



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

A Ministry of St. Joseph Parish

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Dear St. Joseph School Families,

As Catholic School Educators, we believe...

...St. Joseph School is not only a school but a community of Faith ... dedicated to service, sacrifice, and generosity. ***Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

...those entrusted to us are not only students, but children of God...in the face of every child we see Jesus. ***Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.***

...we believe we are not only educators, but Ministers of the Gospel ... we send forth students into our communities, near and far, who are prepared to be people not of the world, but for the world. ***Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied.***

...we believe the values we teach are not only character development, but a call to holiness...we teach of kindness, love, and selflessness. ***Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.***

...we believe our courses of study are not only academic pursuits, but a search for Truth. ...we teach of a faith-filled future and give witness to Catholic Social Justice Principles... ***Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God.***

...we believe the purpose of education is not only for personal gain and the development of society, but for the Transformation of the world. ...we speak of humility, hope, prayer, and love...***Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.***

Thank you for all you have done to make this a successful school year. Your generous spirit and commitment to Catholic education have helped us to continue to offer to all of our families a school of academic excellence and faith formation. We see your support in so many places. Your volunteer hours number in the thousands. But more than that, you value the mission of Catholic education – to call forth the unique potential of the whole person ... the whole child body, mind, and spirit.

The most important thing we do as a Catholic school in support of your role as primary educator is to “proclaim God, provide time and space for the sacred, and promote standards for moral and ethical behavior” (Sr. Clare Fitzgerald, NCEA). Our eighth graders will graduate on Friday, June 2. Graduation Mass begins at 7:30 pm. Conferring of diplomas will follow the liturgy. We bless these students as they leave us and wish them much success in the years ahead. Though they will not return to us as our students, they will always be welcome as friends.

Kindergarten students will graduate on Friday morning at 9:00 am.



Scholarship Awards. We are very pleased to announce the scholarship recipients in this year's eighth grade graduating class. Following are the scholarships awarded by our Catholic high schools.

Central Catholic High School

- Emily Dempsey – Mother Seton Scholarship
- Madelynn DuBois - Mother Seton Scholarship
- Grace Hoffman – Irish Scholar and the Mother Seton Scholarships

Notre Dame Academy

- Elyse Bell - Marian Woman of Service Award
- Madison Bell – Honors Scholarship
- Jillian Cendol – Alumnae Award
- Emma Hoyt – Alumnae Award and Honors Scholarship
- Abby Korczynski – Honors Scholarship
- Tina Maly – Honors Scholarship
- Jillian Parker - Alumnae Award
- Amanda Pawlecki – Honors Scholarship and Marian Woman of Service Award
- Madelyn Piscopo – Honors Scholarship and Marian Woman of Service Award
- Kristina Sim – Honors Scholarship
- Grace Slomka – Honors Scholarship
- Charley Sullins – Honors Scholarship
- Natalie Suwinski – Sullivan Family Endowed Scholarship

St. Francis DeSales High School

- Joseph Buerk – Knight Leadership Scholarship
- John Mathias – James and Kathleen Nicholson Merit Scholarship
- Edward Reed LaBo – Knight Merit Award
- Jayce Beakas – Knight Merit Award

St. John Jesuit High School

- Grant Leslie – Hopkins Scholarship
- Ryan Snyder – Ignatian Scholarship
- John Beutel – Hopkins Scholarship

St. Ursula Academy

- Elizabeth Newsom – Presidential Merit Award and Academic Merit Award
- Tiare Nichols-Bublick – St. Angela Merici Leadership Award
- Demetra Pappas – St. Angela Merici Leadership Award
- Halie Schmidt - Presidential Merit Award, Academic Merit Award, and Alumnae Award

The following scholarships were awarded by St. Joseph Parish.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

- Edward Reed LaBo

Diocesan CYO Leadership Award

- Emma Meredith

George Bush CYO Sportsmanship Awards

- Demetra Pappas
- Ryan Snyder

Judy Sepanski Scholarship

- Maddie Piscopo

Edward Konicki Scholarship

- Emma Hoyt

Jeffrey Schaaf Memorial Scholarship

- Elizabeth Newsom
- John Beutel

Mark Sullivan Scholarship

- Amanda Pawlecki

Class of 2017 Leaves Lasting Memory There are many things we will miss about the graduating 8th grade class of 2017. They have seen many positive changes unfold during their time at SJS. They have been a class to embrace these changes which is why their petition to add a spirit rock to grounds of the east campus was approved by the school administration. We are proud of 8th grade Student Council President Reece DiSalle and other class representatives for the way they presented their request, communicated the concerns of the school to their classmates, and successfully raised enough donations to cover the cost of the rock in a short period of time. What has resulted is the addition of a “Memory Rock” donated by the class of 2017 which going forward will be a way for every graduating class at SJS to leave their “mark” until the next graduating class is ready to do the same. Our special thanks to P.T.O. for helping to cover some minimal expenses, and especially to Mr. John Daschbach who graciously donated paint and took time out of his busy day to apply the base coat. The project was a rewarding experience from start to finish and we have a “Memory Rock” to enjoy for years to come. Thank you class of 2017!

Summer Hours. The school office is open all summer, though hours are adjusted. If you need to contact us after office hours, please leave a message and we will return your call.

Back to School News. We publish “back-to-school” information in the Parish Bulletin a few weeks before school starts. It will also be sent electronically through SchoolSpeak. Included today is a copy of the School Supply List for 2017 – 2018 and a copy of the Dress Code for 2017 – 2018.

The New School Year.

- The 2017 – 2018 school year begins on Wednesday, August 16. Faculty and staff orientation dates are August 14 and 15.
- School Supply Drop-off is Monday, August 14, from 4:00 to 5:30.
- The staggered start for kindergarten will be August 16 and 17. All kindergarten students will be in attendance on Friday, August 18.
- Parent Orientation dates for the next school year are:

Kindergarten Orientation – August 8
Grades K – 5 Orientation – August 22
Middle School Orientation – August 23

Class Lists and Bus Information will be included in our back to school news.

Following are a few reminders:

Friday, June 9 - Student report cards will be mailed

Tuesday, June 20, 5:00 – 7:00 pm. PTO Uniform Sale... Second Chance. Please look for the flyer in today's envelope. Our first Uniform Sale was very successful. With a few items left to sell along with late arriving uniforms, PTO has set a second date for a sale. Mrs. Melissa Hoteit will again chair the event but would welcome a few volunteers to help. Please check the contact information on the flyer.

May God bless you and your family this summer.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Koppinger

Principal