



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

A Ministry of St. Joseph Parish

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June 4, 2014

Dear Parents,

As we prepare for the close of the school year, I want to thank you for your commitment to the faith formation of your children. The most important thing we do as a Catholic school is to “proclaim God, provide time and space for the sacred, and promote standards for moral and ethical behavior” (Sr. Clare Fitzgerald, NCEA). Thank you for all you have done to make this a successful school year. Your generous spirit has helped us continue as a school of academic excellence. We see your support in so many places. Your volunteer hours number in the thousands. More than that, you value the mission of Catholic education – to call forth the unique potential of the whole child, body, mind, and spirit.

Enrollment. Last week we announced a few changes in faculty assignments. We are returning to a third kindergarten. We very much value our ability to be flexible to increased or decreased enrollment at any grade level. We are assigning, as we announced last week, a first grade teacher and a second grade teacher to the two open positions in the third grade. Though enrollment is increasing every week, we had two kindergarten and three first grade classes this year. The current enrollment of 54 students in kindergarten creates two classes of 22 or 23 students in first grade for next year. Our current enrollment in first grade allows for two classes next year in second grade with less than 25 in a class. We are, however, very watchful of enrollment and are able to restructure should we experience an unexpected/significant increase at either or both levels.

New Faculty. We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Gina Rachko will join us next year as the third teacher in kindergarten. Mrs. Rachko is completing her third year as a kindergarten teacher at the Franciscan Academy at Lourdes University. She and her family are members of St. Joseph Parish!

Changes in the Dress Code. A recent committee of parents and teachers reviewed the SJS Dress/Uniform Code and made a few recommendations for change. I want to thank them for the careful manner in which they reviewed the present code. They were particularly attentive to issues that they had learned from other parents and students. Following are the changes for the 2014 – 2015 school year:

For Girls: Any style of St. Joseph plaid skirt will be permitted in ALL grades. This way parents may choose the style that best fits their daughter.

For Girls: Any color or pattern of fleece pajama bottoms are permitted on cold weather days with the uniform, as students travel to and from school or for outside recess, as long as they are removed when they enter their classroom.

For all students: Holiday socks are eliminated EXCEPT for the month of December when Christmas themed socks will be allowed. Socks for the rest of the school year must be PLAIN (no stripes, no logos, etc.) in the colors spelled out in the parent handbook.



For all students: Students may choose either leather (leather like) dress shoes/school shoes in SOLID (not two toned) brown, (not tan), black or navy OR athletic shoes (like running, cross-training, or walking). All shoes must tie, Velcro, or buckle. No slip-ons, high-tops, Sperry's or Sperry-style shoes.

When in doubt, check with the school before you purchase.

Student Council. Student Council leaders were selected recently for the 2014 – 2015 school year. We thank all those who offered their talents and look forward to working with these new leaders next year.

Student Council: 2014-2015

President Grace Nowak

8th Grade Representatives Caroline Goetz, Luke Pawlak, Laney Poitinger

7th Grade Representatives Jake Eltschlager, Kathryn Riddle, Grace Werner

6th Grade Representatives Reece DiSalle, Emma Hoyt, Kelsey Leamy

5th Grade Representatives, Sydney Gfell, Ben Malek, Lauren O'Brien

4th Grade Representatives Aiden Carroll, Mary Demarco, Emily Juetter

Graduations.

- Congratulations and our very best wishes to our graduating eighth grade students. Liturgy and awarding of diplomas will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 5
- Kindergarten. As eighth grade students leave St. Joseph to go on to high school, kindergarten students will celebrate the completion of their first year with us on Thursday, June 5, at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

Report Cards will be mailed for all students on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

The New School Year.

- The 2014 – 2015 school year begins on Monday, August 18. Faculty and staff orientation and meeting dates are August 14 and 15.
- Back-to-School information will be mailed to each family in early August.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Koppinger

Principal