

St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter

September 5, 2017

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Early Dismissal This Wednesday, our students will be dismissed along with public school students at 2:15. Buses will run at this time. If your student does not ride the bus, please make arrangements to pick them up at 2:15.

Fundraiser One of the new fundraisers we're trying out is Lotto St. Joe. We started it last year after two different parishioners had suggested the idea. Each student is asked to sell at least two tickets which were sent home last week. Please read the explanation sheet carefully for directions. If you have questions, please contact the school office or Angie Gunn.

Lunch Payment If you did not pay for lunches at enrollment, please submit payment for September lunches at this time. The cost is \$57 for one month and \$8 for one month of extra milk.

Volunteers From time-to-time throughout the school year, you may be called upon to volunteer for an event that places you in direct contact with our students. Whether it's helping with a classroom holiday party or driving a carload of students on a field trip, our Diocese **requires** that our volunteers attend a class called "Protecting God's Children." This is done in an effort to make us all aware of the possible dangers our students may come in contact with and to help us in dealing with them.

Two classes are being offered in our area: In Hoisington: September 13, from 6:00-9:00pm at St. John the Evangelist Church. Contact Pam Willis, 620-797-1825 to register. In Great Bend: September 19, 5:00-8:00pm, at Holy Family Catholic School, 4200 Broadway. Contact Karen Moeder, 620-793-3265 to register. You **must** attend one of these sessions before you will be allowed to work with our students at St. Joseph Catholic School. Once you've attended a session, there's no need to repeat it.

Grandfriends Students have selected their Grandfriends for this school year. Grandfriends may be parishioners from our church, Immaculate Conception in Claflin, or Holy Family in Odin, or they may be grandparents of some of our students or Ellinwood community members. Please visit with you children and explain to them that Grandfriends are not required to give students gifts. Some Grandfriends do give gifts, but students should not expect this to happen. Please make sure your child(ren) knows this and learns to appreciate their Grandfriend just for the fellowship aspect which is really what this program is all about.

German Buffet Attached to the bottom of this newsletter is an informational letter from German Buffet chairperson, Jamie Rowan. Please read the letter in anticipation for the start up of our annual German Buffet!

Scrip A reminder that all SJS families have committed to purchasing \$200 of scrip (certificates/gift cards) monthly. If you have not yet purchased EFF, Wal-Mart or Amazon scrip, please find your way into the school or church office to purchase scrip. Many families purchased scrip at enrollment which was wonderful. Please continue to purchase scrip before you shop!

Clip and Earn! An easy way to earn money for our school is to clip Box Tops for Education and Best Choice Labels. Each Box Top earns us 10 cents. For Best Choice Labels we earn \$30 for every 1,000 labels.

For more information on the Box Tops for Education program, including a list of participating products and our school's progress, visit www.BTFE.com. Be sure to become a member to receive exclusive coupons and recipes and learn about extra ways for our school to earn. If you have questions, call the school office. Let's make our school's Box Tops for Education program a huge success this year!

Weekend Mass Weekend mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. This is the twenty-third Sunday in ordinary time. Press the CTRL key then click on this link to find the scripture readings for this weekend. <http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.htm>

Father will read from the Gospel of Matthew 18:15-20 "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." How can our family make a firm commitment to pray together?
~attachment follows~

Hi St. Joseph Parents

I am sending out this E-mail as a reminder that it is time to start thinking about our annual German Buffet. For those of you who are new to our school, the German Buffet is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is held on the first Sunday of November which falls on the 5th of November this year. The students at St. Joseph sell raffle tickets for many great prizes, and the parents combine their efforts to serve a German themed meal to nearly 700 people.

This is a huge undertaking for our small school, but it is a success year after year due to the hard work of our dedicated students and parents. If you have served in the past, I want to thank you for your service. If I was unable to speak with you at enrollment, I will be contacting those of you who served on committees last year to confirm that you can help again this year.

If you are new to the German Buffet, you may be contacted to serve on a committee, or a committee member may call you to assist them on their committee. You may also be asked to bake a dessert or bread item, or bring ingredients for other dishes. We need ALL parents to help out in some way in order to make this a successful Buffet.

Together we can make this year another successful fundraiser for our school. Thank you again for your hard work and time. Feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.

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