



Dear St. Joseph School Families,

August 10, 2017

Welcome to St. Joseph School! The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5. Prior to the official start date we invite you to attend the orientation / open house on Thursday, August 31. Students may drop off school supplies and meet their teacher between 12:00-2:00PM on Thursday, August 31.

Please take a moment and read our newsletter.

FAMILY ENVELOPE Our family envelope will come home weekly on Wednesdays except for weeks shortened by vacations. We need your help in prompt return of the brown family envelope for this weekly communication to be possible. The envelope is our mail system. In addition, the newsletter will be emailed every week.

Note: If you or your organization has a message that you would like printed in the newsletter, including good news and prayer intentions, please feel free to send them to the school office via email to: pamelaotto07@gmail.com Thank you!

In the event that you misplaced the calendar or need further information please refer to our website at www.saintjosephschoolinc.com

EARLY DISMISSALS Please mark your calendar for early dismissal days in 2017-2018: October 13, November 3, December 22, January 19, February 16, and March 29. *Dismissal is at 11:30 on early release days.*

ALL SCHOOL MASS Our first all school Mass will take place in the Nativity Church on Wednesday, September 13 at 8:00AM. We invite all families to join us for this Mass and all Masses throughout the year.

PICTURE DAY Thursday, September 14 is picture day. Students can dress in non-uniform on this day, but must dress appropriately (no torn or ripped jeans, no spaghetti straps, no flip flops). The picture re-take day is scheduled for Thursday, October 12.

FROM THE KITCHEN Welcome back! Again we are looking forward to providing tasty, nutritious, reasonably priced meals for your children. Breakfast and lunch menus are included. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph School.

VOLUNTEERING: Please consider helping us out with serving lunch throughout the school year. Please help where you can. We would love to have you help serve lunch and see your child.
FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS: Please look for your free and reduced meal applications in your back to school packet. This is a great program if there is a family need. Please forward any questions concerning the program to Andrew Allen at 499-9969.

MEDICATIONS The school is not permitted by law to provide any medicine, prescription or non-prescription. If your child requires medicine during the school day, you will need to sign a permission form and provide the office with the medicine. Students may not administer their own medicine. A form for non-prescription medicine is enclosed for you. Additional forms are available in the office. State law allows students with asthma and other respiratory illnesses to carry their own inhalers with them at school. A special permission form is available in the office. Our school also has students who have severe peanut allergies. We ask that you always check with teachers about treats provided for students.



TUITION AND TUITION ASSISTANCE If your family requested tuition assistance then you will receive a notification from the St. Joseph School Board in response to your request.

An electronic tuition payment plan form is enclosed with this mailing. Please complete this form and return to school on or before Orientation Day. If you choose the ten-month plan then the first payment will be deducted on September 15, 2017. Please return the form promptly. Thank you.

TEXT MESSAGES Throughout the year you can receive text messages and alerts from St. Joseph School. Simply text the number 81010. Text the message: @stjoesfa

SCRIP For those families who participated last year in the Scrip Tuition Reimbursement Program, you will find a note in this mailing with the exact dollar reimbursement amount toward your tuition payment amount. SCRIP is available for all to participate. This is an excellent program to help offset the cost of tuition. New families will receive more specific information on how the program works in the September brown envelope.

UNIFORM INFORMATION: All students are expected to be in uniform for the first day of classes, September 4. All students have the option of wearing dress navy blue or khaki walking shorts, jumpers, skirts or pants with the uniform tops (navy, white or forest green). Shorts may be worn until October 1. Please read carefully the uniform guidelines posted on the school website. Questions may be addressed to the principal, Mrs. Otto. Your cooperation is essential and appreciated.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE The after school program will begin Tuesday, September 4. Students are to report to the music room at 2:50PM if they are participating in the after school care. A registration form is included with this mailing. *We need the registration form and fee prior to the first day of school.* If you have any questions about after school care, contact Mary Rose at the following email: mary.rose@snc.edu

PIANO OR VIOLIN LESSONS Mrs. Druckrey and Mrs. Lutz offer music lessons for our students. Mrs. Druckrey offers piano lessons and Mrs. Lutz offers violin and other string instrument lessons. On orientation these two teachers will be available to answer any questions you may have regarding the program if interested.

PRAYERS

If you, or your child, have prayer intentions this school year, please email Mrs. Otto by Tuesday of each week. Your anonymous prayer intentions will be included in the weekly newsletter so that our school community can pray together for your intentions. The graces of community prayer are abundant.

Please Pray for...

- We pray for a successful school year.
- We pray for the health and well-being of all our students and families at St. Joseph School
- We pray for the safety and well-being of all the men and women who serve our country in the armed forces
- We ask that you pray for all the intentions in the hearts of our school families.

May God bless you,
Mrs. Otto, Principal