



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

*A Ministry of St. Joseph Parish*

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Dear St. Joseph Parents,

**SJS Tenth Annual Benefit Dinner.** “From Paris, With Love” was a wonderful success. This annual event was well-attended with many guests enthusiastically participating in the Live Auction while others turned their attention to the tables filled with items for the Silent Auction. The gym and Family Center were beautifully transformed with flowers, lights, and an Eiffel Tower.

Student art work offered during the Live Auction was creative and beautiful. Our art teachers, Mrs. Jennifer Marra and Mrs. Mary Kay Culver, work with students in creating the stunning pieces that are an important part of auction.

Our Benefit Dinner chair persons were Mrs. Jennifer Buerk, Mrs. Andrea DuBois, Mrs. Carol Lindsley, and Mrs. Maegen Verkennes. They were supported by dozens of volunteers who began working months ago. In the last nine years, this event has generated profits in excess of \$600,000. Those funds have supported the Endowment Fund, Tuition Assistance, Technology Expansion, and Playground Renovation. We will announce the final profit from this year’s dinner as soon as it is available.

Thank you to all who were involved in making this tenth event so successful! Be sure to take a moment to view picture of the evening on our website (Benefit Dinner) or Facebook page.

**Catholic Schools Week.** Our liturgy yesterday was marked by special attention to that for which we are so grateful. In my letter to you before Christmas, I told you we were so very blessed ...by our students, our parents, our faculty and staff, the leaders of our parish, and by our entire parish community. In yesterday’s homily, Msgr. Metzger extended that blessing to include the future. He spoke to students of the qualities that past students have taken with them and that they are challenged to take as well. These are qualities that mark them as true followers of Jesus...kindness, compassion, sensitivity to those in need, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and faithfulness to the Beatitudes. He told them that after they leave St. Joseph they will be called to put into action all that they learned in a Catholic school. He has seen and watched students who graduated from SJS and are now in high school and college reflect the values and virtues that were formed as part of their Catholic education at St. Joseph. The Catholic education that they received with us has been their moral compass and will be the moral compass for the children who are with us this day.

**Have a Heart Restock Drive.** This annual event sponsored by Sylvania Franciscan Village helps to restock local pantries. We support their efforts and have placed donation boxes at the middle school. Items may also be dropped off in the elementary building. Students/families are asked to “**spare a square**”. The collection drive began on February 1 and ends on February 12. The community goal is 1500 rolls of toilet paper. Last year, SJS by itself met the community goal. Students and families brought in donations of a two roll, four roll, six roll, or eight roll package of toilet paper. Have a Heart for this effort and help us meet the goal again this year! Students have until Friday, February 12 to make a donation.

**Registration for the 2016 – 2017 School Year.** Have you turned in your registration form? Please send it to us next week if you have not already done so.



**The Golden Apple Award.** The 2015 – 2016 school year marks the eleventh consecutive year that this award has been presented in the Diocese of Toledo. Through the generosity and kindness of the Jack and Rhonda Donahue Family Foundation of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the Golden Apple Award has been established to honor outstanding individuals who devote their lives to teaching in Catholic Schools. The foundation has been expanded from the Diocese of Pittsburgh to include the Diocese of Youngstown and the Diocese of Toledo. The award will be given to seven elementary teachers and two secondary teachers each year in the Toledo Diocese. In light of the valuable contribution made by the teachers of St. Joseph to children, families, the Church, and society in general, I ask that you consider placing a name in nomination. Eligibility Requirements:

- The candidate must be a practicing Catholic, full-time teacher and have completed a minimum of three full years in the elementary or secondary school at which they are currently employed.
- A teacher, parent or student must nominate the applicant in an elementary school.
- The teacher must have a valid license or certification, both state and diocesan, for the position they currently hold. (All St. Joseph teachers hold valid state and diocesan licensure or certification.)

A Nomination Form is included in today's Thursday Envelope. Please take a moment to consider honoring a teacher's dedication to Catholic Education at St. Joseph by nominating her/him for this prestigious award. Please note that the Nomination Form and Letter of Recommendation are due in my office by Friday, February 12. The names of the nominated teachers and the letters of recommendation will be forwarded to the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office on February 19 to begin the teacher portion of the application process. In March the requirements for teachers must be completed and in April winners will be notified. The Golden Apple Award includes a cash award of \$5000, a Golden Apple with a 24 carat gold cross, a Golden Apple lapel pin, individual and group photos with Bishop Thomas, and a video of the Golden Apple Award Dinner.

Two St. Joseph teachers have been honored as recipients of the award. Mrs. Carol Lindsley, as a third grade teacher, received the award in 2008. Mrs. Pam Zychowicz, as a second grade teacher, received the award in 2014.

**Power of the Pen.** The St. Joseph Power of the Pen team competed at the District Tournament held at Timberstone Junior High School on Saturday, January 16, 2016. A total of 19 schools participated in the competition. There were 180 contestants – 88 seventh graders and 92 eighth graders. The seventh grade St. Joseph team members included Emma Hoyt, Elizabeth Newsom, Serena O'Loughlin, Amanda Pawlecki, Madelyn Piscopo, and Charley Sullins. The two alternates for seventh grade were Jillian Cendol and Kelsey Leamy. The eighth grade team included Jayna Lonsway, Jesslene O'Loughlin, Kathryn Riddle, Hannah Salameh, Elizabeth Weathers, and Grace Werner. Alternates were Natalie Douaihy and Angeliqye Douglas.

Serena O'Loughlin ranked 15<sup>th</sup> overall for the seventh grade. Hannah Salameh placed 9<sup>th</sup> and Kathryn Riddle took 4<sup>th</sup> place. As a team, the seventh grade took fourth place overall and the eighth grade team took second place. Several team members qualified for the Regional Competition to be held at Lourdes University, March 2, 2016. The teams are coached by seventh grade teacher, Jessica Jones and eighth grade teacher, Molly Lindsley. Congratulations to both the seventh and eighth grade writers!

**A Message from Our School Nurse, Mrs. Therese Hoehn.** In today's Thursday Envelope is a flyer about one of our St. Joseph students. Addysen Tabb, a 3<sup>rd</sup> grader at St. Joseph School has been a diabetic since the age of four. Her doctors have determined that she is in need of a service dog. Because of the cost involved, her family and friends are having an Easter Seals "Fill a Truck" fundraiser. All proceeds will go towards her Diabetic Alert Dog. Perhaps your late winter/early spring cleaning could be put towards a good cause.

Happy Catholic Schools' Week!

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