



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – March 8, 2020

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.

Thank You for Supporting our 65th Anniversary Gala!

Thank you for all of your support! We have an amazing tradition of family commitment at St. Joseph Catholic School. We can truly be thankful for everyone who helped to make our Gala such a success. The decorations and table centerpieces were spectacular! Thanks to the many businesses, and the support of our sponsors and families, we had over 70 silent auction items. And, most importantly, it was a wonderful evening celebrating 65 years of history and looking forward to a strong future for our school.

Don't forget to visit our Facebook page to see photos from the evening. If you have photos to share, do not hesitate to send them to the school office.

Step Up for Student Scholarships for 2020 – 2021

Please help us spread the word to new families!

Step Up for Students Scholarship Applications are now available for the 2020 – 2021 school year. Preschool families and new families are encouraged to apply now at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/welcome/>

Please contact the school office, if you have any questions, or need assistance.

Novel Coronavirus Update

1. St. Joseph Catholic School is on the alert list of the Manatee County Board of Health to make sure we have the latest news regarding our area. In addition, we are working with our Diocesan Office of Catholic Education to make the best decisions for our children.
 2. Again, parents are reminded to keep children home if they have a fever. Once the fever has been controlled for over 24 hours without medication, the child is usually safe to return to school. However, your child may still need to stay home if they are continuing to experience other symptoms, such as diarrhea, vomiting, or a persistent cough
 3. **IMPORTANT:** All parents and guardians are reminded to make sure your Parent Portal (Renweb) login is up-to-date and you know your password. (Please do not use your child's login, because different information is shared with students.). Please contact the school office if you need your password to be reset. The Parent Portal is our main means of communication. In case the schools in our area would need to be closed in the future, students will still be able to keep up with school work and assignments.
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Bible Study for Parents Still Open

It is not too late to come and join us for Making Sense of the Bible, a Bible Study for Parents to learn a foundational overview of the Bible.

The class includes prayers, lectures, small group discussions, and scripture exercise. The Bible Study will meet six consecutive Tuesdays until April 7th, from 8:15 am to 9:45 am in the Large Meeting Room in the Parish Center.

This is a free course. Participants will only need to purchase a Little Rock Study Bible (The Study Bible includes maps, essays, explanations, and many other features). The Bible can be purchased at the discounted price of \$20.0. Call the school office to register. The first ten persons to register will receive The Bible Blueprint, as a complimentary book.

Painting Party Sponsored by 8th Grade Save the Date – March 22nd



Vintage Turquoise Cross

Mark your calendars because 8th Grade is hosting a Fundraiser at Painting with a Twist on March 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00 pm for their Year End Trip. This painting is just in time for the Easter Season and you can choose your own palette. Please feel free to share with anyone that you think would be interested in participating, it is open to the public. We are also welcome to bring snacks and beverages, as well as host a 50/50 raffle. Details are here:

<https://www.paintingwithatwist.com/studio/bradenton/event/2273547/>

We also created a Facebook Event so it is easier to share >><https://facebook.com/events/s/painting-with-a-twist-8th-grad/878681139223661/?ti=as>

Any questions please feel free to reach out to Carlee Colonnese at athomemoma2@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you there!
Carlee Colonnese and Diane Smith"

Students Heading to the State Free Throw Contest

Congratulations to Eilli Heina and Vinnie Knowles who will be advancing to the State Level of Knights of Columbus Free Throw competition, on Saturday, March 14th, at 10:00 am. The State competition will be held at Melbourne Central Catholic High School, 154 E Florida Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901

Important Sports Information from Coach Kolbe

Congratulations to the Girls' Soccer Team for making it into the playoffs this week!

Semi-finals are Tuesday, March 10, when SJCS will play Imagine Lakewood Ranch at 4:00 pm. The game will be played at the Lakewood Ranch High School soccer fields, 5500 Lakewood Ranch Blvd, Bradenton, 34211.

Please make sure your child has a ride. If your child is travelling with another parents, you will need to send a permission note or put the information on the PikMyKid app. (if you are not going to delegate on PikMyKid, and have given permission for someone else to drive you child, please send your child's dismissal number with the person who is driving your child.) The team members will leave with normal dismissal. Drivers need to arrive around 2:45 to be closer to the front of the line.

If the girls win on Tuesday, they will play in the finals on Thursday (location to be determined by Tuesday's games).

Last call for tennis players. If you mentioned or sent an email, I have your child down already. Thanks for your support!

P.S. Save the date, May 13th, is the Sports Banquet. If your child participated in one of our afterschool sports (volleyball, flag football, basketball, soccer)

Krys Kolbe
Athletic Director/PE Teacher

Weekly Activities

Monday, March 9

3:15 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice
3:15 – 4:30 pm *Godspell* Dance Practice

Tuesday, March 10

3:00 – 4:00 pm Intermediate Guitar
4:00 pm 4:00 pm Girls Soccer Semi-Finals Game vs. Imagine Lakewood Ranch
(See Coach Kolbe's notes)
3:15 – 4:00 pm K-Kids Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar
3:00 – 4:30 pm *Godspell* Play Practice

Thursday, March 12 – 11:30 am Early Dismissal – No Aftercare

Friday, March 13 – No School: Mini- Break for Students

Monday – March 16 – No School for Students: Mini-Break

Calendar Dates – Planning Ahead

Mark Your Calendar

March 12	End of 3 rd Quarter
March 12	Early Dismissal – 11:30 am – No Aftercare
March 13	No School – Mini Break
March 16	No School – Mini Break – Staff Development Day for Teachers
March 17	St. Patrick’s Day
March 19	8:00 am Mass – Bishop Dewane – St. Joseph Day
March 19	St. Joseph Day Celebration & Student Retreat Day
March 20	Report Cards
March 22	8 th Grade Fundraiser – Painting with a Twist
March 24	Kindergarten Field Trip – Mote Marine
March 27	March Birthday Celebrations During Lunch
April 1	9:00 am Penance Service – Grades 2 – 8
April 3	Spirit Day & Kona Ice
April 3	Franciscan Mini Retreat – Grades 3 & 4
April 6	8 th Grade Cap and Gown Pictures
April 7	8 th Grade – Attend Chrism Mass at the Cathedral
April 8	Early Dismissal – Easter Break – 11:30 am
April 9 – April 19	Easter Break
April 20	School Resumes
April 22	Earth Day
April 24	Elementary Sports Day
April 24	April Birthday Celebrations During Lunch
April 25	6:00 pm Paul Todd Benefit Concert for SJCS & \$10,000 Raffle
April 30 – May 1	6:30 pm Spring Musical - <i>Godspell</i>
May 6 – 8	8 th Grade Trip
May 13	Sports Banquet
May 15	May Birthday Celebrations During Lunch
May 21	8 th Grade Graduation Mass & Brunch
May 25	Memorial Day – No School
May 29	8:00 am School Mass – Last Day – 11:30 am Early Dismissal
