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Developments in Development

Sister Mary Kelly and Mrs. Cynthia Fessler

Mark Your Calendars	
May - 1st Grade Traffic Duty	
1	Marian Day Mass & Noon Dismissal
2	First Communion
7	K & 8 Panoramic Picture
14 - 16	Registration for 2015-16 School Year
25	Memorial Day - No School
29	Walk-a-Thon & Graduation Dance
June - All Grades Traffic Duty	
3	8th Grade Graduation
5	Kindergarten Graduation
11	Last Day of School No ESC
18	Summer Scrip Sale
August	
4 & 11	Summer Scrip Sale
7	Dennis Uniform Sale

It is time to offer tribute to the Development Committee who works hard to build a relationship among the families of St. Joseph School of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. Development groups in general were originally an integral part of maintaining a relationship between colleges and their graduates. This moved into high schools as time went on and is now becoming an important support for Catholic elementary schools. Families and students spend more years at their elementary school than college and high school combined. It is the foundation of all learning.

St. Joseph School started its development program more than 15 years ago. Its purpose was strengthen the relationship with our St. Joseph families past and present and to provide a tax deductible avenue for giving. Initially it was designed to be a three-pronged program consisting of current families, grant writing, and development of an alumni program for past parents

and students. We have had success in all areas, but the alumni program needs attention. In 2015 we are pleased to take a step forward in developing the alumni group by adding three new members to our committee: Linette Guidera, class of '83, Marette Larson Morand, class of '82, and Erin Casselle, class of '99. They join our current members: Michelle Clark, David Ontiveros, Mary Torres, and Madeline Wilson who represent the classes of '05,'11, '13, '14, '17, and '18 as parents of St. Joseph School. Erin is a second generation member as her father, Lou, joined Cyndie O' Brien, Greg Fischer and Phil Rodriguez as one of the original members of the group.

We are excited by the possibilities for growth that come with these new members. We have made attempts in the past to use social media as a gathering place for families. While we gained many members to our Facebook page, we did not have a plan that made

the best use of this form of communication. We look forward to moving ahead in this area and improving our ability to communicate news and information.

In reaching out to all St. Joseph families, it is our plan to schedule an annual Mass that brings families together and allows them to tour the school and spend time with one another. This event will be added to our calendar which includes the annual Development barbeque in October. All events are designed to strengthen our connections to one another.

Of course, Development programs provide an opportunity for financial support. As St. Joseph School begins its 60th year, we are blessed with the continuing presence of the Presentation Sisters. Our school population includes many alumni families. And our new building is just waiting for final approval, but through the generosity of the supporters and leaders of the Development program, we

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Returning to St. Joseph School

Linette Guidera

Earlier this year, I was asked to join the Development Committee at St. Joseph School. Sister Mary called informing me that the Committee would benefit from having more alumni members. With enthusiasm, I jumped at the opportunity to give back to a community that had taught me so much as a child.

I arrived a few minutes early for our first meeting, allowing me the opportunity to walk around the campus. I had not been back to St. Joseph School in many years. However, the moment I stepped out of my car onto the school grounds so many positive memories of my childhood, spent at St. Joseph, flashed through my mind. I saw the school library, in which I checked out my first chapter book; I peeked into a newly remodeled classroom, the rooms were familiar but now set up for the learning needs of today's children. The computer room, which did not exist when I graduated in 1983, was also impressive.

As I stood on the playground my mind flooded with happy memories of bike-a-thons, church festivals, Christmas pageants, hot lunches, May crowning, as well as basketball, flag football, and volleyball games.

Most importantly fond memories of the Presentation Sisters who have devoted their lives to educating so many of us filled my mind. They have truly been the backbone of St. Joseph School for the past 60 years. Their commitment to teach, not only academics, but strong values and moral character is the primary reason I returned to be part of the Development Committee.

I look forward to seeing many old friends at the 60th anniversary celebration on October 4th!

Development News

SAVE THE DATES

Saturday, October 3, 2015

Development BBQ

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday, October 4, 2015

Alumni Mass & Pancake Breakfast

9:00 AM - Mass with breakfast to follow.

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Final plan checks are with the architect and final permits are wrapping up the approval process with the city of Upland.

With luck and many prayers, it is likely that construction on the new multi-purpose building will begin this summer.

This project will be the culmination of many generous donations and hard work by alumni, parents, staff and students.

REMINDER

The current school year is coming to an end and soon returning parents will be registering for the 2015-16 school year.

If you made a pledge to support Development for the current year, please take a moment to verify that you have fulfilled your pledge.

You are the future of St. Joseph School!

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are prepared to go ahead as soon as permission is given. This building located north of the present school building will provide additional space for classes, programs, and gatherings.

Thank you for helping make the St. Joseph School community a vibrant community. Through the decades from the fifties until now, St. Joseph School has been home and foundation for so many. Please God, it will be here for the generations to come.

G.A.L.A. 2015 - "Sail the Night Away"

G.A.L.A. 2015 was held on Saturday, March 21st at the Doubletree in Ontario. Once again, the event was a success which benefits the St. Joseph School community. The 23rd annual event had the theme of "Sail the Night Away" and was sponsored by the Larson Family. The hard work of the G.A.L.A. committee was evident to all in attendance.

Once again, the event included dinner, dancing, oral and silent auctions, a gaming room and the Fund-A-Need auction. Listed below are the results of this very important fundraiser.



The Results

Overall Result Raised

\$68,800

Fund-A-Need Raised

\$12,900



(fund-a-need results will allow the school to purchase a new phone system.)

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www.stjosephupland.org for important dates
and updated information.

St. Joseph School Alumni & Alumni Families

We would love to hear from you! Please let us know what is happening in your life so that we can share the news with your classmates and the whole St. Joseph School community.

A Prayer for Family Commitment

Dear God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world.

Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family.

May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love.

Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor.

In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, may all of us—spouses, parents, and children—share, as members of his Body, in Jesus' mission to build a civilization of love.

Father, we ask this in Jesus' name in union with the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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St. Joseph School - Then and Now

Here are three pictures of St. Joseph School.
Which do you remember?



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School
1955 - 2015
Sixty Years and
Growing...*