

February 5, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

## Catholic Schools Week Highlights

What an exciting week with the support of so many of our parents and volunteers. Our families who spoke at our parishes throughout Manatee County led to many positive comments regarding our school. Following our Open House, we continue to have families inquiring about enrollment for next year and scheduling tours.

Thank you to our families who continue to support our school by sharing your positive comments and referring your friends and relatives.



Fourth grade led our students, teachers, and parents in an opening prayer for Catholic Schools Week.

Third Grade participated in the PAWS reading program and welcomed special guests to our campus.





50s Day reminded our students of 1954 when St. Joseph Catholic School first opened with 42 students. Students celebrated with root beer floats, hula-hoops, and 50s music.



On Red, White, and Blue Day, students remembered all military and first responders. Chief Bevan joined the students and told them she started her career of helping others when she was a Safety Patrol. She commended our safety patrol students for their service.



Classroom buddies worked together to complete an exercise trail. Our older students demonstrated leadership and care as they assisted the younger students.

Each class prepared a vocation cheer to present during a Vocation Pep Rally. Fr. Scanlon, vocation director from the Diocese, attended and shared with students the importance of following God with faithfulness as they pray to discern their future. Each student received a cross as a reminder of God's love and presence in their lives.



Students, parents, grandparents, and guardians enjoyed lunch together. Students shared thank you cards that were made for their "Super Hero" guests.

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Please see our website for more Catholic Schools Week photos!

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**St. Joseph Catholic School  
Honorees at Rising Stars Awards Ceremony in St. Petersburg**

Corporate scholarships are available for families throughout the state of Florida. This year, outstanding families and high achieving students were chosen for Rising Star Awards and had an opportunity to meet many of the donors who make Florida Scholarships possible. There were three categories and St. Joseph Catholic School had honorees in all categories.

Our honored High Achieving Students were Kaela Herrington and Alexa San Juan. An outstanding teacher award was presented to Mrs. Juli Ferguson, and Mr. Mark Rettig received an award for outstanding parent support.



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St. Joseph Catholic Church - Children's Mass on Saturday, February 11th.

The mass starts at 4:00 and rehearsal starts at 3:15. Students are invited to sing for this Mass.

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## Muffins with Moms – February 14 (Don't worry...Donuts with Dads will be in March)

On the morning of February 14th, PTO would like to help you celebrate the day of hearts and cupid by presenting Muffins with Moms. Come to the Parish Center open from 7:30 - 8:15 (15 minutes past the late bell with the principal's permission) to enjoy a muffin with your children before school begins. If it is not possible for mom to attend, please know you are welcome to have someone come in your place (grandma, etc).

We will have muffins, coffee and water.

Please RSVP (by Friday, February 10th) on the link below so we can be sure to have enough muffins for everyone.

Simply click how many will attend in your party.

List in the comments how many in your party are children.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-muffins>

Have a great week,

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## Junior Legion of Mary

Junior Legion of Mary will begin meeting again on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:30 in the Parish Center. All students interested in attending should meet in the courtyard at dismissal.

Junior Legion of Mary is an organization that is open to all students in Grades 2 through 8, and promotes prayer and service.

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## Hot Lunch

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<b>Swedish Meatballs</b> Sauteed Green Beans Mashed Potatoes Seasonal Fruit	<b>Beef Stroganoff</b> Egg Noodles Vegetable of the Day Seasonal Fruit	<b>Chicken Soft Tacos</b> Lettuce & Tomato Spanish Rice Monterey Jack Cheese Seasonal Fruit	<b>Rustic Meatloaf</b> Smashed Yukon Potatoes Parmesan Broccoli Seasonal Fruit	<b>FRIDAY PIZZA DAY!</b> Penne Marinara Fresh Broccoli Florets Seasonal Fruit

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Thank you to all of our families who attended our recent Skating Party and the Applebee's Pancake Breakfast. Special thanks to our PTO for arranging the Skating Party, and thanks to Mrs. Hussey and our staff for their support during the Pancake Breakfast.

## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Monday: Nothing

Tuesday: Home game boys soccer vs. Manatee Charter 4pm, Girls soccer practice 3-5pm

Wednesday: Boys soccer practice 3-5pm

Thursday: Girls away game vs. Imagine North Port 4:30pm. You will need your own rides!!!! According to map quest it takes a little over an hour so please pick up your child at the beginning of car rider line. 1185 O'Donnell Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL

Thursday: Boys soccer practice 3-5pm

Friday: Nothing



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Monday

3:00 PM	Intermediate Guitar
3:15 PM	Grade 6 Math Help – Mrs. Owens
3:00 PM	Violin Class
3:15 PM	Garden Club – Mrs. Hussey
3:15 PM	Junior Legion of Mary

### Tuesday

3:00 – 3:45 PM	Choir – Grades K – 8
3:15 PM	Grade 7 Math Help – Mrs. Owens

### Wednesday

3:00 PM	Beginning Guitar
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### Thursday

3:00	Spring Musical Try Outs (See Mrs. Gaillard)
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Intermediate Guitar
3:00 PM	Grade 8 Math Help – Mrs. Owens

### Friday

3:00 – 5:00 PM	Odyssey of the Mind
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## Car Raffle – Tickets on Sale in School Office

-St. Agnes parish, in Naples, has very generously offered to donate 10% of their car raffle ticket sales to St. Joseph Catholic School. We invite you to stop by the school or parish office and purchase a ticket for a chance to

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## Important Information Regarding Odyssey

### **Things to know for parents of Odyssey of the Mind students.**

The competition is on February 18, 2017, and the students need to be there at 7:00 am to check in with their teams. The competition will be held at Dunedin Highland Middle School, and the address is 70 Patricia Ave Dunedin, FL 34698.

Your student and you will need to be present all day so make sure that you are prepared. The kids will have a long-term problem where they will perform and you can watch them, and then they will also do a spontaneous problem that you will not be able to watch.

The times for performances are given in the morning and the kids need to stay together.

The kids do get hungry throughout the day so it is a good idea to pack snacks and lunches. The parents should bring chairs for themselves as well as sunscreen and things to help pass time such as games, balls, and Frisbees. If your student's team wins in the regional competition, then they will be going to the state level competition, which will be held on April 8, 2017, at UCF in Orlando. If you have any questions you can visit the website for Buccaneer Bay which is our division. The web address is [bucbay.com](http://bucbay.com).

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### **A quote from Pope Francis:**

“Education cannot be neutral. It is either positive or negative; either it enriches or it impoverishes; either it enables a person to grow or it lessens, even corrupts him. The mission of schools is to develop a sense of truth, of what is good and beautiful. And this occurs through a rich path made up of many ingredients. This is why there are so many subjects — because development is the results of different elements that act together and stimulate intelligence, knowledge, the emotions, the body, and so on.”

“If something is true, it is good and beautiful; if it is beautiful; it is good and true; if it is good, it is true and it is beautiful. And together, these elements enable us to grow and help us to love life, even when we are not well, even in the midst of many problems. True education enables us to love life and opens us to the fullness of life.

-- Address with Italian school teachers, parents, educators, pupils and other workers.

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