

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

Jog-a-thon is just a week away! We are down to our final two Jog-A-Thon goals. This week's goal is to bring in \$25 each. Individuals who do this win a Free Dress Pass, and classes who get 100% participation get an extra recess. Next week's goal is \$40.00 per student, with those that achieve the goal earning three prizes: ice cream bar, one free hot lunch and a St. Joseph Pencil.

As much as I've come to love working here with all of these wonderful people, I realize that tuition alone doesn't cover everything that we need. We try very hard to develop fundraisers that are designed to create opportunities for others to help us in our efforts to raise money. The Jog-a-Thon is built so that students can go out and get pledges from other people. Please understand that fundraising is an essential part of our school year. We cannot make ends meet without the successful efforts of these programs. We would like to encourage you to help your students find the time to go to family members and trusted neighbors to help in these efforts.

This year, we have offered weekly, individual, class-wide, and event goals to motivate and entice students to participate as much as possible. Individual students are aiming at an event goal of \$120 each, to win a "Get-out-of-Class-Free" Card for popcorn and a movie one Friday afternoon. The entire school is hoping to hit their \$20,000 goal so that their teachers will all dress up as Superheroes during the Jog-a-Thon. However, we have just over a week left, and are not even halfway to our goal yet.

Here's where we need your help. Please encourage your child to go out and get pledges this weekend. I would recommend families in your neighborhood, long-distance relatives, and people outside of Sunday Mass as potential pledgers. Let's get out there and raise some pledges for St. Joseph School!
Many Blessings,



Deb Dewar, Principal

St. Francis Feast Day—Blessing of the Pets

This coming Wednesday, October 4th, we will have our annual Blessing of the Pets. As both Monsignor Huneger and Father John will be out of town for a conference, John Helsa, our seminarian, will be giving the blessing. For those interested in having their pets blessed, please bring your pets to the school parking lot by 8:10. Once the Blessing is complete, pets must be taken home. For those that do not have a pet, or have a pet but might not behave well around others, your child can bring in their favorite stuffed animal to be blessed.



Hot Lunch Fridays



Hot lunch starts this Friday, with spaghetti. Students who wish to participate in hot lunch have some options. Single lunches cost \$4.25, while a Lunch Punch Card costs \$20 or \$40 (5 or 10 lunches) for \$4.00 each. Students can send in cash or a check to the front office with a lunch slip, or you can go to the school web page, under “Activities and Opportunities,” “Lunch” and purchase a Lunch Punch Card with a credit card. It’s easy! And remember, we still have \$8 Milk/Juice Cards available in the front office, or online as well!



Shopping Friends

Are you doing some shopping around town this month? Remember to mention our name at the checkout counter at Office Depot, and St. Joseph School gets a percentage of the proceeds. Sign up for Fred Meyer Rewards with our school name, and it happens automatically. And when you shop online, go through Amazon Smile. Get all the benefits of Amazon, while benefitting the school at the same time! Just a little bit of time can make a world of difference. Thank you!

Planet for the Planet

Nov. 18th, 8:45-2:00, St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Plant for the Planet is a free, international program for children 4th through 12th grades. The program is hosted by 350 Salem OR, the local affiliate of 350.org, the international citizen's climate action organization and Salem Environmental Education, and is supported by St. Joseph School. During this day-long academy, students will learn from other

students about the science of climate change, its impacts on people everywhere, how to plant trees and why it matters, and how to make effective presentations and influence policy. Parents are invited to a meeting immediately following drop-off of students in the morning, and a student presentation and graduation ceremony in the afternoon where children become official Climate Justice Ambassadors. More information will be coming to your school in November, but for more information right now, visit our website at ClimateChangeRecovery.org.

Flu Season

St. Joseph was hit hard last week with the cold and flu season. One day we had over twenty students and four teachers absent! While we like to encourage students to be present at school, we do need to worry about contagions. If your child is sick, please keep them home. We would rather have you wait that extra day to recover than spread the germs to the rest of the class. Thank you.



Family Bingo Night

This Friday, September 29th at 5:30, St. Joseph will hold Family Bingo Night in the gym. Come one, come all, and get your cards ready! Just \$10 gets your whole family access to all the games they can play! Have fun, win prizes, and spend Friday night with friends! See you there!



