



*Serve the Lord with
gladness; come before
him with joyful song.
Know that the Lord is
God, he made us, we
belong to him, we are
his people, the flock
he shepherds.
Psalms 100: 2-3*



- 9/14 Picture Day
- 9/16 All School Mass 9am
- 9/15-9/16 SJ Parish Hispanic Heritage Festival
- 9/20-10/11 STAR Testing
- 9/27 Guardian Angel Ceremony for K & 8th Grades 8:30am
- 10/4 Blessing of the Animals 11:15am & Noon Dismissal
- 10/5 NO SCHOOL Diocesan In-service
- 10/12 All School Mass & Flag
- 10/13 Development BBQ 11am-2pm JOIN the FUN!

St. Joseph School Principal's Newsletter



Welcome to the 2018-2019 School Year!

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

“Here we are again, happy as can be, all good friends and jolly good company.” Although these words were written as lyrics for a song by Raymond Wallace in 1931, they do resonate some relevance as we say, “Welcome to the New School Year!” I hope that all members of our school community return happy and eager to resume old friendships and be introduced to new ones.

Here is a little parable of sorts: “One day as the Buddha was sitting under a tree, a young, trim soldier walked by, looked at the Buddha, noticed his weight and fat and said, ‘You look like a pig!’ The Buddha looked up calmly at the soldier and said, ‘And you look like God.’ Surprised by this comment, the soldier asked the Buddha, ‘Why do you say that I look like God?’ The Buddha replied, ‘Well, we don’t really see what’s outside of ourselves, we see what’s inside and we project it out. I sit under this tree all day and I think about God, so that when I look out, that’s what I see. And you, you must be thinking about other things.”

It is our sincerest hope that all students, as they gather to start the new school year, will view their opportunity for education as a privilege rather than an obligation and so embrace this new school year with enthusiasm, determination and a positive mind set. The great St. Thomas Aquinas made the comment that, “Whatever is received is received according to the mode of its receiver”. Again, we hope that all students return in goodwill and with an attitude to do the best they can for themselves and for their fellow students. This is what living out the Schoolwide Learning Expectations is all about.

In a sense, our school has a double staff; the staff that performs within the school and that very important “staff” that performs within the home. Your child’s education can be greatly enhanced by your involvement at home, but also through involvement in school activities. It is parents’ enthusiasm, support and involvement that will inspire children to do their best. Children frequently adopt attitudes and opinions held by the adults they look up to and enthusiasm for learning is no exception. If children sense that parents consider their education to be a high priority, they are likely to view it in a more positive manner themselves. Positive reinforcement will help children to adopt a more enthusiastic attitude towards their learning processes.

When the Gospels described Jesus’ Baptism, they told how the heavens opened and God’s voice was heard to say, “This is the blessed one in whom I take delight”. It seems that for the rest of His life, Jesus was always in some way conscious of His Father’s words. His actions were always positive and supportive of others and His words were always gentle, encouraging and forgiving. As we all teach in Jesus’ name, we all have Him as a wonderful example from whom to draw inspiration and confidence as we, the staff at St. Joseph School and the “staff” at home, work together to create the best possible learning environment for all our students.

Once again, welcome everyone, to the new school year!

Many blessings,
Mrs. Alamo-Ng



Thank you to all the family VOLUNTEERS who helped get the school ready for the start of the school year! I also want to thank all of you who have already signed up to spearhead an event, coach a sports team, organize a fundraiser, or serve on a committee. The success of our school depends on the ongoing dedication of parents who dedicate their time and talents to support our mission, philosophy, and financial goals so that we can best serve our students.

Thank you to our PTG for hosting a fabulous parent meeting on 8/29/18! We look forward to all the FUN fundraising events they will host this year.

Thank you to our School Board, Development, and Finance Committees for their role in helping to ensure a successful future for our students.

Thank you to our committed and caring teachers for saying “yes” to the ministry of Catholic education.

New Friendly Faces on Campus



Miss Dutton is back to her old stomping grounds! She is our new 3rd grade teacher and loves sharing her creativity and passion for taking care of God’s creation with her students.



Mrs. Teixeira is excited to join our St. Joseph School community. She hopes to challenge her students to do their best and inspire a love of reading in her classroom.



Mrs. Smathers joins us as our Middle School Math & Science teacher. Her teaching experience, love of Math, and enthusiasm for learning are gifts that will guide her in supporting all students.

SLEs

Our Schoolwide Learning Expectations continue to be at the heart of everything we do and ask of our students.

The 4 SLEs are:

Vibrant Catholic
Lifelong Learner
Effective Communicator
Responsible Citizen of God’s
Creation

What is STEMscopes?

For more information about our exciting new science curriculum, please visit the website:

<http://stemscopes.com/about.php#block4>

Click on “About Us” at the top and “What is STEMscopes?” to watch a short overview video on the program.

Other Curriculum Updates

We have also updated our MS math program to Pearson Envisions & AGA Algebra 1, along with social studies for K-8.

GO VIKINGS! SJU Sports Corner

Our fall sports season is well underway. We hope you can make it to Aquinas HS for one of the following games to help cheer our Vikings on. Hut, hike, touchdown! Serve, set, spike! Here is a link to a parent prayer for your athletes.

<https://www.playlikeachampion.org/single-post/2018/09/11/Daily-Prayers-for-Champions-91118>

Girls Varsity Volleyball

9/15 12:00pm

10/6 12:00pm

Girls JV Volleyball

9/15 3:00pm (Green)

9/15 4:00pm (White)

10/6 3:00pm (Green)

10/6 4:00pm (White)

Boys Varsity Football

9/15 9:00am

9/22 10:00am

10/6 8:00am

Boys JV Football

9/15 9:00am

9/22 9:00am

10/6 9:00am



Religion

The *Pflaum Gospel Weeklies* are a liturgically-based catechetical program that helps parents participate in their important role as the first educators of your children. For more information, visit: <http://gospelweeklies.com/parents/>

7th & 8th received updated RCL Benziger *Be My Disciples* texts. Kinder will be using *Allelu!*

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Our Mission Statement

St. Joseph School fosters Catholic values and invites students to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ. The school community educates the whole child to become a responsible and vibrant member of the Church and helps the students live their faith in a larger society.