

August 2016

Dear Parents,

The beginning of the 2016-2017 school year is just around the corner, and we are certainly looking forward to a great year ahead! Boxes are arriving daily dropping off new textbooks and supplies, the teachers are popping in to get their rooms ready to go, the halls are shiny with a new coat of wax but our main ingredients for a terrific year, the children, are still missing. We anxiously await their arrival for the start of the new school year on Thursday, September 1, 2016. We will meet outside before school for the year to officially begin at 7:50am.

If your child is entering the 3 year old preschool program on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00-11:30, we'll greet you at 9:00 inside the school entrance on Sept. 1. Mrs. Hartzheim, our school secretary, will meet you in the main entrance and will walk your children to their class. Pick up at 11:30 will be in the front hallway as well.

Prior to our first official school day, mark your calendars for **Wednesday, August 31!** We will have a student orientation/open house from **noon until 2:00**. We invite you and your children to come anytime during this 2 hour period of time to meet teachers, find out where classrooms are, drop off school supplies, turn in breakfast/lunch menus and possibly sign up for our After School program if you'd like. Lots to do but it seems to always work well and relieves some of the first day "jitters".

Our After School program which is available from 2:50-5:30pm on every full day of school will be available on the first day of school, Sept. 1. An After School registration form is included in today's mailing. If you want your child to be able to be in the After School program, we **MUST** have your registration with fee prior to the first day of use. You should fill out a monthly calendar which will be available at the student orientation so we know which days to expect your child during the month of September.

The September breakfast and lunch menus are also included in today's envelope. Please indicate on the calendar which days your son/daughter will be taking breakfast or lunch. Breakfast and Lunch Menus are always sent out the week prior to the beginning of each month. Your quick return of the menus help to ensure we make enough food for everyone each day. The menus and lunch money should be dropped off on Wednesday, August 31. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph School.

If your family requested tuition assistance, you will be receiving a notification from our Board in response to your request in a separate mailing prior to the start of the school year.

An electronic Tuition Payment form is being sent to every family. Please complete this form and either mail it back to school OR bring it to school on Orientation Day IF you would like an Electronic Funds Transfer set up to pay your tuition. Should you choose the 10 month plan, your first payment would begin being deducted from your account on September 15, 2016. In order to put this EFT into effect we would appreciate completed forms to be returned on or before September 1, 2016.

We have many Packers parking opportunities still available to earn tuition assistance money. Please let me know which game you would be available to park cars for home Packers games. I will send another form home during the first full week of school. We did not have emails for everyone when I sent the email regarding Packers opportunities in partnership with the Ashwaubenon Lions/Lioness Clubs.

Mrs. Druckrey and Mrs. Lutz both offer music lessons for our students. Mrs. Druckrey offers piano lessons and Mrs. Lutz offers violin and other string instrument lessons. On Orientation Day, these teachers will be able to answer specific questions regarding their programs if you are interested.

Communication between home and school is a priority. On Wednesdays during the school year your son or daughter will be receiving a note home with upcoming activities and any newsworthy information from school. This note/letter will come in a "family envelope" that is meant to be returned the next day. This family envelope is a great way to send notes back and forth to the school office or to specific teachers. Field trip permission slips, payment for items etc. can be routed to the correct individual through this envelope.

School uniforms are in effect at our school for students in kindergarten through grade 8. Pants/skirts/jumpers in either navy or khaki should be worn daily unless a special dress day is announced such as a Packers Day. Walking length shorts in navy or khaki may be worn until Oct. 1 and then again beginning May 1. Collared shirts should be worn daily in the approved colors of white, navy or forest green. Socks must be worn daily and should be solid colors of white, navy or forest green. While lime green and Kelly green are popular colors this season, they are not uniform colors. A reminder that cargo, carpenter, sweatpants/track pants are unacceptable. The pants should be a plain "dress up" type pant. We appreciate all parents helping their children adhere to the school uniform.

Several families whose children have outgrown their uniform items have donated them to school. On Orientation Day, we will put this clothing out on a table in the hallway. If you see something that may fit your child, feel free to take it home with you. We will have a donation jar on the table. If you choose to put something in the jar as a donation for the clothing we'll use the money to purchase some new playground balls. If you have items to donate, we ask that the clothing is clean and folded and you may just add your items to the table and we thank you in advance.

For those families who participated last year in our Scrip Tuition Reimbursement Program, you will find a note in this mailing with the exact dollar reimbursement amount you will be receiving to reduce your tuition payment amount. Remember this Scrip Reimbursement Program is available for everyone. New families will be receiving more specific information on how this Scrip program works in the first September envelope.

In the event that you may have misplaced or need a copy of the calendar just go to our website at: www.saintjosephschoolinc.com and you will most likely find what you need.

Feel free to call the school office at 920-499-9969 or email me at: hoard.carol@gmail.com with any questions you may have.

We, at St. Joseph School, look forward to partnering with you to educate your child in their faith, their academics and their socialization this year. Thank you for entrusting your children to our care!

Sincerely,

Carol Hoard, Principal