



# St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – January 13, 2019

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

What an amazing week of academic and athletic achievements for many of our students. Congratulations to all of our students who worked hard and competed in our many recent events and challenges!

## History Fair

Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students prepared for several weeks by researching and developing exhibits for the National History Fair competition. The National History Day Contest encourages more than half a million students around the world to conduct historical research. Every year National History Day motivates students' research within a historical theme. The theme is chosen for the broad application to world, national, or state history and its relevance to ancient history or to the more recent past. The 2018-2019 theme is Triumph & Tragedy in History. Our St. Joseph 8th grade students participate in this research program and compete to advance to the Manatee county competition.



This year's overall winner with the highest score was Hannah Ferguson. Hannah, along with three additional SJCS students, who were sited for outstanding achievement, will advance to the Manatee County History Fair. Congratulations to Hannah, Nico Curci, Dominic Berardi, and Crystal Struening.

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## DAR Historical Essay Contest



Congratulations to our students who won first place in each of the middle school divisions. Each year students in Manatee County public and private schools, as well as home-schooled students, are presented with a historical theme. Since this year is the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, the students were given the following essay challenge: *Imagine you are living in 1919 while the women's suffrage campaigns were having impact on Americans politically and socially. Discuss the pros and*

*cons of this new amendment the U.S. Congress has passed.*

The Manatee County winners of this contest were announced during a special awards ceremony at the American Legion Post last Friday. Parents and grandparents were present as these students received their awards. Our students who won first place and will be advancing to the state competition:

Regina Rettig in Grade 6

Joseph Colonnese in Grade 7

Crystal Struening in Grade 8

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## Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee



The Knights of Columbus Regional Spelling Bee was held on Saturday morning at St. Joseph Catholic School. Congratulations to our school level winners who competed on Saturday. Clark Keyvani won first place for the fifth and sixth grade division. Crystal Struening won second place for the seventh and eighth grade division. Congratulations to both of these students who will advance to the KOC State Competition on February 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kissimmee.





From the PTO Board

**PTO MEETING – ST. JOSEPH ROOM – MONDAY, JANUARY 14th – 8:15 AM**

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am School Mass

Awards Following Mass

- Second Quarter Honor Roll
- Knights of Columbus Essay Contest Winner: Hannah Ferguson
- Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest Winners:
  - 5-7 year olds: Arionna Cannon-Waiters
  - 8-10 year olds: Ariadna Alvarado
  - 11-14 year olds: Andy Valdovinos
- Knights of Columbus Free Throw Awards

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### **Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Free Throw Contest**

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the Free Throw Contest last Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic School. Congratulations to the students who won for their age division and advanced to the District Competition, which was held at St. Peter and Paul on Sunday.

- 9 year old girls: Elli Heina
- 10 year old girls: Serafina Colonnese
- 11 year old girls: Madison Ogline
- 12 year old girls: Kaiyle Lacy
- 13 year old girls: Isabella Thompson
- 9 year old boys: Dylan Jones
- 10 year old boys: Finn Norton
- 11 year old boys: Lane Kolbe
- 12 year old boys: Joshua Ogline
- 13 year old boys: Piyawat Boonyasiriwat





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## Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest



Congratulations to our students who won in the Knights of Columbus District Free Throw Contest on Sunday at St. Peter and Paul. These students will be advancing to the Regional competition in North Port on Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am.

- 10 year old girls: Serafina Colonnese
- 11 year old girls: Madison Oglie
- 12 year old girls: Kaiyle Lacy
- 13 year old girls: Isabella Thompson
- 9 year old boys: Dylan Jones
- 13 year old boys: Piyanat Boonyasiriwant

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## Science Fair winners will be announced on Monday!

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### Diocesan Office of Family Life - Program for Parents

The Diocesan Office of Family Life will be hosting two date nights for parents from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15 at Our Lady of Light Parish, 19680 Cypress View Dr, Fort Myers and on Thursday, January 17 at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, 12905 E. SR 70, Lakewood Ranch. Pizza and adult drinks will be provided. Babysitting available both evenings. A presentation will be given on parenting by Jim and Maureen Otremba. Cost is \$25 for materials. Please register by January 14, 2019 at [www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar](http://www.dioceseofvenice.org/calendar).

