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# St. Joseph Catholic School

## Weekly Newsletter

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January 21, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership.

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**Many Gifts, One Nation**  
*A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools*

This weekend, Fr. Tom announced at all of the Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church, a fundraising project to raise money to replace the windows in our school with high-impact, energy efficient windows. We will need the help of many people to make this possible. In 13 days, NCEA will be kicking off a National Day of Giving for Catholic Schools across the United States. This Day of Giving will be sponsored by FACTS Management. This Day of Giving will take place during Catholic Schools Week and will be a wonderful opportunity for us to spread the word and gain support for our school.

The total amount needed for the window project is \$165,000. Thanks to the Doss Foundation, we have our first donation of \$50,000!

### **DAY OF GIVING FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS:**

**Time:** The Day of Giving is a 24 hour period beginning on January 30th at 9:00 am Eastern, and lasting until January 31st at 9:00 am Eastern. Donors may go online during these hours and donate directly to St. Joseph Catholic School. Please share this link with parents, grandparents, alumni, and friends of SJCS.

**Our Public Donation Page Link, which will become active on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am:**

St. Joseph Grade School <https://sjsfll.giving.factsmgmt.com>

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**Catholic Schools Week**  
**January 28 – February 3**

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**St. Joseph Catholic School**  
**January 28 – February 3, 2018**



***“Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed”***

*Please join St. Joseph Catholic School in celebrating national Catholic Schools Week from January 28 to February 3. This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed.” We see the marvelous reality of how St. Joseph’s celebrates faith, knowledge, discipline, morals, and service toward each other every day. It is in the dedication, integrity, and generosity of our Pastors, teachers, staff, administration, board members, parents, and all those who contribute to supporting St. Joseph Catholic School. It’s in the compassion of our students when they help one another, or reach out to assist our less fortunate brothers and sisters. It’s in the life-long values that our students will continue to embody long after they have left our doors. Please share in our enthusiasm as we focus on the different aspects of how “Catholic Schools: Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed” adds to the spirituality across our Nation during this special week.*

**Calendar of Events**

**Parents & families are invited to join us for activities listed in red.**

Saturday, January 27	Beginning of Catholic Schools Week – Celebrate with Our Parishes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff, Parents, Students speak at Masses</li> <li>• 4:00 PM – St. Joseph – Student Choir Sings</li> </ul>
Sunday, January 28	Beginning of Catholic Schools Week – Celebrate with Our Parishes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff, Parents, Students speak at Masses</li> <li>• Students will create bookmarks for Catholic Schools Week</li> <li>• <b>Open House for New Families from 10:00 to 1:00 following the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses “Scoop on SJCS”</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Ice Cream cups with SJCS stickers on them will be served</li> <li>○ <b>Tours of classrooms</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Monday, January 29	Catholic Schools Celebrate with our Community <i>We celebrate our history as the only Catholic School in Manatee County since 1954!</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Collect soup and canned items for the food pantry</b></li> <li>• History of Caring Since 1954             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dress - Students and teachers – Dress in styles from the 50s, 60s, 70s, or 80s</li> <li>○ <b>Root Beer Floats – Volunteers will be needed</b></li> <li>○ Dance contest – 1950s, 60s, 70s, 80s</li> <li>○ 1:15 – 2:00                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Buddy Grades                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 &amp; 1A</li> <li>• 4 &amp; 1B</li> <li>• 3</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2:00 – 2:45 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Buddy Grades <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 &amp; K</li> <li>• 7 &amp; 2A</li> <li>• 6A &amp; 2B</li> <li>• 6B</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Tuesday, January 30	<p>Catholic Schools Celebrate our Nation  <i>We recognize those who protect and defend our country. We thank God for the blessings of our Nation.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scouts – flag ceremony at morning prayer</b></li> <li>• Dress – Red, White, and Blue or Super Heroes</li> <li>• <b>Parents may join students for a family lunch (more information in next week’s newsletter)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Recognize our parents, family members who are veterans, first responders, or in the service</li> <li>○ Toys soldiers with a prayer – for each person at the luncheon</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Wednesday January 31	<p>Catholic Schools Celebrate Vocations  <i>We celebrate the gift of our vocation and thank God for priests, brothers, deacons, sisters, married people, and single people</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8:00 am Mass</b></li> <li>• Dress – Uniforms</li> <li>• Grades 2 – 5 Special Play/Presentation</li> </ul>
Thursday, February 1	<p>Catholic Schools Celebrate Our Staff  <i>We celebrate our teachers and staff and thank them for their many hours of dedicated service to our school!</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Dress: Spirit Shirts, Jeans, and school shoes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crazy Hat or Hair (We’re “crazy” about our staff)</li> <li>○ PA Bingo</li> <li>○ Hourly drawing for staff &amp; stand up and dance</li> <li>○ Staff Luncheon – Soup, Salad, &amp; Breadsticks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Friday, February 2	<p>Catholic Schools Celebrate Our Students  <i>We celebrate our students who live the SJCS mission each day!</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ St. Blaise Day – Blessings</li> <li>○ Student Dress – Pajamas or Sweats – “We are comfy and cozy at our Catholic School” (regular or gym shoes – no house slippers or flip-flops)</li> <li>○ 1:00 pm – Movie afternoon for students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “Cineplex” with movie choices</li> <li>○ Snack: Popcorn and water</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Saturday, February 3	<p><b>Father Daughter Mardi Gras Ball</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>6:30 – 8:00 pm Parish Center (Sponsored by PTO)</b></li> </ul>
Wednesday, February 21	<p><b>OPEN HOUSE 5:00 – 7:00 pm</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tours for new families</li> <li>○ Information and assistance with Scholarship Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Step Up for Students</li> <li>○ AAA Scholarships</li> <li>○ McKay Scholarship Information</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Footprints in the Sand 5K Fun Run/Walk  
Date Change – March 24  
Team Captains Meeting – January 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm



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**Congratulations to our Science Fair Winners!**  
During Catholic Schools Week we will announce the students who will qualify  
to advance to the county competition!

