

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

With October comes the rain, and I'm beginning to see the wet reputation that Salem has. For the first time in many years, we've had to hold PE classes in the classroom due to the weather as we wait for the gym floor refinishing project to be finished. We're very excited about the progress! At the time of this writing, the sport lines are painted and the cover coat is curing. It's only a matter of time now!

The virtue for the month of October is Leadership. We are encouraging students to be leaders, both voiced and quiet, in leading their classmates to do what they know is right. This can happen on the playground, in the hallway, and in the classroom. We celebrated September's virtue, Respect, by honoring a few students from each class after Mass this week.

October is also the month that we honor Mary. Please see the dates below for our weekly rosary. We are alternating days of the week, so that students don't miss the same class each week. It's wonderful to be in a school that is so devoted to its faith.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Deb Dewar
Principal





Mark your calendars and get your costumes ready! The St. Joseph School Fall Festival Carnival is coming!

The festival will be held on **Friday, October 27th from 6:00 to 7:30** and the cost will be \$20.00 per family or \$5.00 per person. Please note that the \$20.00 per family does **not** include extended family, just those living in the same household. We are also asking for **each family to donate two bags of candy** that will be used for the game prizes. Please bring this candy to the office by **Friday, October 20th**.

Don't worry about feeding the family prior to coming if no time. Hot dogs, chips, cookie and lemonade will be sold for \$5.00 per person.

We will **NEED** parent volunteers to assist the day/evening of the carnival. If you are interested in any of the following areas, please email Teri Martinez:

Cashiers (2)	5:30 to 7:30
Kitchen (4)	5:00 to 8:00
Game attendants (20)	5:00 to 7:30 (we are looking for two parents per game)
Set-up (6)	Noon to 3:00(ish)
Clean-up (10)	7:30 to 8:30

As you can see, we need many volunteers for this event.

Like to bake? For all our phenomenal bakers we are looking for parents that would be willing to donate cupcakes or cookies for our "cupcake/cookie walk. P.I.E. hours can be earned for donating these treats.

Lastly, students may wear costumes, but please remember that no masks may be worn, no pretend weapons and no fake blood or gore.

Please email Teri Martinez at terim@stjosephchurch.com or Margaret Boyd at mkowash@hotmail.com with questions or areas that you are interested in assisting with. Remember for every hour you work you earn one P.I.E. hour.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Faculty Pumpkin Contest



It's time for the annual faculty pumpkin contest! Each year faculty members decorate a pumpkin. St. Joseph has quite the talented and artistic bunch and each year we have an array of creatively decorated pumpkins.

Students that wish to participate may do so by bringing in canned food items. For each can of food a student brings in, they will be allowed to vote for their favorite pumpkin. Students do not know which pumpkin their teacher has completed.

The winner will be announced on October 31st. Our first place winner will receive a \$40.00 visa gift card with second place receiving a \$25.00 visa gift card. Pumpkins will be on display this coming Monday, October 16th.

All canned food collected will be donated to the Marion Polk Food Share program.

Jog-a-Thon Update

Our students did a phenomenal job last Friday getting those laps completed and raising money for their school in for our annual jog-a-thon!

We wish to extend a huge thank you to all those that assisted with the event. The success of this event is truly a team effort and we at St. Joseph are blessed to have such a large, wonderful team.



Pledge cards are being sent home with your students this week. Please begin collecting those pledges and return to the school **no later than Friday, October 20th**. You will notice on the pledge card either a √ or an *. The √ represents that payment has been collected and turned in. An * represents pledges that still need to be collected and turned in.

The students did a fantastic job rallying in week five and bringing in an additional \$5,844.00. The 8th grade class was offered a challenge at the beginning of September, in that if they were able to raise \$1,000.00 the anonymous donor would match it. Our 8th grade students worked hard to make this goal and to bring in the additional \$1,000.00! Way to go 8th graders!

A jog-a-thon assembly will be held on **Thursday, October 19th at 2:15 p.m. in the gym**. We hope that you can be there to cheer on our champs.

October—Month of Mary



In honor of Mary, St. Joseph students gather together once a week to say the rosary together.

Next week, this will happen on Tuesday, October 17th at 2:30 in the church. The following week, we will be meeting on Monday, October 23rd at 2:30.

Families are welcome to join us!

Weekly Family Prayer Corner

As your children grow, to help strengthen our Catholic faith and the values of our traditions, we would like to offer a weekly family activity to build in your understanding and practices together.

This week's activity: Pick one night of which no one will watch television or go out with friends. Spend the evening playing games together or reading aloud. Before bed, pray a family Rosary.



School Advisory Council (SAC)

St. Joseph held our first SAC meeting of the year. We are looking for parents and parishioners who are interested in joining us. We are also looking for people who are looking for a smaller part, and who may want to be on a committee. Right now, we have a finance committee and an enrollment committee that will be meeting soon.



If you are interested in joining us, please call Teri Martinez at 503-581-2147.

Middle School Girls Basketball Team



The middle schools girls' basketball team will begin practice this coming Monday, October 16th. Practices will take place Monday thru Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 in the gym. Games typically take place on Monday and Wednesday's beginning at 3:30 p.m.

We are pleased to announce that Brian Lange will be coaching our girls' team this year. Mr. Lange previously coached our boys' team and led a successful campaign.

October/November Important Dates

October

- 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**
- 20 Hot lunch—chicken/cheese enchiladas
- 27 Fall Festival/Carnival
- 27 Hot lunch—pizza

November

- 10 **No School - Veteran's Day**
- 20 - 22 **No School - Parent Conferences**
- 23 - 24 **No School - Thanksgiving Holiday**