



St. Joseph Catholic School

March 8th, 2023

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 9th

- Bellarmine Speech in Freeburg
- Parent Meetings @ 3-6 pm

Friday, March 10th

- No School (Diocesan Teacher Retreat Day)

Monday, March 13th

- Stations of the Cross (Grade 6)
- @ 8am in Church

Tuesday, March 14th

- Mass (Grade 6)
- Kindergarten Testing

Wednesday, March 15th

- Early Dismissal – 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 16th

- Father Schrader visits Grade 3 & 4
- No Bus Service

Friday, March 17th

- Mass (Grade 5)
- Confession (Grade 5)
- End of Third Quarter
- No Bus Service

Tuesday, March 21st

- Mass (Grade 4)

[St. Joseph School Google Calendar](#)

School Mission Statement

With the intercession of St. Joseph, our school community guides the formation of Christ centered learners, leaders and citizens on a foundation of Catholic beliefs and academic excellence.



Stewardship

The Four Pillars of Stewardship

What gifts have you been given? What gifts will you share?

Hospitality

We experienced the Pillar of Hospitality through giving at food bank donations, providing meals for those less fortunate, helping others in times of need, offering prayers for parishioners by way of the Prayer Chain, giving to a needy cause, being present to our family, and offering to help at a parish or school event. Lecturing, singing in the choir or playing Mass as well as serving at the altar are also gifts that we share.

(Taken from [The Four Pillars of Stewardship](#))

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

What an awesome turn-out for Back in Black! Many thanks to all the parents who worked so hard in making the evening so nice.

A special BIG thanks to Mrs. Jenna Massman and to Mrs. Becky Orscheln for their willingness to co-chair this special event.

The money that was made from this event will go for upgrading the security in the elementary building front doors, window tinting in the cafeteria area, and new doors for the classroom. Thanks again to all the workers and to the many parents and friends who attended the Back in Black!

If you have met with Father Schrader and Miss Kirk please return the Black Folder that was given to you at this meeting.

Within the folder you should have filled out the Registration form and the Covenant of Trust. If you did not turn in the

Principal's Letter Continued...

Stewardship letter that was sent to you prior to the meeting and was given another copy of it at the meeting, it should be returned in the folder, too. We must have all three items if your child is to be registered as a student for the school year of 2023-2024.

Within this Wednesday Folder is information from the Osage County Sheriff's Office explaining about their First Annual Dodgeball Tournament on April 29th, 2023. All proceeds benefit the Osage County Shop with a Hero Program. All of the schools, public and Catholic, in Osage County participate in this program in sending two students to Shop with a Hero just before Christmas and we are one of those schools. If you cannot play please consider donating to this great cause. Thanks.

Our eighth grade students will be doing the Shadow Stations for the parish on Friday, March 24th at 7 p.m. Please come and pray with us during this Lenten season. This year two students from grades 4 – 8 will be participating in the Diocesan Spelling Bee at St. Martin's School on March 29th. We are in the process of doing our grade level Spelling Bee. The top two spellers will participate on March 29th. Their names will be published in the March 22nd Wednesday Newsletter. Good Luck to all our students in grades 4 – 8!

Just a reminder that all School Fees should be paid by April 1st.

Blessings,

Miss Patricia Kirk
Principal

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration is happening on March 14th.

If you have not gotten a time for your child's screening please call Mrs. Helton.

Blue and Pink Names for Our Rosaries

As of today we have 221 Rosaries said.

Many thanks to all the parents who are reciting a rosary and naming a baby for that remembrance.

Our 8th graders will be attending the Midwest March for Life Rally on April 26th at the Capitol in Jefferson City.

Jason Howe

Our seventh and eighth grade students have been invited by the principal of Immaculate Conception School in Loose Creek on April 13th to listen to Mr. Howe, the Midwest Director for K9s on the Front Line in Missouri. His topic will be: *The Dangers of Social Media and Why Our Purpose and Relationships are more Important than Money.* Area 7th & 8th grade students from other school will also be in attendance. A field trip form is included in this Wednesday Folder.

CONGRATULATIONS!

St. Joseph School had a great honor for the Athletic Sports teams last Sunday in the PAL League Basketball Tournament.

Our 8th Grade girls took Second Place. They played strong from the first tip off to the last of the buzzer. We are proud of you and thanks for all your efforts in bringing this honor to St. Joseph.

The 7th Grade boys won First Place in their division. Congratulations, boys. You make us proud!



Cali K., Brie M., Marlee O., Addison L., Addison B.



Trent S., Cash M., Ty B.

In the 6th grade division, our 6th grade girls also won First Place.

You, too, make us proud of the work you did in practice and in the games you played. It really paid off!

Our 5th grade girls won First Place, too. So proud of the efforts you have shown as a team!



Emery B., Avery B., Alyssa R., Emma S., Camryn M., Rylie W., Allison S.



Camille D., Lex M., Rilynn W.

Many thanks and Congratulations to the coaches:

Mr. Jake Massman (8th grade girls)

Mr. Danny Brandt (7th grade boys)

Mrs. Jenny Stephan (6th grade girls)

Mr. Brenton Voss and Sean Haslag (5th grade girls)

SJS Student Artwork

Colorful Toucans created by 2nd Grade



Happenings in the Classroom

Last week was Mr. H. Day in Third Grade.

They have worked hard all year in attaining 7,100 Award points from DOJO to wear a tie like Mr. H. does.



Message from our School Nurse

End of the Year To-Do-List

1. Finish EVERFI Lessons (see codes below)
2. Check immunization record and make appointment to receive needed shots by August
3. Reminder: Scoliosis Screenings at school for grade 6 and 8 (April)
4. Allergy Season: Send extra allergy medication to school (Blue Note from Home with instructions)
5. Asthma: Check expiration date of inhalers
6. Spring Storms: talk with your child about what to do during a severe weather event
7. End of year book-bag collection (gently used bags are donated to Threads of Hope)
8. Next year's school blood drive September 14.

EVERFI Class Codes:

K-2 Class Code 25741885

3-5 Class Code 90e9ed2f

6th Class Code df2b61ee

7th Class Code b9581c9f

8th Class Code 983d2540

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Scrip

Scrip will be on sale March 18-19 and April 1-2

Easter Gifts - With Easter coming up, purchasing Scrip gift cards instead of candy for the kids is a great way to save on the dentist. There are numerous gift cards that come in smaller \$ increments like Walmart, Target, Panera Bread, McDonalds, Starbucks, Bath & Body Works, Subway, Taco Bell, Cold Stone Creamery, Claire's, and Yo-Yums, just to name a few.

Profit to Date: \$26,949.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$885,806.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$976.00 from where we were this time last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Meghan Gentges