

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

August is halfway over, and we're getting ready for the big day! Teachers have been in and out all week unpacking their classrooms and getting everything set just so. Our alumni helpers have been carting classroom furniture back to rooms from the gym, where they've stayed while the floors were being finished. The maintenance staff is making sure that everything is primed and polished. Excitement is in the air, and we can't wait for school to start!

We have almost finished all of our hiring for the new school year, and will have another "Meet the Teacher" page in our next newsletter edition. The faculty members have many trainings to attend before the year starts, including training on SchoolSpeak, our new grading portal, and new facets to our STAR Renaissance testing program. I look forward to explaining these more in depth as we begin to utilize them.

Our school year starts off with a bang, as we prepare for the Jog-A-Thon, our first big fundraiser of the year. The kickoff assembly for this event happens at 2:15 the first Thursday of school, which gives us four weeks to collect pledges. I'm pleased and excited to be working with Teri Martinez, our wonderful Development Director, who is organizing this event. We hope to offer some new incentives and surprises this year!

Looking forward to a great year!

Many Blessings,

Deb Dewar, Principal  
St. Joseph Catholic School



## School Time Change!

St. Joseph will be increasing the minutes of our instructional day by 15 minutes. School will now begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. This change was in response to the need for maintaining the number of instructional minutes as required by the Archdiocese without sacrificing the devotion to our Catholic values as reflected in our morning prayer service. The new time will take effect beginning on September 5th, the first day of school.



## New Family Orientation



If you are new to St. Joseph, or you know someone who is, the New Parent Orientation is coming up! On Thursday, August 31st at 5:30 p.m., please join us in the cafeteria as we walk through everything you need to know about being a St. Joseph family member. From fundraising efforts and auction procurement to uniforms and hot lunches—all your questions will be answered!

## Bridge to Cross 5k and Fun Run

Have you registered yet for the Salem area Catholic Schools first annual Bridge to Cross 5k and Fun Run? If not, it's not too late! Go now to [www.runsignup.com/race/or/salem/bridgetocross5kandfamilyfunrun](http://www.runsignup.com/race/or/salem/bridgetocross5kandfamilyfunrun). The event will take place on Saturday, August 26th at Salem's River Front Park. The 5k will begin at 8:30 a.m., with the Fun Run immediately following at 9:00 a.m.

Dust off those running shoes and join us on the Bridge to Cross!



## Meet the Teacher Day!



Calling all Pre-K, Kindergarten and First graders! You get the chance to meet the teacher before your first day of school. Come visit St. Joseph between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Friday, September 1st, and get your first look at your new classroom! Meet the teacher, find out where to put your backpack, and get a head start on a great education!

## Meet the Principal



Our teachers are not the only ones who have been setting up rooms this week. Our new principal, Deb Dewar, has her office set up and working. If you haven't had a chance to meet her and are in the neighborhood, stop in and say hello. She'd love to hear from you!

## Uniforms

The uniform policy is changing to include red tops for Pre-K-8th. So it's red, white and navy tops with khaki or navy bottoms and Dennis Uniform plaid.

Please visit our school website for a more in depth listing of our uniform policy at [www.stjosephchurch.com/school](http://www.stjosephchurch.com/school).



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## August/September Happenings

### AUGUST

- 28-1 Teacher in-service days
- 31 New Families Orientation—5:30 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Pre-K/K/1st grade visitation 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- 4 Labor Day, No School
- 5** **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL—School begins at 8:00 a.m.**
- 5-8 Kindergarten—half/day
- 7 Jog A Thon Kick-off Assembly—2:30 p.m.
- 11-29 STAR testing window
- 14-17 Oktoberfest, Mt. Angel
- 21 Back-to-school BBQ and Open House—5:30 p.m.
- 29 Bingo—gym—5:30 p.m.