be sure to clip them and get ready for the next contest coming soon!

Carlee Colonnese
Box Tops for Education Coordinator at SJCS



Save the Date and Watch for More Information

Diocesan Youth Rally 2018

Diocesan Youth Rally – Saturday November 3rd at Charlotte Harbor Conference Center.

Our bus will be available to transport students to and from the rally.

The Rally is for all students in grades 8 through 12.

Choir Message from Mrs. Geyer

Dear families of Choir students,

Our First Mass of the school year went very well, and we are so happy to have our choir students back! We are also grateful for our new members this year. Thank you for allowing me to be your new Children's Choir leader, as this gives me great joy!

As we have examined the scheduling, it has occurred to us that if we combined the timing of school Mass rehearsal to include preparation for the monthly Saturday Mass schedule, more children might be able to participate in both. The music and its preparation will be easier for everyone this way. We understand that there will be reasons your child may not be available to sing during the Saturday Mass, and we are flexible about this!

What we would like to do, is have the choir practice from 3:00 to 4:00 every Monday. Parents need to pick up their children at 4:00 from the Church Choir rehearsal door. Those children who have not been picked up by 4:05 will be sent to aftercare.

Proposed Monthly Saturday Mass Schedule for the Fall:

- September 8
- October 13
- November 3
- December 24, 4:00 Mass

Thank you!
Suzanne Geyer

Full time Maintenance/Janitorial Position

St. Joseph Parish and School in Bradenton is seeking a full-time janitorial/maintenance position. Applicant must have verifiable and proven job-related knowledge and work experience. A thorough background search, drug testing, fingerprinting, are required. Job information and interviews will be discussed after an application is completed and submitted.

Qualified candidates are invited to call [941-756-3732](tel:941-756-3732) for application instructions.

After School Activities
August 27 - 31

Monday:

- 3:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind Information Meeting
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice (Grades 2 – 8)
- 3:00 – 3:45 pm Jr. Legion of Mary – Meet by the School Office to go to the Parish Center
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Flag Football Practice
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Cross Country Practice

Tuesday:

- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Flag Football Practice
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy (GT Bray Tennis Courts) – Grades PK - 8

Wednesday:

- 6:00 pm Parents Back to School Night - Parish Center – Adults only
- 7:00 pm Meet teachers in classrooms

Thursday:

- 8:00 am Mass with Bishop Dewane – Grades K – 8 St. Joseph Church
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Volleyball Practice
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Flag Football Practice
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy (GT Bray Tennis Courts) – Grades PK - 8

Friday:

- 11:30 am Early Dismissal – No After Care
- ALL STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING DIOCESAN SAFETY TRAINING

Hot Lunch Menu

Monday, August 27

Orange Chicken & Rice
Green Beans
Fresh Veggie Cup with Dip
Mandarin Oranges
Milk and Juice

Wednesday, August 29

Chicken Tenders
Garlic Breadstick
Baked Curly Fries
Cherry Tomatoes with Dip
Sliced Pears
Milk and Juice

Tuesday, August 28

Baked Ziti
Seasoned Broccoli
Carrots with Dip
Diced Peaches
Milk and Juice

Thursday, August 30

Beef and Cheese Nachos
Black Beans
Lettuce and Tomato Cup
Strawberries and Bananas
Milk and Juice

Friday 11:30 am Dismissal NO LUNCH



We are excited to welcome back SJCS students, parents and faculty, and want you to know that your PTO board has already been in the process of planning projects, fundraisers, as well as events for the upcoming year.

FUN PTO FACT: When you attend a PTO meeting, that counts as 1 hour towards your volunteer requirements. (Plus, it is a fun way to get involved and learn about the awesome opportunities going on at the school.)

Of course, these activities would not be successful without the support of volunteers and we are excited to meet interested parents at **Back To School Night** on Wednesday August 29th at 6pm and at the **First PTO Meeting** on Monday September 10th at 8:15 am in the St. Joseph Room. Plus be sure to mark your calendars, because the **Halloween Bash** on Friday October 26th.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at upcoming events and to a great 2018-2019 School Year!

Your SJCS PTO Board



Pictured SJCS PTO Board Members: (Left to Right) Carlee Colonnese – Secretary, Sherri Berardi - Vice President, Amanda Pugh – President, Jesse Jacobs- Treasurer, and Kim Norton – Homeroom Parent Coordinator. Not Pictured Volunteer Coordinator Debbie Polis.

Have questions about the PTO or upcoming volunteer opportunities, feel free to stop by the PTO booth at Back To School Night or reach out to Secretary Carlee Colonnese at carleeac1976@tampabay.rr.com.

Calling
For volunteers!

We've got
Some shoes to fill!



Miss Fiona Irish Dance

Starting September 6, 2018

\$10 per class

Thursday

3:00 to 3:45 pm

Please bring a water bottle to class. Snack will be provided.



Please return form with information to school office:

Child's name: _____

Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parents name and phone #: _____

O'Reilly School of Dance

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