



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – February 24, 2019

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

Terre Nova Testing Will Begin this Week for Students in Grades 2 – 8.

(This replaces the ITBS tests of previous years.)

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD PREPARE

The Terre Nova test is being used this year by the Diocese of Venice and by all Catholic Schools in the state of Florida. The testing data from the Terre Nova will be used to review our current curriculum and plan for future growth and improvement. What your student is learning on a daily basis has built the foundation for being able to demonstrate achievement on these tests.

We recommend that you talk with your child about the importance of giving his/her best effort during testing. The following thoughts will help you in preparing your child for being ready for this test and to do his/her best each day.

- The night before: Help your child get to bed on time. Research shows that being well-rested helps students do better.
- Mention the test to show you're interested, but don't dwell on it.
- Plan ahead to avoid conflicts on the morning of the test.

The morning of the test:

- Get up early to avoid rushing. **Be sure to have your child at school on time.**
- Have your child eat a good breakfast but not a heavy one. Research shows that students do better if they have breakfast before they take tests.
- Be positive about the test. Acknowledge that tests can be hard and that they're designed so that no one will know all of the answers.
- Explain that doing your best is what counts. The important thing is to make your child comfortable and confident about the test.

After the test:

- Talk to your child about his or her feelings about the test, making sure you acknowledge the effort such a task requires.
- Discuss what was easy and what was hard; discuss what your child learned from the test.
- Discuss what changes your child would make if he or she were to retake the test.



- Please keep this as low stress for your children as possible. There will be no homework assigned during testing week for students in grades 2 through 8.

HOW DO THESE TEST DIFFER FROM FLORIDA STATE TESTS

Currently, Florida public schools administer the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) consisting of both norm-referenced and criterion-referenced tests, which score comparisons against other Florida public school students.

St. Joseph Catholic School students will be given the Terre Nova which is a norm-referenced test administered to Catholic schools, private schools, as well as public schools in other states, all across the United States. Terre Nova testing will report your child's performance on a national level. The Terre Nova will assess student achievement in reading, vocabulary, grammar, spelling, writing, punctuation, research skills, math computation, problem solving, data interpretation, science, and social studies.

Students will be tested to determine areas of strength, as well as areas for continued growth. These tests will also assist teachers and administrators in reviewing curriculum, student achievement, and areas for school improvement.

\$10,000 Grand Raffle Update

Our raffle ticket sales are going well thanks to the hard work and support of our families. 32 children met their family goal by last Monday and participated in the cookie decorating party on Friday. Several families completed their sales last week and we will be adding additional students to share in the ice cream party this Friday. Please make sure all money and tickets have been turned in by Monday morning for your child to be counted for this week's celebration.

Last week, our top seller was D'Joudly Auguste and Seth McSorley was in second place!

Help Support Our Knights of Columbus

We are grateful to have a large and active group of men in the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council. The Knights were founded in our country in 1882, with charity as their first principle. Our Knights certainly exemplify this through their daily lives and they strengthen our parish and school community in many ways.

Among their many charitable activities throughout the year, they are strong supporters of St. Joseph Catholic School. They assisted at our carnival, supported our recent Father-Daughter dance, provide scholarships for our students, and sponsor many academic and sports competitions throughout the year, at local, regional, and state levels. (Poster and essay contests, Spelling Bee, Basketball Free Throw, and Soccer Challenge). Whenever help is needed, the Knights are always among the first to volunteer. For example, when we needed to add a mulch/cushion layer under our swings, the Knights volunteered to assist and helped to get the work done. As a school, we are blessed and grateful for all they do for our school.



2019 ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER
sponsored by
St. Joseph Knights of Columbus

WHEN
Saturday, March 16
Cocktails at 5:00pm
Dinner at 6:00pm

WHERE
St. Joseph Parish Center

FEATURING
Choice of Irish or Italian Dinner
Good Music
Irish Dancers

MENU CHOICES

- Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots, Salad, Dessert
- Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Garlic Bread, Dessert - Cannoli
- Beer & Wine available for donation

**ADVANCE TICKETS REQUIRED
ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!**
\$20 per person
Tickets may be purchased in-person at the K of C Pancake Breakfast on February 18 or after all Masses, weekends of February 24-25 and March 3-4.
To purchase tickets or for more information contact Ian at 216-410-7260

Support Our Knights of Columbus

Now, it is our turn to help support the fundraising efforts of the Knights of Columbus that make all of their support possible for our school.

Each month the Knights sponsor a breakfast after the 7:30 am and 9:00 am Masses. Their next breakfast is on Sunday, March 17th. Drop by with your family, enjoy breakfast, and thank them for all they do for our children.

On Saturday, March 16th the Knights will be sponsoring a St. Patrick and St. Joseph Dinner in the parish center. Tickets are currently on sale. Please see the attached information flyer and ticket order form. Our St. Joseph Catholic School Irish Dancers will be performing during the dinner.

