



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – April 6, 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

Grand Raffle Winners Congratuations!

Congratulations to 2019 Grand Raffle Winners! We are grateful to our families for your support through the nine weeks of selling tickets at our Manatee county parishes, and to your families and friends! This is a major fundraiser for our school that requires the participation of all of our families working together for our children.

This year's winners who had their tickets drawn during the Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday night:

\$10,000 Fred Rauh from Wimauma, FL – Ticket sold by Autumn and Alexis Clarke
\$ 2,000 Tim Lester International Realty – Ticket sold by Avery and Ella Lester
\$ 1,000 Mary Kowalski – Ticket sold by Josie Hernandez

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped during the Spaghetti dinner. We appreciated the help with cooking, preparing desserts, decorating, serving, and of course, clean up after the event! We had an amazing team this year!

Spring Picture Day Friday, April 12th



Spring Picture Day Dress Code

Please make sure all dress is appropriate for school.

Spring Pictures Day - Girls:

- No skirts or shorts shorter than three inches above the top of the knee.
- No spandex pants, leggings, or ragged jeans.
- No sandals or flip flops.
- No halter tops, backless dresses, midriffs, see-through, low-cut blouses, spaghetti straps or tank-tops.
- No baggy pants or extremely long shirts or sweats.
- No undergarments are to be seen at any time.
- No overly tight or ill-fitting garments.
- No shirts with inappropriate logos, art, etc.
- No make-up or non-uniform accessories.

Spring Picture Day - Boys:

- No extremely long baggy pants, shirts, or sweats.
- No shorts more than three inches above the knee.
- No ragged jeans.
- No midriffs or see-through shirts.
- No shirts with inappropriate logos, art, etc.
- No undergarments are to be seen at any time.
- No sandals or flip flops.



Visiting Author – Eileen Meyer Friday, April 12th



Eileen Meyer was recently at the Amelia Island Book Festival, and thanks to an educator friend, learned about St. Joseph Catholic School in Bradenton. Eileen Meyers will be visiting Sarasota and called our school office. After hearing about SJCS, Eileen offered to come to our school and present an afternoon writer's workshop for our 4th and 5th graders. This will be a wonderful follow-up to our student's playwriting program with the Florida Theatre, which was earlier this semester.

Since Eileen Meyer is visiting our school, I asked if she could make her books available for purchase and autograph them for our students. She sent an order form, which is attached. This is totally optional. If you are interested in purchasing a book (or books) please return the form by Wednesday morning so she will know how many books to bring with her when she visits.

Eileen R. Meyer writes picture books for children. Her works include *The Superlative A. Lincoln*; *Sweet Dreams*, *Wild Animals: A Story of Sleep*; and other titles. Eileen loves visiting schools as well as speaking to gatherings of fellow writers, educators and librarians. Eileen is a long-time member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI) and has volunteered for SCBWI-IL in many roles over the years. Eileen and her husband split their time between Illinois and North Florida and have three sons. For more information visit: www.EileenMeyerBooks.com. You will also find a much more extensive biography on her website.

National Pet Day Thursday, April 11th

Our Builders Club members will be selling cookies on Thursday, April 11th for National Pet Day. They will be donating the proceeds to a local animal shelter in honor of National Pet Day.

Cookies will be \$1.00 each, or three for \$2.00.

School Safety Drills



As you are aware, we have increased the safety and security on our campus this year and have continued to evaluate our school and church campus. The Diocese of Venice has been working with Safety Solutions. This is the company that has conducted safety assessments of our school; conducted staff training; supplied first aid kits, emergency kits, AED equipment and training; provided Epi-pens and training; developed emergency procedures flip charts for all classrooms; and reviewed all of our emergency guidelines.

On Monday morning, Safety Solutions will have representatives present at our school as we conduct an evacuation drill, a reverse drill (children are outside and have to quickly return to the building), and a lock down drill. Their representatives will be providing feedback to our staff regarding these drills.

We have always practiced safety drills, and the purpose of practice drills has always been the same: to ensure students and staff are prepared to quickly make their way to safety in the event of an emergency situation.

If your children comes home talking about these drills, please assure them that they are safe on campus and we are all doing everything that we can to continue to keep their school safe for them everyday.