In-Service Day

Next Friday, October 13th is a state-wide teacher in-service day. Our teachers have signed up for some interesting classes, and will be excited to bring back what they learned to the classrooms. Meanwhile, enjoy the day off. :)

VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITIES!



St. Joseph has a number of ways that families can help out the school and earn PIE hours. From volunteering in the classroom to setting up Book Fairs to donating food for hot lunch, there has got to be the perfect volunteer opportunity for you. New ideas come up all the time, so don't hesitate to call our Development Director, Teri Martinez, with any questions or ideas that you have (503) 581-2147. Our volunteer opportunities can always be found on our school web page under "Activities and Opportunities," but we'll also list them here for you for your convenience!

Volunteer Opportunities—Continued

Homeroom Parents

Two parents per class are needed to work with the teacher as homeroom parents. This position includes helping organize class parties, arranging chaperones for field trips and finding volunteers for class activities, coordinating class activities for Teacher Appreciation Day during Catholic Schools Week. The homeroom parents assist with gathering items for a themed auction basket (theme will be given to each class by the Development Director) for the April gala. Contact your classroom teacher.



Photographers

Two people needed to take pictures of the students, teachers, and parents engaged in school activities and special events, for use in newsletters, school web site, yearbook and Facebook.

Uniform Cabinet

On a monthly basis, check the uniform cabinet to ensure that it is tidy. Also, any articles of clothing that need to be added to the cabinet, ensure that they are not stained or torn before adding to cabinet.

Box Tops Education Coordinator

This position is responsible for counting box tops and preparing box tops for submission to the company for reimbursement.



Jog A thon – Members of this committee work closely with the Development Director

Event date: October 6, 2017

Numerous volunteers needed the day of the event to assist with setup and cleanup, marking jogger's bibs and ensuring safety of runners.



Volunteer Opportunities—Continued



Gala/Auction Committees - Members of these committees work closely with the Development Director

Event Date: April 28, 2018

Gala Procurement committee

Members of this committee assist in obtaining auction items for both the silent and oral auction. Committee members will solicit local and remote merchants requesting donations via email, phone and website forms, as well as in person visits to local businesses.

Gala Advertising committee

This committee will be responsible for going out into the community and soliciting ads for our auction brochure.

Gala Decorations committee

This committee assists with plan layout and decorations of tables and facility.

Gala Setup/Cleanup

Gala Drivers

Three to four volunteers needed to transport all auction items to gala venue morning of the event.

There are many additional volunteer opportunities for our gala/auction. More positions will be posted.

Library Assistants

Individuals needed to assist with organizing, filing and shelving books. Contact Kathleen Kercheski.

School Picture Assistants

Two volunteers needed in the fall and spring to assist photographer by escorting students by class to the photographer.

Book Fair Assistants

Persons needed to help set up the Book Fairs, assist students in choosing and purchasing books, and help pack up the fair, all under the supervision of the media teacher. Contact Kathleen Kercheski.

More Volunteer Opportunities

Scrip

People needed who are interested in selling gift certificates to local businesses. Scrip sales will begin mid-November and take place some mornings and some afternoons during each week.

STEM/Science Parent

Person needed who loves science and is interested in finding activities that tie science standards into project activities. Third grade classroom help on activity days (or even study days) would be a plus!

Hot Lunch

Six individuals needed each Friday to assist with cooking, serving and cleanup.

Milk Duty

One person needed to set up the milk/juice cart, monitor it during the three lunches, and put it away.

After School Club assistants

Reading Groups

Individuals will work with small groups of students to help develop strong reading skills.

October/November Important Dates

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| 6 | Jog-a-Thon, Half Day of School (out at 11:45 a.m.) |
| 13 | No School - Teacher In-service day |
| 20 | Picture day (Lifetouch Photography) Free Dress Day |

November

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| 10 | No School - Veteran's Day |
| 17 | School Play - 2:15 p.m. |
| 20 - 22 | No School - Parent Conferences |
| 23 - 24 | No School - Thanksgiving Holiday |