

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I had the privilege of attending the Auction this past weekend, and got to experience the St. Joseph family in a different way. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to support our school, our students, and our future. I would like the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who worked to make this event happen, and everyone who attended. So many hours went into decorations, set up, procurement, organization, and so many other details. Teri Martinez, our Development Director, headed up a number of talented people who worked tirelessly to bring us a magical evening. This is a real example of “it takes a village” and I am truly grateful that all of the pieces came together so seamlessly.



I am excited for the benefits that the auction brings us. The annual auction is the biggest fundraiser of the school year, and helps considerably with the operating funds in the general school budget. Our goal is lofty because our need is great, which only emphasizes how grateful we are at the generosity of our supporters. One particular benefit that we are grateful for is the unscripted donations totaling \$20,000 for the Smithsonian Institute’s science program that was spearheaded by Monsignor Huneger. It was amazing to watch the community come together to take part in such an important step in the development of our curriculum. It became very obvious very quickly that academic rigor is extremely important to our families and our parish, and it’s wonderful to be witness to and a part of such a great movement.

I was amazed at the wonderful gifts from all of our donors. I cherish the warmth and support of the families of St. Joseph Catholic School. I feel blessed to be a part of such a great community, and I will do what I can to develop those relationships in the coming years. Thank you for everything that you do to make our school such a wonderful place.

Deb Dewar, Principal  
St. Joseph Catholic School

## AUCTION



Our goal of reaching \$75,000 was met!!

We wish to sincerely thank all of you for supporting the St. Joseph School auction through your donations, volunteer work and attendance. Your dedication to our school has assisted us in raising **over \$78,000.00** this year! The paddle raise item this year was for a new security system for the school, with anything over what is needed being applied to a sound system in the gym. We were able to raise \$10,860.00 toward the security system!

It was quite the exciting event with Monsignor Huneger pledging \$10,000 towards new science curriculum for our middle school students if those in attendance at the auction would make up the other \$10,000 needed. Our attendees happily pulled together to raise the additional money necessary for the purchase of these materials.

## Stephen Kenyon—Ordination

All are invited to the Diaconate Ordination of Stephen Kenyon, the seminarian who was here last year. The ordination will be at St. Mary's Cathedral in Portland on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 AM. Parking can be tricky around the Cathedral, so you may want to arrive early. And then he will be coming to St. Joseph the next day, serving as deacon for the 6:45 and 10:00 masses, and preaching at the 10:00 AM mass.

## Spring Concert

Students in St. Joseph's Music Classes are busy preparing for our annual **Spring Concert** to be held **Thursday, May 10 at 6:00 PM.** (Gym doors will open at 5:30 PM.)

Students should wear appropriate, "concert" attire. Dresses and skirts for girls are acceptable, but should be worn with shorts underneath for sitting on the risers. Long pants are fine, but shorts/cargo shorts are also permitted. Shirts may not have "messages" on them, but prints/designs are permitted. Shoes may be any style that may be worn SAFELY when moving about on the risers. Some classes will be permitted to bring "accessories" appropriate to the song that they will be singing. (sunglasses, hats, etc.)

Please have your student(s) report to their individual classrooms by 5:45 PM on the night of the concert.

We hope that you will be able to join us!

## Academic Showcase & Open House



Please join us this evening for our Academic Showcase and Open House event! We will have writing samples and science experiments to show off, among other things.

Classrooms will be open for students to take tours today from 2:30 to 3:00. And then, this evening, we invite the whole family to come and visit. We are open from 5:30 to 6:30 for families to tour the projects. We are also welcoming new and prospective families. So get out those Ambassador Cards (for that \$1000 savings!) and bring an interested friend!

## Mother-Daughter Tea



St. Joseph Catholic School will be hosting a mother-daughter tea next Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 upstairs in the Parish center. We hope that you can join in this lovely afternoon event. Please RSVP to Teri Martinez at (503) 581-2147 by Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, if you and your daughter will be attending.

## Spirit Day—May 4th



This Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is a half day of school with student dismissal at 11:45. It is also a spirit day—May the 4<sup>th</sup> Be With You. Students may wear a Star Wars themed shirt if they wish.

## Calendar

Calendar:

- Thursday, May 3 Academic Showcase and Open House
- Friday, May 4 Half Day, Star Wars Spirit Day - 2 cans, mid-trimester
- Tuesday, May 8 Teacher Appreciation Day!
- Thursday, May 10 Spring Music Concert at 6:00 pm (students arrive at 5:45)
- Sunday, May 20 Deacon Stephen Kenyon's first Masses as Deacon: 6:45 am and 10 am, with a Reception at noon in the cafeteria
- Monday, May 28 Memorial Day, no school
- Wednesday, June 6 Stephen Lynch Scholarship Awards (in place of Mass - priest retreat)
- Wednesday, June 13 St. Joseph Eighth Grade Graduation Mass and Reception
- Friday, June 15 Field Day, Last Day of School