

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

How can YOU help the future of St. Joseph Catholic School? You can be a part of the voice of tomorrow. Choose the Strategic Planning Committee that's right for you, and you can be a part of what makes St. Joseph great! It only takes three meetings to put things solidly into place. Choose the committee that speaks to your interests. Here's what they're all about:

Finance

Review current fiscal procedures.

Review current budget items.

Discuss ways that the budget needs adjusting for the new school year, based both on changing old, worn practices and on updating line items for growth.

Meeting Dates: December 6, January 11, February 27 at 5:30.

Enrollment

Review current registration packet, recruitment plan.

Review plans for change to electronic registration.

Review new plan for Catholic Family surveys, and how to use the data to benefit us.

Discuss ways to reach additional potential parents.

Meeting Dates: December 4, January 2, March 6 at 5:30.

Marketing/Development

Review current annual Development plan to raise money for the school.

Review current annual Marketing plan to get the school visible in the community.

Discuss the new plan for Catholic Family surveys, and how to use the data to benefit us.

If there are needs, assist in putting together ideas and resources to help make our current plans happen.

If there are new and useful ideas that don't hinder the current calendar (we can't overtax our parents), then put together a plan and the resources to make that happen.

Meeting Dates: December 7, January 9, March 20 at 5:30.

Facilities/Safety

Meet with the maintenance department representative to discover what is current on the building, what needs updating or fixing.

If there are needs, assist in putting together grant items to work on fixing it.

Once the needs are met, then we can discuss where you'd like to see things go.

Review current safety protocols, updating as needed.

Meeting Dates: November 30, January 16, March 13 at 5:30.

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Catholic Identity

Review current Catholic Identity standards.

Review Mission, Philosophy, SLEs.

Assist faculty with the annual report and surveys, including Self Study.

Meeting Dates: December 5, January 23, April 3 at 5:30.

The First Meeting:

- Review the old Strategic Plan from 2012.
- What still needs to be accomplished?
- What else needs to happen?

The Second Meeting:

- Identify what needs doing
- Personnel needed
- Resources needed
- Timeline for completion

The Third Meeting:

- Get started on the plan
- Report back what progress has been made, and what the plan is for the upcoming months.

Many hands make light work, and many voices are needed to make this school great. Come and join in the efforts to build a plan that will see St. Joseph through the next few years. Be a voice of change!

Student Council Members



Our Student Council officers have been elected! As Public Relations Director, we have Erin Montgomery. As Secretary we have Kristi

Lange. As Vice-President we have Joshua Luna. And as President we have David Nicholas. Congratulations to our winners!

Last week, we had our first full meeting with representatives. We discussed ideas that we would like to develop throughout the year, including some ideas close to home. We also discussed the focus of community outreach, so that we can be thinking about ways to help those around us. Two of those are discussed below.

St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive



The Student Council had a meeting with the classroom representatives where they discussed activities for the next month. St. Joseph has been contacted by St. Vincent's food bank asking for tuna and mac-n-cheese to help fill their food bags for the hungry. In order to generate interest in a food drive, the student council

is asking students to bring in either one can of tuna or two boxes of mac-n-cheese, and they will get to wear a Christmas shirt or sweater (or just something red and/or green) on the last spirit day of the year, Friday December 15th.



Warm Clothing Drive

The Christmas tree goes up this week, and it's ready for the Clothing Drive! Once again this year, we are collecting new items for the needy, including socks, scarves, mittens/gloves, hats, and other inexpensive items that can be donated to shelters to help the homeless this winter. Thank you to all of the families that continue to make this drive a success. Being an important part of positive change in our community is important to us!

Gala/Auction—Sponsorship



Please consider sponsoring our 33rd annual St. Joseph School benefit auction and gala to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Our auction is the main fundraiser for our school and our hope is to make this year our best yet! Your support of our auction helps to keep the tradition of excellence going.

- Platinum** **\$5,000**
2 VIP Tables (16 guests)
Premium Full page ad in our catalog
Recognition on school website
Premium table placement
Dessert
2 Bottles of Champagne
2 Bottles of wine

- Gold** **\$2,500**
Table for 10 guests
Full page ad in our catalog
Premium table placement
Two bottles of wine

- Silver** **\$1,500**
Table for 8 guests
Half page ad in our catalog
Premium table placement
Two bottles of wine

- Bronze** **\$ 500**
Four tickets to the auction
¼ page ad in our catalog

Please contact Teri Martinez with any questions you may have.

4th Grade Fundraiser



Please help support our 4th graders and their efforts to raise funds to attend an overnight stay on the Oregon Trail. The students will be collecting cans/bottles on Friday, December 1st, and Friday, December 8th.

If you have any cans/bottles you would like to donate to this very worthy fundraiser, please deliver to the front office on the designated dates.

Classroom Christmas Parties

If you would like to help out your child's classroom by running a Christmas party or merely donating to one, please contact the classroom teacher. Check out SchoolSpeak for more information!



SchoolSpeak—Get Connected

An email was sent to all of the addresses that were on the registration forms, inviting all parents to set up an account with SchoolSpeak, our online grading portal. Now that we have experienced it for a few months (though we are still learning), we are very excited to share this with you. Please click on the link that you were given to set up your username and your password. This link connects you specifically to the accounts of each of your children, so that you can see everything that you need to with one login. And let us know if you have any questions!

Accreditation

The faculty met earlier this month to look at the Mission and Philosophy statements as well as the SLEs. While we felt strongly that our Mission statement still represents who we are, we did spend some time re-writing our Philosophy statement. We updated it and made it much more compact, giving us a result that we're truly happy with. Check out our web page or SchoolSpeak to take a look!

Our next steps in accreditation are in gathering information. We are doing this on three levels right now. First, the faculty is writing narratives in different categories explaining what we've been doing to support high achievement in all areas within the school. Second, we are asking for parent involvement in creating our 5-Year Strategic Plan, to find the next set of goals for our school and its future. Those meetings are being held between November 28th and December 7th.

Picture Re-Takes



Fall picture re-takes will be taking place on Wednesday, November 29th. Please contact Michelle Bartholomew with any questions.

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: Start saving spare change in a jar. When the jar is full, donate it to your local crisis center or a Catholic group that helps the poor and the oppressed.



SLE of the Week: Applies religious knowledge by making good choices.

Students can work on attaining this goal by:

- Remembering their studies of God through scripture
- Doing what is right because it is right
- Actively pursuing a saint-like like
- Putting the needs of others before your own.

WISHING YOU ALL
A VERY BLESSED
THANKSGIVING!