

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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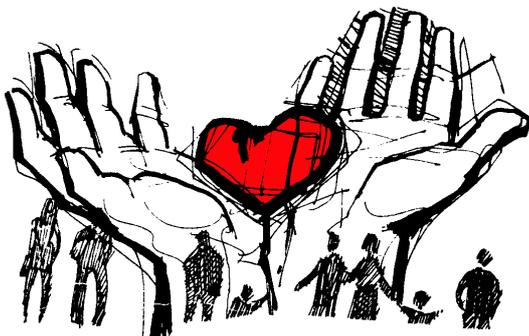
Dear Parents,

Our Annual Appeal has started off wonderfully! In just the first six weeks, we have reached HALF of our overall goal! Thank you to those that have given thus far!

In order to help keep tuition costs down, our fundraising efforts throughout the year are extremely important. The Annual Appeal is a critical part of this, helping our general operating budget meet its needs. Line items from this budget include things like classroom supplies and textbooks, as well as utility bills and teacher salaries. Your continued support is vital in keeping things running smoothly.

Please consider a contribution to the Annual Appeal. Even small amounts can add up to making a big difference in the overall picture. Thank you so much for being such a supportive member of the St. Joseph family.

Deb Dewar, Principal
St. Joseph Catholic School



NW Outdoor Science School



The 6th grade students will once again this year have the opportunity to attend the NW Science Outdoor School. This week long experience is a remarkable chance to participate in a hands-on, interactive and experiential activities. Our students will be staying at Camp Magruder, which is located just south of Rockaway beach.

Students attending will enjoy Oregon's beautiful beaches, along with forested areas and the spectacular Smith Lake. They will also appreciate the wetlands that have interpretative trails and viewing platforms. This is a wonderful opportunity of growth for our St. Joseph 6th grade class.

Benefit Gala/Auction

Our 33rd annual benefit gala/auction is just 5 weeks away! As most of you already know, this event is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It is imperative that we each work to make it a success. There are many ways in which your assistance is needed; getting in those procured auction items, selling raffle tickets, and attending the event. Be on the lookout for your invitations that will arrive toward the end of March. We have some fantastic auction items this year and hope to see many of our families in attendance. Join us on April 28th for a fun filled evening dedicated to Catholic education.



Bottle Drive

Mr. Amsberry's class is starting a bottle/can drive. If you have any bottles or cans that you would like to donate to this class, please bring them in to Mr. Amsberry's room. Bottles/can will be collected daily beginning March 22nd and ending on April 20th. The 3rd grade class sincerely thanks you for your support!

Report Cards and SchoolSpeak

Report cards went home last week. These offer a great opportunity to chat with your child's teacher about progress. You also received current STAR reports from our last window of testing. We use the diagnostic features of STAR to help us track the progress of your children, working towards attaining at least a year's worth of growth. The diagnostic test pinpoints where your student tested on that day, while the graph charts the scores throughout the year and compares them to the overall goal, to help make sure all of the skills that were worked on this year have been absorbed. Teachers use the details from these and other reports to pinpoint specific skills to work on, to create small groups to hone in on individual needs.

Report cards are also available on SchoolSpeak, along with individual grades. If you haven't signed onto SchoolSpeak yet, please give the front office a call, so that we can help you get set up. There is also a handy app for your phone. Just search for SchoolSpeak, add your username and password, and you'll be all set!

Middle School Honor Roll

Cum Laude

GPA 3.00 - 3.49

Alexis Brambila

Matthew Nash

Jacob Hansberry

Megan Marchwicz

Samuel Rogers

Adamaris Sanchez

William Brechtel

Dariamy Cid Guerrero

Magna Cum Laude

GPA 3.50 - 3.74

Henry Sanders

Lansdon Taylor

Madilyn Ward

Amelia McLaughlin

Erin Montgomery

Guadalupe Ramos Ramirez

Emma Bravo

Kyle Larvik

Rigoberto Maciel

Megan Reich

Maxima Cum Laude

GPA 3.75 – 3.99

Kristi Lange

David Nicholas

Isabelle Boyd

Joshua Luna

Paola Diaz

Nathaniel Gonzalez

Dayanara Merchant Trejo

Logan Skipper

Summa Cum Laude

GPA 4.0+

Nicholas Meuchel

Peter Reich

Samuel Richards

Kiana Guiliani

Estefania Ramirez

Olivia Boyd

Taylor Lange

Kyle Nash

Ava Sanders

Registration

With the early registration deadline so close (March 30), many families are renewing their requests for financial aid as members of their parishes. Please remember to maintain tithing, so that the application process will run smoothly! Michelle in the front office will be happy to assist you with any questions that you might have. Feel free to call 503-581-2147. Thanks!

Vocation Rally



Last week St. Joseph hosted the annual 6th grade Vocations Rally. 185 sixth graders from the greater Salem area gathered to learn what they could about some of the religious opportunities in our area. Students had a chance to visit with representatives from a number of different local orders from Mt. Angel, Salem, and the Portland area. We also had a chance to listen to a panel of speakers discuss when they knew that they had been called to their vocation. It was inspirational watching so many young people connect with their faith.

Family Groups

Today our family groups gathered to choose a patron saint for each of their "houses." They heard stories of different saints and discussed what was important to them. Each group chose someone to represent them this morning. Family groups will meet often this spring for different religious activities as we grow as families.

The patron saints that were chosen:

- Mrs. Colley's group: St. Christopher
- Mrs. Griffin's group: St. Agnes
- Mrs. Borrego's group: Michael the Archangel
- Mr. Amsberry's group: St. John Bosco
- Mrs. Stone's group: St. Francis of Assisi
- Mr. Seim's group: St. John Paul II
- Mr. Librande's group: Joan of Arc
- Mrs. Appleton's group: St. Imelda Lambertini
- Mrs. Day's group: St. Paul

SLE of the Week

When we return from Spring Break, our first week's SLE of the Week will be Displays a love for God, and demonstrates responsible stewardship of His creation. What does this look like in the classroom?

- Treat those around you well, because they are children of God too.
- Recycle
- Try not to waste things - use them responsibly.
- Treat the things around you with respect, to take care of your environment.
- Do what you know is right, to be the best person you can be. For that is the best gift that you can give back to God!

These will help us grow towards this month's virtue: Stewardship.

Weekly 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: Go through the Bible verses listed below during Holy Week.

Palm Sunday—The Triumphal Entry Mark 11:1-11

Monday -- Jesus Anointed at Bethany Mark 14:3-9

Tuesday—Jesus Washes his Disciples' Feet John 13:1-5

Wednesday—The Lord's Supper Mark 14:16-25

Thursday—Gethsemane Mark 14:32-46

Good Friday—The Crucifixion Mark 15:21-39

Saturday—The Burial Mark 15:42-47

Easter Sunday!

Wishing our St. Joseph families a very blessed Easter!



Important Dates for Week of March 26th

March 26th—29th **SPRING BREAK!!**

Enjoy a fun-filled, relaxing break with your children!