

Wednesday Letter

September 5, 2018

Dear Parents,

We seem to be off to a great start to an awesome school year. Everybody is settling in to the school routine. Our Middle School students enjoyed a wonderful retreat last Friday with parents, staff and our parish priests leading sessions. The students and staff gathered together this afternoon for an assembly to review our school's SLE's (School-Wide Learning Expectations) which are foundational to building great kids and strengthening the culture in our school. For more information on the SLE's ask your children and/or look at them in the Parent/Student Handbook.

☆ **PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:** We still have a few families who have not signed and returned the signature page. It is important that all families meet this expectation so we are all informed of the general rules for our school. Thank you.

☆ **FAMILY PERMISSION FORM:** We still have a few families who have not returned this form to the main office. If you haven't done so yet, you will find another copy, on goldenrod paper, enclosed in today's folder. Please complete the request information and return to school tomorrow!

Our annual **Magazine Sale** (and more!) Fall Fundraiser is under way. It is a super easy to participate as everything is online. All the details are on the Magazine Sale flyer posted on the Option C. This is a fun and easy way to earn volunteer hours and Free Dress Coupons while supporting our school community. This fundraiser wraps up on Friday, October 19th.

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE: Please contact Becky Ross (beckyross33@gmail.com or 509-969-4681) or Ms. Greta (St. Joseph office) if your child has an allergy, asthma or they need medication at school and have not yet turned in your child's paperwork. **REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS:** if a child needs medications (prescriptions or over the counter types) they must leave the medication in either the St. Joseph or Mother Joseph Center office. Also, we must have the appropriate school paperwork on file in the office - this form is available in the St. Joseph or MJC office.

SPECIAL INVITE: the Parent Board would like to invite you to attend **PAINT NITE** which will be held on Friday, September 14th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at school. This fun community event will uncork your creativity and provide an opportunity to get to meet other parents. This is a free event so grab a friend and join us. Look for the enclosed flyer for more information.



DRIVING AROUND IN A DIRTY CAR? We can help and in turn so can you. The 5th grade class will host a car wash on Wednesday, September 13th from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. to help fund their field trip to Tillicum Village. Your donation will help ensure the continued tradition of this amazing cross curriculum experience for our students. Look for posters and helpers to remind you as the date draws closer.

KEEP FRESH CATCH ON YOUR MIND: The committee continues to meet each Wednesday as they plan the logistics and work on procuring items for the silent and live auction. The committee recently sent out information and forms on Option C for being an event sponsor and procurement. Please review this information on Option C. We are counting on your help to ensure the success of the \$120,000 + event. Remember, all the proceeds funnel directly back to the school through the Parent Board to help reduce tuition costs.

RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS: Our event chair, Terra Stokes, is looking for a few parent volunteers to help with the following jobs:

- Drivers to tow the trailer and car to local stores for morning drop-off and evening pick-up
 - Times: morning drop off/set-up by 10:00 a.m. evening pick-up at 6:00 p.m.
 - Contact Terra at 969-9935 if interested in either morning or evening or both
- Morning Collection volunteers
 - Times: Monday and Friday mornings from 7:45 to 8:30 September 24 to November 30th

BRICKS 4 KIDZ: This popular after school activity still has room for your K to 5th grade student. This session is called *Gadgets and Gizmos* and begins on Tuesday, September 11th. The session is 6 weeks long and meets in the cafeteria from 3:10 to 4:10. They use LEGO bricks to introduce students to STEM concepts. Register at www.bricks4kidz.com/462. Look for the informational flyer on Option C

HOMEWORK FOR PARENTS

- If you haven't done so already, complete the information on your Family Permission Form and return tomorrow
- If you plan to use the Lower Valley Bus, please fill out and return a bus registration form
 - If you need a form visit SJMMS.ORG (FOR PARENTS) or contact Mrs. Balmer at 575-5557 or vbalmer@sjmms.org
- If you plan to use the Aftercare Program, please fill out and return an After Care registration form
 - If you need a form visit SJMMS.ORG or contact Mrs. Balmer at 575-5557 or vbalmer@sjmms.org
- Pre-pay to your children's lunch account
 - See Mrs. Alderson in the St. Joseph office or Mrs. Long in the Mother Joseph Center office to make a payment
- Set-up your tuition automatic withdrawal account with Paula
- Return your Student/Parent Handbook signature page to the St. Joe's office by Friday, September 7th

THERE IS STILL TIME TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE FRESH HOP ALE FESTIVAL:

Saturday, September 29th and clean-up on Sunday the 30th. This is a unique opportunity for our school community - by volunteering you help them, but you also help our school as your hours translate to cash paid back to the Parent Board by Fresh Hop and the time spent volunteering counts towards your parent hours.

How do you sign up? Go to <https://freshhopalefestival.com/>, click on the VOLUNTEER button at the top of the page to access the Sign Up page. As you scroll down the page you can see all the different jobs that are available for volunteers, then click on the green sign-up button and follow the prompts.

THIS PART IS VERY IMPORTANT - make sure you type in St. Joseph in the Group Affiliation box - this allows Fresh Hop to track our school volunteers which dictates how much they pay the Parent Board and whose names go on the volunteer spread sheet so we can credit the hours you worked to the school hours.

YES family and friends can sign up to volunteer - just follow the same steps. (Please have them put your last name in parenthesis behind their name so we know who to credit their hours. i.e. Emilie Campbell (Pleger)

Questions?? Contact Gregg at gpleger@sjmms.org or 575-5557.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday the 5th

Friday the 7th

Parent Board meeting - 6:00 p.m. in the Marquette Building (room 16)

SCHOOL MASS @ 8:40 a.m. MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Students are invited to wear red shirt w/ uniform bottoms

Monday the 10th

1st school Monday of September - **FREE DRESS**

Wednesday the 12th

Fresh Catch Committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. in the Marquette Library

Friday the 14th

SCHOOL MASS @ 8:40 a.m. Exaltation of the Cross

PAINT NIGHT at St. Joe's - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday the 20th

Individual Picture day

3rd grade visits the Salmon Fest in Leavenworth - 7:00 a.m. departure

*Blessings,
Gregg*