



# St. Joseph Catholic School

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Summer Newsletter – August 5, 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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## Back-to-School

Supply lists for the 2018 – 2019 school year can be found on our website at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org) or on the Parent Portal at [www.plusportals.com/sjsfl](http://www.plusportals.com/sjsfl)

Used uniforms are available in the Eagle's Nest on campus. You are welcome to check what is available. New uniforms may be purchased from Children's World in Sarasota. You can visit their website at <https://childrensworlduniform.com/cwusfl/> Uniform information was emailed to all families last week. You can also find the information on our school website at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org).

New families of children in grades Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to an orientation on Thursday at 10:00 am in the St. Joseph Room. Come to the school office and you will be directed to the meeting. Following the orientation, parents may stop by classrooms, meet teachers, and drop off supplies. New families will not need to return on Friday.

All returning families are invited to join us for a Meet & Greet on August 10th from 10:30 to Noon. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and drop off supplies in your child's homeroom.

All parents of children beginning PreK or VPK will follow the designated times on the calendar.

Important information regarding the beginning of the school year will be shared with all families. Car hang tags for the after school pickup line will be provided during the Meet & Greet.

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## Important Back to School Dates

New Family Orientation	August 9	10:00am	St. Joseph Room
New Family Supply Drop Off & Meet Classroom Teachers		Following Orientation on August 9	
VPK A Orientation	August 10	9:00 am	VPK Room
VPK B Orientation	August 10	10:00 am	VPK Room
PreK 3/4 Orientation	August 10	10:30 am	PreK 3/4 Classroom
Supply Drop Off & Meet and Greet	August 10	10:30 am – Noon	Homerooms
First Day of School	August 13	8:00 am	
School Mass	August 15	8:00 am	St. Joseph Church
Open House	August 19	10:00 – 1:00 (After 9:00 & 11:00 Masses)	
School Picture Day (Uniforms)	August 21		
Back to School Night	August 29	6:00 – 8:00 pm	
School Mass with Bishop Dewane	August 30	8:00 am	St. Joseph Church

Please visit our school website to see our complete calendar at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org)

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Our school Office will be open this week from 9:00 am to Noon on Monday.  
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – 8:00 – 3:00  
Friday: 8:00 - Noon

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### Meet Our New Music Teacher – Mrs. Geyer



Mrs. Suzanne Geyer, has presided at three churches as Pianist, Organist, and Choir Director. In Baltimore, she served in an established multicultural church, and implemented a multi-church Choirfest. She served the International Community by creating Chamber Music concerts in the Ambassador's home in Vienna, Austria, while earning a Certificate in German Area Studies. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Goucher College, Baltimore, MD. In Catonsville, MD, she used a grant to coordinate a Cultural Arts Series that served the Baltimore County community, children and adults alike.

Mrs. Geyer has taught preschool through college level classes. She rehearsed with the middle school soloists of the Sarasota Middle Schools to assist them in preparing for the annual, two-day, County-wide solo and ensemble day. On the event days she accompanied all of the competing soloists.

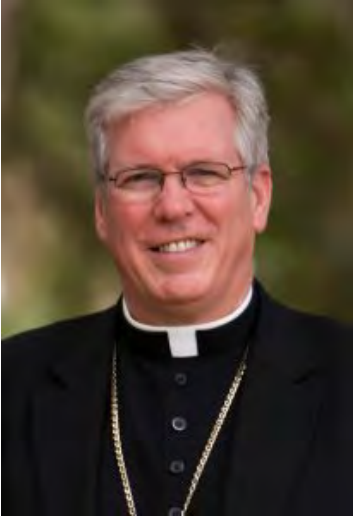
During the summer, she worked with the Association of Florida Teaching Artists and provided programs integrating reading skills while enjoying singing, rhythm making, and movement. The programs were provided throughout Manatee and Sarasota County.

Currently Mrs. Geyer hosts a weekly radio program entitled Indigenous Sounds and interviews a variety of people who speak about all things Indigenous from Spiritual topics to Cultural, Historical, and Current events. Her Native American flute playing was used as the soundtrack for an aerial video that serves the Culverhouse Community Garden Community.

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## First School Mass – August 15 – Feast of the Assumption Mass with Bishop Dewane – August 30



Our first school Mass is scheduled for 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 15th. We also have a Mass scheduled with Bishop Dewane on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Bishop Dewane will be distributing rosaries to all of our children. Mr. Corbett and Ms. Luci Majikas will be practicing with the students and leading the music for these celebrations.

Students in Grades 2 through 8 are invited to sing in the choir. Practice will be after school on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Following practice, students will be picked up on the north side of the campus at the gate behind the church (Parish Center side of the building). On August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am choir students will meet in the Church choir room to prepare for the Mass.

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## Top Summer Students for IXL Practice – August 5 Our Students Made Great Progress this Week

At the beginning of the summer, we presented a learning challenge to encourage our students to continue making progress during vacation. Many of our students have made amazing progress. This past week was no exception. We noted that our middle school students made great gains this week. (Remember, their problems are much more complex!)

We are proud of all of our students. This week's top performing students are listed below. Each class was moved up to their new grade level by IXL this week. Our PreK to Kindergarten students are still being moved, so we will have their totals next week! Next Saturday will be the last day to enter problems for the competition.

### **Grade 1**

Allen Andrade	7,953
Joseph Natoli	13,316
Julious Rodriguez	11,958
Nicholas Colonnese	11,798
Jose Estigarribia	1,727

### **Grade 2**

Jean andrade	8,973
Julian Hogue 2322	
Connor Longo	2,095
Anthony Villegas	583
Christian Estigarribia	558



**Grade 3**

Jeremy Avila-Gonzalez	15,651
Heaven Francois	15,173
Adelaide Trichter	3,932
Rocco Estigarribia	2,789
John Hall	2,710

**Grade 4**

Bendli Thony 5269	
Isabelle Hokanson	4,478
Abigail Inman	3,381
Gabriella Salgado	2,310
Serafina Colonnese	2,070

**Grade 5**

D'Joudly Auguste	13,318
Clark Keyvani	10,882
Matthew Andrade	8,854
Sienna Bell	5,164
Karla Pallares-Pineda	4,463

**Grade 6**

Ashton Vierling	11,427
Andy Valdovinos	9,090
David Garland III	8,393
Emily Inman	5,372
Lane Kolbe	4,963

**Grade 7**

Kaitlyn Ferrara	6,373
Isabel Estigarribia	5,736
Kaiyle Lacy	5,592
Abigail Dunston-Wagner	5,054
Vinh Le	4470

**Grade 8**

Didier Avila	10,214
Dominic Berardi	2,576
Amber Polis	1,712
Perla Pelegrin	1,622
Grace Pino	1,446

So far our amazing students have completed 390,003 problems since June 1<sup>st</sup>!

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### IMPORTANT FOR ALL CHOIR MEMBERS

First Practice:	Tuesday, August 14, 3:00 – 4:00 pm	Practice for August 15th Mass
First Regular Choir Practice	Monday, August 20	3:00 – 3:45 pm
First Choir Practice for Saturday Mass	Monday, August 20	3:45 – 4:15 pm

See attached permission form from Mr. Corbett

St. Joseph School: After School Choir  
Student Information Form

**Please Print**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
(C) \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_  
(C) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Emergency Contact:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- Regular School Mass Choir Rehearsal (3:00-4:00 on Mondays)
- Saturday 4:00 Mass Choir (sings at this Mass, once a month): ( Rehearses 4:15-4:45 on Mondays)

**NOTE:** Students, who are not picked up at the end of their rehearsal time, will be sent to the St. Joseph after-school program.

My child will sing in the (Please mark your choice.):

- Regular Mass Choir
- Saturday Mass Choir
- Both Choirs

Individuals Authorized to Pick Up Your Child:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form in your child's notebook by his/her first choir rehearsal.** •

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