Weekly Activities

Monday, April 8

- 9:15 am Safety Drill Practice
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 9

- 4:00 pm Tennis Team: Away tennis match vs. Sky Englewood (Englewood sports complex 1300 South River Road Englewood, FL 34223)
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Intermediate Guitar

Wednesday, April 10

- Graduation Pictures (8th Grade Only)
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm Play Practice – Aladdin Cast – Parish Center
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar
- 4:00 pm Tennis Team: Away tennis match vs. Lincoln Memorial (1008 15th Avenue Dr. West Palmetto, FL 34221)

Thursday, April 11

- National Pet Day – Cookie Sale During Lunch
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Irish Dance (Class is filled)
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 3:15 – 4:00 pm Garden Club
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm Tennis Pro Academy at GT Bray

Friday, April 12

- Spring Pictures – Dress Up (See Spring Picture Day Guidelines)
- April Birthday Celebrations
 - 11:00 am Grades 5 - 8
 - 11:45 am Grades K – 4
- 8th Grade Ice Pop Sale During Lunch
- 2:00 pm Eileen Meyer – Author Visit – Grades 4 & 5 (St. Joseph Room)
- 4:00 – 7:00 pm St. Joseph Youth Group – Fish Fry
- 7:00 pm St. Joseph Church – Stations of the Cross

Sunday, April 14 – Palm Sunday

April Birthdays – Celebration Lunch Friday, April 12



We will be honoring all our students in grades K – 8 who celebrate their birthdays during April. Parents may join their birthday celebrant for lunch in the Parish Center. Parents may bring lunch to their child if they wish. The celebration includes a cupcake treat and a gift.

Please sign up if you plan to attend: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/AprBD>
All parents will go directly to the Parish Center to sign in.

**We had a great week, thanks to our staff and volunteers.
Check out the pictures on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/SJCSBradenton**

St. Joseph Catholic School Hot
Lunch Order
April 8 – April 12
(One order per student)

Student: _____

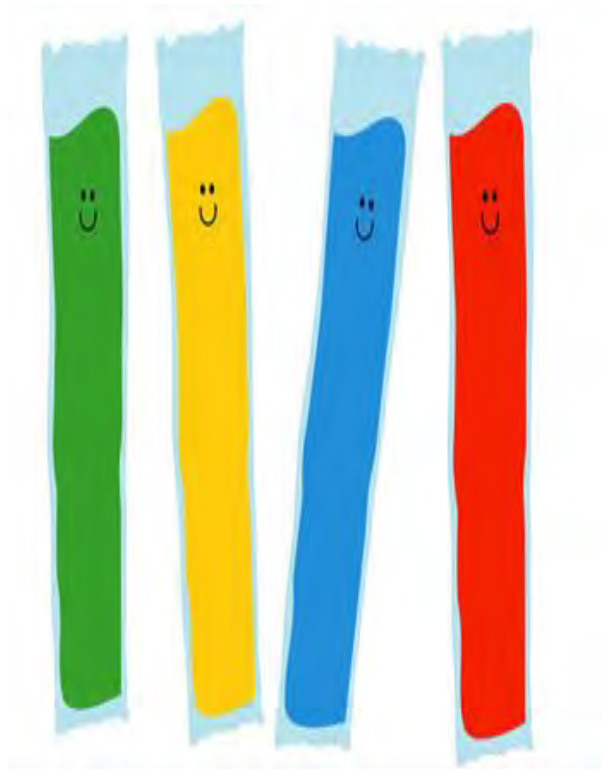
Homeroom: _____

Grade: _____

Monday, 4/8	_____ Lasagna Garlic Bread Florida Steamed Green Beans Florida Cherry Tomatoes with Dip Peach Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Tuesday, 4/9	_____ Fiestada Cheesy Refried Beans Lettuce, Tomato, Cheese Cup Strawberry Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Wednesday 4/10	_____ Garlic Cheese Bread with Marinara Sauce Steamed Broccoli Carrots with Dip Pear Cup Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Thursday, 4/11	_____ Turkey and Gravy Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Mini Romaine Salad Florida Strawberries Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Friday, 4/12	_____ Pizza Corn Florida Bell Peppers with Dip Fresh Sliced Apples Milk and Juice	\$3.50

TOTAL _____ (Charge to FACTS)

Parent Signature: _____



Friday, April 12th at lunch time

Ice Pop Sale

\$1 each

All proceeds benefit the 8th Grade event transportation fees