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Monday, January 14

- 8:15 am PTO Meeting – St. Joseph Room
- 3:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Soccer practice

### Tuesday, January 15

- 3:00 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm K-Kids Meeting
- 4:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Soccer practice

### Wednesday, January 16

- 8:00 am Mass & Awards
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar

### Thursday, January 17

- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Irish Dance (Class is filled)
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Soccer practice
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm Chess Club – Mrs. Ferguson’s Room
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm Garden Club (Garden Area)

### Friday, January 18

- 11:30 Dismissal – No After Care – Staff Development Afternoon

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### From Coach Kolbe – Tennis Coach Needed:



We are looking for a tennis coach. Dates will be March 4- May 9. Practices will be 3:00 - 4:45 pm (usually 2-3 days a week.) 8 matches will be scheduled with other schools. We appreciate the support of our families in providing these programs for our children. Please contact Coach Kolbe at [kkolbe@sjsfl.org](mailto:kkolbe@sjsfl.org) for more information.

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### From Coach Kolbe – Assistant Soccer Coach Needed

Please contact Coach Kolbe at [kkolbe@sjsfl.org](mailto:kkolbe@sjsfl.org) for more information.



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## Attention Parents, Students, and Faculty!



Stay tuned because Wednesday we will be rolling out a new Box Tops Contest!

There will be opportunities to win a pizza party for your classroom sponsored by Little Caesars (Thank you to the Manager, Tom, at 4919 14th St W) as well as individual prizes and a gift basket!

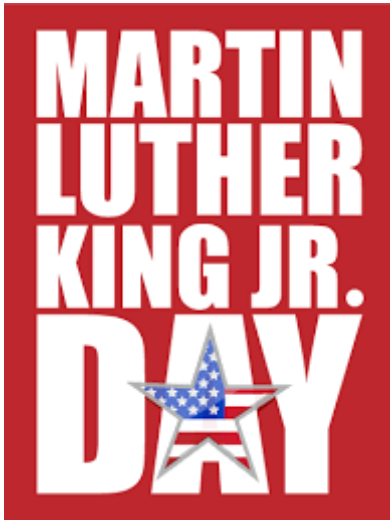
Be on the look out for an email with instructions and collection forms this week.

We can't wait to get started with this fun contest and fundraising opportunity for our school!

Carlee Colonnese  
Box Tops for Education Coordinator

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## Monday, January 21 – NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day



Martin Luther King Jr. Day (officially Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.) is an American federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year, which is around King's birthday, January 15.

King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the Civil Rights Movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law. The campaign for a federal holiday in King's honor began soon after his assassination in 1968. President Ronald Reagan signed the holiday into law in 1983, and it was first observed three years later. At first, some states resisted observing the holiday as such, giving it alternative names or combining it with other holidays. It was officially observed in all 50 states for the first time in 2000.

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## Planning Ahead

(Please visit our calendar on the school website at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org))

- January 21 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr.
  - January 23 Open House 8:30 – 11:00 AM (New Families)
  - January 23 Open House 4:00 – 6:00 PM (New Families)
  - January 24 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat at Incarnation
  - January 25 Health Screening Day
  - January 25 January Birthday Celebrations during lunch
  - January 27 – February 2 Catholic Schools Week
  - January 27 10:00 – 1:00 Open House (New families, current families, parishioners)
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St. Joseph Catholic School Hot  
Lunch Order  
January 14 – January 18  
(One order per student)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

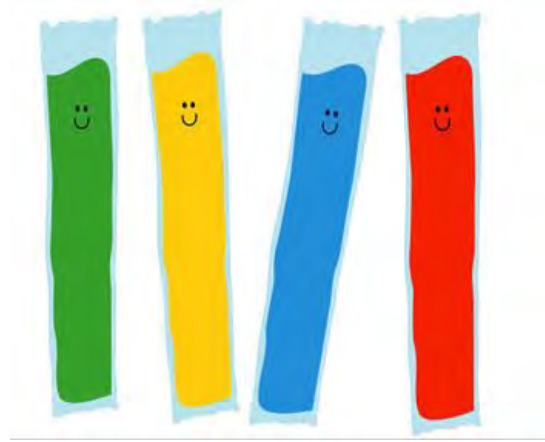
Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Monday 1/14	_____ Cheeseburger Baked Beans Cherry Tomatoes with Dip Applesauce Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Tuesday, 1/15	_____ Pasta with Italian Meat Sauce Honey Glazed Carrots Mini Romaine Salad Peach Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Wednesday 1/16	_____ Southern Chicken Mini Pancakes Sweet Potato Fries Fresh Veggie Cup with Dip Mixed Fruit Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Thursday, 1/17	_____ Turkey with Gravy Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Cucumber with Dip Warm Cinnamon Apples Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Friday, 1/18	_____ NO LUNCH 11:30 AM DISMISSAL NO AFTER CARE	

TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ (Charge to FACTS)

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# *Ice Pop Sale*

January 17 - Thursday

During both lunch periods

In the Cafeteria

\$1 each

All proceeds benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade event transportation fees