<b>Category</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Behavioral Science</b>	Nicolas Curci	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Hannah Ferguson	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Agustina Gonzalez	3 <sup>rd</sup>
	Didier Avila	Honorable Mention
<b>Chemistry</b>	Olivia Farino	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Grace Pino	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
	Crystal Struening	2 <sup>nd</sup> (tie)
	Michelle Nguyen	Honorable Mention
<b>Health</b>	Dominic Berardi	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Amber Polis	2 <sup>nd</sup>
	Jack Thomas	3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>Physics</b>	Perla Pelegrin	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Mark Ulrich	2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Plant Science</b>	Kira Curlett	1 <sup>st</sup>
	Natalie Orozco	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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**Congratulations to our History Fair Winners!**

1st place: Coral Bell ---Blood Diamonds

Tie for 2nd place--

Arianna Longo--444 Days of Darkness

Carson Winters--The Cuban Missile Crisis

3rd place-- Sarah Verdecia-Zabala--A War on Drugs

These students along with Colin Heina and A.J. Russo have earned a spot at the Manatee County History Day competition, which will be held on February 14th. We wish these students the best of luck and thank them and their teachers for their hard work!

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## Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee

### **Congratulations to Grace Farino & Coral Bell!**

They will advance to the State Spelling Bee competition  
which will be held at Council #6624  
in Kissimmee on February 3rd, 2018, at 10:00 am.

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## Keeping Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners

Age 5 – 7

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Rylee Belville

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Valentino Grieneisen

Age 8 – 10

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Regina Rettig

2<sup>nd</sup> Place

Valerie Rettig

Age 11 – 14

1<sup>st</sup> Place

Thao Nguyen

Thank you to all of our students who submitted posters!

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## Second Quarter A & B Honor Roll



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## Principal's List Honor Roll – All A's



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### Our Odyssey Teams are Now Set for 2018!

Thank you to our dedicated students and volunteers who make this program possible!  
Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with judging and as workers!

#### **#1 Triathlon Travels**

Coaches: John Sitterly & Maria Pardo

Judge: John Basse

Worker: Leslie Schwartz

Team Members:

Captain: Arianna Longo  
Sammy Knowles  
Michael Colaco  
Gia Russo  
Hannah Ferguson  
Alec Tan  
Dominic Berardi

#### **#3 Classics.....Mockumentary! Seriously?**

Coaches: John Sitterly & Maria Pardo

Judge: Denise Pelletier

Worker: Anthony Smith

Team Members:

Sarah Verdicia-Zabala  
Coral Bell  
Alina Chako  
Jack Thomas  
Perla Pelegrin  
Julian Smith  
Micky Boonyasiriwat

#### **#2 Emoji, Speak for Yourself**

Coaches: John Sitterly & Maria Pardo

Judge: Krystyn Guilmette

Worker: Jason Heina

Team Members:

Captain: Colin Heina  
A J Russo  
Carson Winters  
Nico Curci  
Anthony Longo  
Vinnie Knowles

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## Weekly Activities – After School

### Monday, January 22

- 3:00 – 4:30 Fiddler on the Roof Practice
- 3:00 – 5:00 Girls Soccer Practice
- 3:00 – 3:45 Garden Club
- 3:00 – 3:45 Jr. Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 3:45 Intermediate Guitar

### Tuesday, January 23

- Grade 3 Field Trip
- 3:00 – 5:00 Boys Soccer Practice
- 3:00 – 3:45 Choir Practice (Grades 2 and up)
- 3:45 – 4:15 Choir Practice for Church Mass

### Wednesday, January 24

- 1:30 – 3:30 Odyssey of the Mind
- 3:00 – 4:00 Beginning Guitar
- 3:00 – 5:00 Girls Soccer Practice
- 6:00 pm 5K Fun Run Team Leaders Meeting

### Thursday, January 25

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
- 3:00 – 4:00 NO INTERMEDIATE GUITAR (Students may attend Wed. class)
- 3:00 – 5:00 Boys Soccer Practice
- 3:00 – 4:00 Irish Dance

### Friday, January 26

- Health Screening Day

### Saturday, January 27

- 4:00 pm Childrens' Choir sings at St. Joseph Catholic Church

### Sunday, January 28

- Open House – 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
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## Thank You from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School in Naples

The students and staff at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School are still talking about our wonderful Student Council members who came to visit and the kindness of our school in remembering their school as they continue to clean up and rebuild following Hurricane Irma. The students and staff each signed a large card that was sent to St. Joseph Catholic School to express their thanks.



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We are grateful to have our Florida weather return! We will be in regular school uniforms tomorrow.

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**Saint Pio**  
**ITALIAN**  
**Festival**

**Italian Food**  
**Italian Wine**  
**ITALIAN**  
**Entertainment!**

**\$5 Cover Charge**



**SATURDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1-7PM**

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