Whenever you see the Knights in our parish, please thank them for their support!

Box Tops for Education

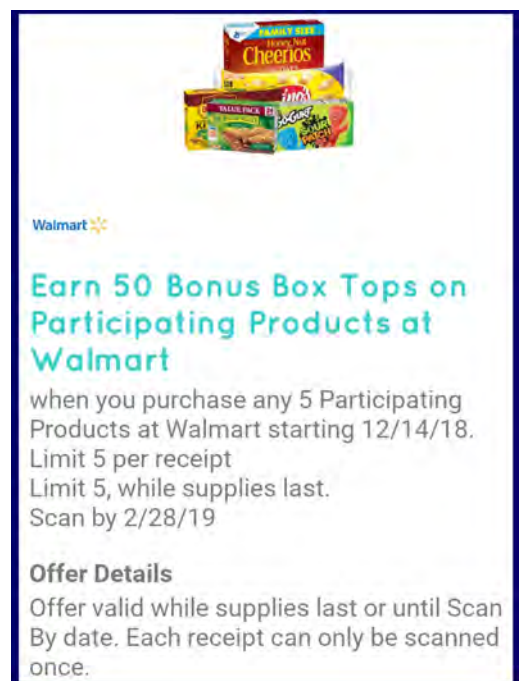
The deadline for Box Tops is approaching quickly and we have an easy way to earn extra cash for our school via Walmart and Box Tops.

If you purchase 5 participating products at Walmart and scan your receipt through the Box Tops App, we will earn an additional \$5.00 per receipt.

Simply download the Box Tops for Education Application for your mobile device at iTunes or at Google Play Store to find out more details and how to participate!

Thank you so much for your support of this worthwhile fundraising program for our school!

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Earn 50 Bonus Box Tops on Participating Products at Walmart

when you purchase any 5 Participating Products at Walmart starting 12/14/18. Limit 5 per receipt. Limit 5, while supplies last. Scan by 2/28/19

Offer Details
Offer valid while supplies last or until Scan By date. Each receipt can only be scanned once.

Weekly Activities

Monday, February 25

- Terre Nova Testing – Mornings
- Raffle Tickets due from students planning to participate in the Friday Ice Cream Party
- 3:00 – 4:45 Soccer Practice
- 3:00 – 4:00 Choir Practice
- 3:00 – 4:00 Jr. Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 5:00 Odyssey of the Mind

Tuesday, February 26

- Terre Nova Testing – Mornings
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Soccer Away Game – SJCS vs. Palmetto Charter at Blackstone Park
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 3:30 – 4:30 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts

Wednesday, February 27

- Terre Nova Testing – Mornings
- 8:00 am School Mass
- 3:00 – 4:30 pm Play Practice – Aladdin Cast – St. Joseph Room
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar

Thursday, February 28

- Terre Nova Testing – Mornings
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Irish Dance (Class is filled) – St. Joseph Room
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Garden Club
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Chess Club
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts

Friday, March 1

- Spirit Day Spirit Shirts with school uniform pants/shorts/skorts and school shoes
- 11:00 am Kona Ice During Lunch Recess
- 2:00 pm Ice Cream Party for Grand Raffle Ticket Sellers

Saturday, March 2

- Odyssey of the Mind Competition at Bloomingdale High School in Valrico – Good luck to our SJCS team and their coach, Dr. Maria Pardo!
 - Empowering World Language Teachers at Suncoast Polytechnical High School – Thank you Mrs. Abreu for working on this event for the Spanish teachers in the Bradenton/Sarasota schools.
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**Step Up for Students
Florida Tax Credit Scholarship Application (FTC)
is now available for the 2019 – 2020 school year**



If you are seeking scholarship assistance for the 2019 – 2020 school year, you will need to apply at once for a scholarship. Applications are now being accepted for the 2019 - 2020 school year. This registration is for families who are new to the scholarship. **All renewals should have been completed by now.** IF YOU WERE WAITLISTED last year, you must apply immediately. You will be given priority for only a short time. These scholarships go quickly, so do not delay. Once you have completed your application, check the website frequently to make sure all forms and information have been accepted and no additional information is needed. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

STEP UP FOR STUDENTS FTC APPLICATIONS: www.stepupforstudents.org



Thank you to our Garden Club for their hard work each week. Don't forget to check their progress when you go through the pick-up line!

Don't forget to check out additional photos and events throughout the week on our FaceBook site!

www.facebook.com/SJCSBradenton

Spirit Shirt Orders

Several families have asked to order Spirit Shirts.

An order form is attached this week. Please return this form to the office as soon as possible to place your orders.

