



St. Joseph Catholic School

February 18, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

MISSION STATEMENT

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

No School – Monday, February 19 – Presidents' Day



Each February, classrooms all across the nation give a salute to the U.S. Presidents by introducing their students to the men who held the highest office in our land. Celebrated on the third Monday in February, Presidents' Day originally honored only Presidents Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. In our classrooms, students learn about, and pay tribute to, all former Presidents of the United States. On this Presidents' Day we remember in our prayers all of those in positions of leadership and pray for God's guidance as they guide our nation.

Keeping Our Children Safe

St. Joseph Catholic School has put into practice a number of safety measures to provide protection for our children. However, the recent events in Parkland, Florida, are a reminder that all of us need to follow the procedures and rules at all times.

Safety on our campus includes metal fencing and gates. Our main gate is locked and has a camera that also allows for communication with the person outside of the gate. We have monitored cameras located throughout the campus. Our students practice drills throughout the year that include fire, tornado, Code Yellow lockdown (stay in place), Code Red lockdown (complete lockdown with covered windows), and Code Blue lockdown (medical emergency). Parents that have completed background checks are in our Check-in system. Visitors and vendors that are not in our system have their Drivers License checked against the SCI National Offenders Database.

WE NEED ALL PARENTS TO FOLLOW OUR SAFETY PROCEDURES:

1. Ring the Bell to enter the main gate and wait for office personnel to authorize entrance.
2. Please make sure the gate is closed and locked after entering. All gates must be left closed during the day.

3. DO NOT let another person in the gate. The office staff needs to be aware of all persons entering the property.
4. If you are eating lunch with your child, stop by the school office first to get a guest sticker. (NO EXCEPTIONS). Staff and students have been instructed to prohibit entrance into the Parish Center, through the main door, during lunchtime.
5. Please make sure early pick ups occur prior to 2:30 pm. All other pickups need to be through the car line. Please have your car tag in place or write the last name and grade of the child/children being picked up and place the tag where visible for school staff.
6. Please make sure your child knows your pickup plans at the beginning of the day. For younger children write this in their agenda. This helps all teachers and students to be prepared for an orderly dismissal.
7. All pickups after 3:15 pm need to be via the gate on the North Side (Parish Center) side of the building.

LET'S ALL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!



Congratulations to our BoxTop Contest Winners! Madison and Joshua Oline won the Family Movie Basket. Mrs. Goethe's second grade, and Ms. Daley's eighth grade will be enjoying a popcorn and movie party as the top classrooms. Many of our students earned Dress Down passes which will be distributed on Tuesday. Thank you to Carlee Coloneso for organizing this fun event for our school!

Don't forget to complete your
Pre-registration for the 2018 – 2019 school year
to qualify for the Early Bird special and save \$50.00!

Wednesday, February 21 is the last day for the discount!

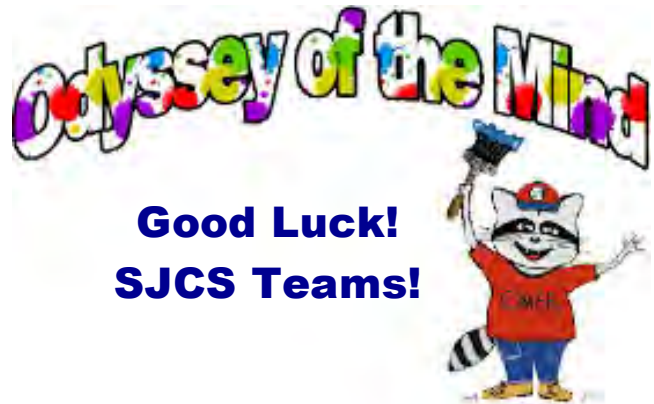
Thank you to our families who have
completed their registrations.
As we re-register current families,
and add new family registrations,
we are able to make plans
for classes and teachers for next year.



Odyssey of the Mind Demonstration – Friday, February 23rd
2:00 pm in the Parish Center

Next Saturday, St. Joseph Catholic School has three teams competing in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition. These students started working on the contest problems last summer and are looking forward to competing.

We are inviting students in grades three through eight to an Odyssey of the Mind demonstration at 2:00 pm on Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome to attend. We will have staff present and a sign in table set up at the main entrance to the Parish Center. This will be an opportunity to experience this amazing program and witness the creativity of our students. We ask that you do not take photos to email or post on Facebook, as these students will be competing the next day and we do not want to publicly display their problem solutions.



Good Luck!
SJCS Teams!

Parents and grandparents may want to attend this demonstration to gain more information about this program and consider assisting during the 2018-2019 school year. We would love to have coaches for intermediate and primary teams!

Open House for New Families
Wednesday, February 21
5:00 – 7:00 pm

Volunteers are needed: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D44A4A72DAAFF2-open1



Thank you to all of our families who supported our recent food drive for the Food Pantry. Thanks to your generosity, our fifth grade class delivered two full shopping carts of food items to assist the needy!



It's all in the Family!

St. Joseph Catholic School was present during the Pirates' Pep Rally to share information about our school and our upcoming Open Houses! Thank you to the Kolbe family, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Hussey for their help and support during the event!



Knights of Columbus
Car Show
Saturday, February 24th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
(See attached flyer)

Mark your calendar and join us for a St. Joseph Catholic Church Fish Fry

Friday, February 23
Friday, March 2
Friday, March 9
Friday, March 16
Friday, March 23



Weekly Activities

Monday, February 19

No School – Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 20

8:15 am	8 th Grade Parent Meeting regarding class trip (St. Joseph Room)
11:00 am	Builders Club Trip to visit Kiwanis
3:00 – 3:45 pm	Choir (Grades 2 – 8)
3:45 – 4:15 pm	Church Choir Practice
3:00 pm	Boys Soccer Practice

Wednesday, February 21

Blue Card Dress Down Day (Grades 6, 7, & 8 only)	
2:00 – 5:00 pm	Odyssey Meeting and Practice
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Beginning Guitar
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Open House for New Families

Thursday, February 22

3:00 – 4:00 pm	Intermediate Guitar
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Irish Dance
3:45 pm	Boys Home Soccer Game vs. Success
4:45 pm	Girls Home Soccer Game vs. Success

Friday, February 23

2:00 pm	Odyssey Demonstration for Grades 3 – 8 in the Parish Center
5:00 pm	Fish Fry – Parish Center

Saturday, February 24

Regional Odyssey Competition – Good luck to our teams!

10:00 – 2:00	Knights of Columbus Car Show
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Mark Your Calendar – March 12th – 7:00 pm – Parish Center
The Paul Todd & Friends Show
Tickets Available in the School Office

THE PAUL TODD AND FRIENDS SHOW
AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
3100 26th St. W,
Bradenton, FL 34205
TICKETS ARE \$20
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MONDAY, MARCH 12TH AT 7 PM
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM - CALL (941) 755-2611 FMI

The Paul Todd Foundation has been a strong supporter of St. Joseph Catholic School for several years! On Monday evening, March 12th, Paul Todd will be performing a special benefit concert for St. Joseph Catholic School. For those who have attended his shows in the past, this is an incredible program!

All proceeds from the evening will benefit our Window Replacement project, "Windows to the Future".

Spread the word and invite your family and friends for this wonderful evening celebration.

Grade 1 celebrated Mardi Gras last week as they prepared for Lent!





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Council # 5604

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