

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. -1 Timothy 4:12

New Friendly Faces!

We welcome four new faculty members to our school this year. Mr. Brandl is our techie Math & Science teacher in grades 6-8. Ms. Brown, an alumni of St. Joseph, is our new talented music teacher, and Mrs. Liebanas will share her love of art with our students. In Kindergarten, we are excited to meet all the new students who will have our happy camper Mrs. Gilboy as their teacher. To **all the new** students and their families, St. Joseph School (SJU) is ready to serve you and welcomes you to our family!



Tuesday, August 21 at 8:15am, I invite the kindergarten and new parents to SJU to join me for coffee in the lunch pavilion. School Board members will be present to help answer any questions you may have.

Welcome Back-to-School!

While it's hard to believe August 22nd is just around the corner, the faculty and staff of St. Joseph School are excited for the arrival of our students tomorrow. We look forward to having the campus come to life with the sea of smiling faces, endless chatter of summertime adventures, and vision of freshly pressed school uniforms. Over the last few months, the office staff made sure Scrip orders were filled and student records were updated. Our wonderful teachers have spent many hours (and evenings) cleaning, unpacking, organizing, and planning instruction for the start of the school year. They participated in a week long teacher in-service that led to great discussion and collaboration. We ended our week gathered in prayer, attending Mass at our parish and a retreat led by our pastor Fr. Tim. He invited the entire community to pray for our students, families, and staff as we embark on the start of a new school year. Then on Saturday, our dedicated and hardworking families answered our invitation to come with brooms, shovels, and rags to complete the final to-do list and ensure our campus is ready for day one of school.

It is in these final hours of reflection and tremendous anticipation that the beauty of the last few weeks shines brightly before me. I now see clearly it was no coincidence our theme for last week was light. Jesus said "You are the light of the world." - Matthew 5: 14-16. We visited this theme through several scripture readings and discussed how each of us is called to be the light of





Gratitude Corner

THANK YOU to ALL the volunteers who came on Saturday and worked for hours until tasks were complete. We could not have done it without you!

I also want to thank the many volunteers who have already signed up to spearhead an event, 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.

Parish News



The St. Joseph Parish Festival will take place **October 20-22, 2017**. There is **NO SCHOOL** on **Friday, October 20th**. If you would

like to learn about how you can participate in this community event, please contact Carolyn Hite 909-981-8110 ext 16. We hope you and your family will come and enjoy the rides, food, and entertainment. It is a great way to support our parish and school.

God's love for our students and others in the world. Amidst the tremendous darkness of recent deaths in our community and acts of violence and hate in our world, our small acts of kindness and prayer have been light in the lives of those around us. No matter how big or small, the willingness to comfort those who are mourning, or help someone in need, serve as tangible examples of light and God's love here on earth. My prayer and hope for this upcoming school year is that we will continue to serve God as a school community through our actions, words, and faith, and hence go forth shining the light of His love for all to see.



Mark Your Calendar

Noon dismissal and NO ESC on Tuesday, August 22nd.

Remember students must be in their classrooms by **7:45am for grades 5-8** and **8:00am for grades K-4**. Students must wait to line up with their class in the covered pavilion. Parents may only use the office entrance or pedestrian gate by the lunch pavilion to drop off their student(s). **Please do not walk to classrooms or wander about the school campus.** Teachers use their morning to prepare for the school day. You are welcome to leave a note in the front office if you should need to give your teacher a message or request an appointment.

Our mandatory PTG meeting is this **Wednesday, August 23 @ 6:30pm in the Parish Hall**. A **Free Dress Pass** will be given for the children of parents who attend. **Thursday, August 24th.**

NO SCHOOL Friday, August 25th. Faculty will attend the Diocesan Opening Liturgy.

FYI

1. Students may keep a plain hat in their bag to wear during outside play and PE. Putting on sunscreen in the morning is also a good idea.
2. Please drive carefully and follow dismissal and pickup procedures. Parent volunteers and teachers are there to help keep our students safe. Plan to arrive in plenty of time for your child to walk into his/her classroom BEFORE the first school bell.

Donation Item

We are looking for button up, short sleeve men's shirts for the art room. These make wonderful art smocks and help protect your child's uniform during fun and messy art projects.



Development News

Our Development BBQ is **Saturday, October 14th** from 11:00am-2:00pm. Come join us for the fun and great food!



Back to School Nights are as follows:

- Tuesday, August 29th- Kinder and 8th grade from 6:00-7:00pm, and 1st grade from 6:30-7:00pm.
- Wednesday, August 30th- 7th grade from 6:30-7:00pm, 2nd grade from 7:00-7:30pm, and 3rd grade from 7:30-8:00pm.
- Thursday, August 31st- 4th grade from 6:30-7:00pm, 5th grade from 7:00-7:30pm, and 6th grade from 7:30-8:00pm.

Our first **ALL School Mass** of the school year will be celebrated **Sunday, September 17th at 9:00am** at **St. Joseph Parish**. We invite all of our students and their families to join us as we give thanks and partake in the beauty of the Holy Eucharist.

The **REVISED Parent & Student Handbook** will be uploaded to our school website in September. Currently the School Board is reviewing it for final edits and revisions. All families will need to read the handbook, print, sign, and return the last page to acknowledge they have read and understand the policies set forth in it. We will notify you when the final draft is online.

Guardian Angel Ceremony for Kindergarten and 8th Grade is **Thursday, September 28th at 8:30am**.

Don't forget to check out our website for current events and updated school information at www.stjosephupland.org.