St. Joseph Catholic School Hot
Lunch Order
February 25 – March 1
(One order per student)

Student: _____

Homeroom: _____

Grade: _____

Monday, 2/25	_____ Hamburger Baked Fries Carrots with Dip Rosy Applesauce Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Tuesday, 2/26	_____ Homemade Grilled Cheese Steamed Carrots Broccoli with Cheese Pineapple Tidbits Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Wednesday 2/27	_____ Chicken Dippers Garlic Breadsticks Baked Beans Mini Romaine Salad Cinnamon Applesauce Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Thursday, 2/28	_____ Hot wings with cornbread Broccoli Corn Grapes Ice Cream Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Friday, 3/1	_____ Pizza Corn Florida Squash & Zuchini with Dip Sidekicks Milk and Juice	\$3.50

TOTAL _____ (Charge to FACTS)

Parent Signature: _____

2019 St. Patrick & St. Joseph Dinner

Brought to you by:

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 16 From 5:30-9pm in St. Joseph Parish Center 3100 26th St. West, Bradenton

Please join us for an event to honor St. Patrick & St. Joseph celebrated by your choice of Irish or Italian dinner, music, Irish dancers and raffles.

Irish Dinner Features Salad,
Corned Beef & Cabbage with
Potatoes and Carrots, and
Cake

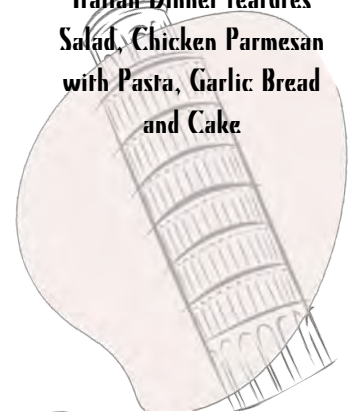


Beer and Wine will be available for a donation

Tickets are just \$20 per
person, but must be purchased
in advance!



Italian Dinner Features
Salad, Chicken Parmesan
with Pasta, Garlic Bread
and Cake



Be sure to purchase raffle tickets
for a chance to win great prizes
like Baskets of Cheer, and much
more!

Tickets will be on sale at the Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 17 and after all Masses on
Feb. 23-24

2019 St. Patrick & St. Joseph's Dinner

Brought to you and

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 16 from 5:30-9pm, St. Joseph Parish Center

Please join us for an evening to honor St. Joseph & St. Patrick celebrated with your choice of a delicious Irish or Italian dinner, music, dancing, raffles!

Tickets are just \$20 per person and must be purchased in advance!

TICKET ORDER FORM

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Italian Dinner Tickets: _____ x \$20.00 = _____ *Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Garlic Bread*

Irish Dinner Tickets: _____ x \$20.00 = _____ *Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots*

TOTAL PAYMENT: _____ *All meals include salad & cake.*

You will receive your tickets at the Will Call Table when you arrive for the event.

Open seating or reservations for tables of 8 available with payment in full at time of purchase.

Check Enclosed (*please make checks payable to St. Joseph Knights of Columbus*) Cash

Order forms with payment may be mailed to Knights of Columbus, c/o St. Joseph Church, 2704 33rd Avenue West, Bradenton, FL 34205 or dropped off at the Parish Office no later than Monday, March 4.

Tickets may be purchased in-person at K of C Pancake Breakfast on 2/16, or after all Masses on weekends of February 23-24, and March 2-3

SPIRIT SHIRT ORDER FORM

Navy Blue

Child Sizes

YS 6-8 _____

YM 10-12 _____

YL 14-16 _____

Adult Regular T-Shirt

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XL _____

2XL _____

3XL _____

Women's V-neck

(students are not permitted to wear v neck)

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X Large _____

Red

Child Sizes

YS 6-8 _____

YM 10-12 _____

YL 14-16 _____

Adult Regular T-Shirt

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XL _____

2XL _____

3XL _____

Women's V-neck

(students are not permitted to wear v neck)

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XLarge _____

Purple

Child Sizes

YS 6-8 _____

YM 10-12 _____

YL 14-16 _____

Adult Regular T-Shirt

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XL _____

2XL _____

3XL _____

Women's V-neck

(students are not permitted to wear v neck)

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X Large _____

Hot Pink

Child Sizes

YS 6-8 _____

YM 10-12 _____

YL 14-16 _____

Adult Regular T-Shirt

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XL _____

2XL _____

3XL _____

X Large _____

Women's U -neck

(students are not permitted to wear u neck)

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XLarge _____

Lime Green

Child Sizes

YS 6-8 _____

YM 10-12 _____

YL 14-16 _____

Adult Regular T-Shirt

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

XL _____

2XL _____

3XL _____

Women's U -neck

(students are not permitted to wear u neck)

Small _____

Medium _____

Large _____

X Large _____

Total Shirts: _____

Name: _____

Grade: _____

Amount

Due: _____

Parent Name: _____

SPIRIT SHIRTS ARE \$13 EACH OR 4 FOR \$45. PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM WITH CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL.