



Weekly Newsletter

August 14, 2016

From the Principal's Desk

Fingerprinting and Safe Environment

Everyone is invited to be a part of our school and we encourage our families to volunteer with our children throughout the year,

If you are volunteering with the students, you must be fingerprinted and take the Safe Environment training course as mandated by the diocese

A Safe Environment Class is scheduled for 8:15 am, on August 18th in the St. Joseph Room at School. Please contact Dean Klabik, dklabik@sjsfl.org to reserve a place in this class.

If you cannot attend the August 18th class, there are two other classes scheduled for the beginning of the year:

Wednesday, August 24th at 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 10th at 9:00 am

All classes are scheduled for the St. Joseph Room on campus.

Fingerprinting

The actual livescan fingerprinting is done at designated locations throughout the diocese:

- Sarasota Package Ship & Mail, 935 N. Beneva Road, Suite 609, Sarasota, FL 34232, (941)955-0098. Hours for fingerprinting: Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish, 6600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34243, (941)755-1826, Fingerprinting is conducted each Wednesday by appointment, please call parish office. Times: 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Directions and procedures for fingerprinting, Safe Environment information, and fingerprinting locations can be found on our school website: www.sjsfl.org under the Parents tab.

Please email dklabik@sjsfl.org if you have questions.

Back-to-School Night

Wednesday

August 17th

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Begins in the Parish Center Gym

All parents and guardians are asked to attend this special meeting and receive 1 hour of volunteer credit.

- Meet our PTO Officers
- Explore school activities and volunteer opportunities
- Learn more about the 2016-2017 school year

Following the meeting in the gym, parents will be invited to visit classrooms.

Change in Mass time for Wednesday:

Bishop Dewane

Celebrating our first School Mass

Wednesday, August 17th at 9:00 am

Please join us at 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 17th at 9:00 am, as Bishop Dewane visits St. Joseph Catholic School, and celebrates Mass with our staff, students, parents, and parishioners. All parents and guardians are welcome to join us for this special liturgy.

Students will go to classrooms at 8:00 am and proceed to church for the 9:00 am Mass. Parents may meet students in church.

After School Activities

Junior Legion of Mary – Begins Monday, August 15

- Students in Grades 3 – 8 are invited to attend
- Time: 3:00 – 4:30 pm
- Students meet at the courtyard fountain at 3:00
- Will go with group leaders to Parish Center
- Parents pick up students at the Parish Center at 4:30pm

Middle School Math Help with Mrs. Owens – after school

- Mondays – Grade 6
- Tuesdays – Grade 7
- Thursdays – Grade 8

(Contact Mrs. Owens for more information)

Volleyball Tryouts – After School – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Thursday

(Contact Coach Kolbe for more information)

Flag Football Tryouts – After School – 3:00 – 5:00 pm

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Thursday

(Contact Coach Kolbe for more information)

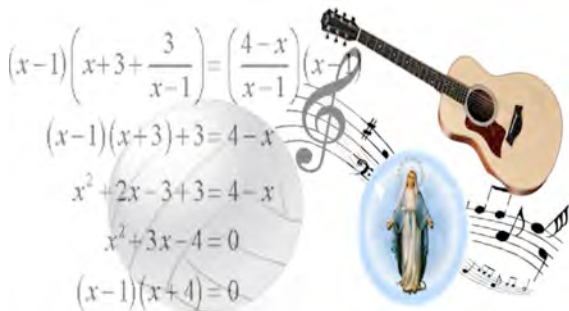
Guitar Classes begin the Week of August 22

Mr. Corbett will be sending signup information to students this week.

Beginning and Advanced Chorus begins the week of August 22 – Ms. Gaillard will have information for interested students.

Beginning Strings Class starts the week of August 29, please see the attached information form.

Odyssey of the Mind for Grades 5 – 8 will begin on Monday, August 29th. Information will be sent home next week.



FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, August 28th

St. Joseph Catholic Church

St. Joseph Church – following the 11:00 am Mass

We invite all members of our school community, who belong to St. Joseph's Church, to attend the Family Fun Day sponsored by the Office of Faith Formation. Families will enjoy games, activities for the kids and food. In addition, there will be registration and sign-ups information for Sacramental Preparation classes.

All of this happens at the Parish Center! Come meet and greet other families! What a great way to get to know your church community!

SJCS Parents who might be interested in getting service hours, can sign up on our school volunteer page, which is located on the St. Joseph Website at www.sjsfl.org. Volunteer opportunities are located under the Parent Tab. You may also email Rachel at floridapierce@yahoo.com. All volunteers will receive volunteer hours for school.

Congratulations, JennaRose Venditti!



JennaRose Venditti, an 8th grade student at St. Joseph Catholic School, advanced to the state level during last year's science fair. She was then selected to go to Washington, DC, last Spring

In addition, JennaRose was recently selected to compete nationally in the Broadcom Masters national competition at a society-affiliated science and engineering fair. This nomination is a great honor – only the top 10% of all middle school science projects are selected for this program in the United States.

The project for which Jenna is being nominated is on the hardness of water, and how it affects the world. Semi-finalists will be announced on September 6th, and Jenna will have the opportunity to be selected as a finalist to travel to Washington, DC, in October.

First Day of School!



What Did You Do During the Summer?

This is a question we keep hearing students ask each other as they return to campus. Have you wondered what our teachers did during the summer? It's a common misconception that education professionals have summer vacation like their students. But anyone who's been a teacher or administrator knows that summer is the perfect opportunity for professional development, as well as planning and preparation for the next school year. Our dedicated teachers, at St. Joseph Catholic School, were very busy this past summer with many programs, as they prepared to greet our students for a new school year.

Mrs. Owens in Washington, DC



- Mrs. Debra Owens, Middle School Math and Social Studies, received a scholarship to attend the National Bearing Witness™ Summer Institute in Washington, DC.

- Ms. Deborah Suddarth, Principal, and Mrs. Juli Ferguson, Grade 3 Teacher, received scholarships from the University of Notre Dame to attend the Latino Enrollment Institute. This program was created in response to national data showing Latinos to be both the fastest-growing segment of the U.S. Catholic Church, and the most under served by Catholic schools.

- Mrs. Mara Curran, Grade 5 Teacher, and Ms. Deborah Suddarth, attended the Success Partners Institute. Success Partners is grounded in current research that directly correlates student success with parent involvement, and provides the framework for development of a parent-school partnership action plan unique to the school community.
- In May, all teachers at St. Joseph Catholic School received copies of “A Handbook for the Art and Science of Teaching” by Robert Marzano and John L. Brown. This book will be used during the 2016-2017 school year, for a book study program
- In addition, each teacher received online access to Marzano’s “Compendium of Teaching Strategies” which includes over 300 teacher classroom plans to improve student learning.
- Krys Kolbe coordinated our three summer camps, and was assisted by Juli Ferguson.



Ms. Suddarth & Mrs. Ferguson at Notre Dame

St. Joseph Catholic School is blessed, and is grateful to the professional staff that ministers to our children each day.

Beginning Strings Classes

When: Mondays 3:00 – 4:00 pm

First Group Class: August 29 with information meeting.

Students: Grades 3 and Up (Younger students will be given special consideration depending upon musical abilities)

Where: Music Room

Cost per student:

\$40/month (four lessons)

\$150/semester (eighteen lessons)

Private lessons available: \$25 per ½ hour



Information is available regarding instruments, where to purchase, and rental options.

Teacher: Flavia Zappa Medlin

Flavia has earned music degrees from Northwestern University and the University of Minnesota. She also has school psychology degrees from the College of William and Mary and Florida State University. She is a classical violinist and plays with the Sarasota Orchestra.

Strings Class Registration Form

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

Parent Telephone Number: _____

Payment Option:

Monthly - \$40.00

Semester - \$150.00

Checks payable to: Flavia Zappa Medlin