

Good afternoon,

The new year is off to a great start as it seems everyone has settled into their routine and things are running pretty smoothly. I would like all families to know that I will be out of the office from the 12th thru the 19th – bucket list trip to Alaska to fish for silvers. Mr. Congleton, our vice principal, will assume my responsibilities.

GYM UPDATE: We are actually getting really close to completing the gym, just a few more odds and ends to complete inside, a couple major items (hooking up the HVAC units to the gas line, installing the video board and sound system, hanging the scoreboards, paving the skirting around the gym and diagonal parking, figuring out the crosswalk (city changed their mind on us), installing the landscaping, and getting the new fence and man gate installed. From what the contractor is telling us, we should have everything done and have the certificate of occupancy in hand by the 1st of October. Lots of prayers for that to happen!!



FAIR SCHEDULE

The schedule has been finalized, please look for a copy enclosed. If you are unable to keep your assigned time, please contact Sarah at sfeusner@jimms.org. Families who have a fair spot will receive extra tickets in their raffle packet along with an entry pass for one person - given to students on the 20th.

New Parent Social & Informational Event

Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

RSVP sfeusner@jimms.org by Friday the 15th

LOOKING FOR ART VOLUNTEERS: Mrs. Garcia will be transporting and then displaying student art pieces selected for the Central Washington State Fair on Wednesday, September 20th starting at 8:00am. (meet by the fire escape). If you are interested in helping, please RSVP Christin at cgarcia83ied@gmail.com

FUTURE LIGHTNING NIGHT – VOLLEYBALL on Tuesday, September 19th, 5:30pm at the La Salle High School gym. Students in grades K to 8 are invited to this FREE event hosted by the volleyball team. Participants will have free admission and can enjoy free popcorn, a goodie bag and hair tinsel from the players.

FILL YOUR CUP: Friday, September 22nd – 7:45 to 8:45am. We would like to invite parents to stop by Schoenberg Hall to gather, meet other parents, visit, and build our community. We would love for the PreK and Kinder parents to walk across the street to join us.



INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL PICTURE DAY will be on Thursday, September 21st. Look for the informational flyer on option C. PLEASE NOTE that Parsons Photography has moved to online ordering – follow this link: <https://shop.imagequix.com/g1001035066>. (please note that this is a different link that last week) If you can't order online, please call 800-846-8469. You can view common questions or contact them by visiting their website: <https://parsonsp photography.com>.

**Picture day will be a FREE DRESS DAY for all students.
All students will have their picture taken for school records.**

FR. KELLY GOING AWAY PARTY: Fr. Kelly and I have planned a special celebration for his time at St. Joe's on Wednesday, September 27th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. We will have street tacos for dinner, a dessert potluck (bring something to share with others), and per his request, a dunk tank that he will sit in. He is working to get Bishop Tyson to attend as well. Donations accepted for dinner and a dunk tank with all proceeds going to the gym in Fr. Kelly's name. Please look for the RSVP sheet enclosed – we need a count for the tacos.

SAVE THE DATE FOR FRESH CATCH

Saturday, November 4th

The Fresh Catch Committee is accepting donations for auction items now! (drop off in the Marquette Office) Turning items in early is VERY helpful, and the final deadline for donations is October 27th. If you're in need of inspiration for what to donate, visit our online "wish list" and feel free to get creative: <https://tinyurl.com/freshcatch2023>

We are also seeking help with the following:

- Procuring cases of donated or discounted wine to serve at the event.
- Help with classroom auction projects. Call or text Liz at 509-969-2609 if you are interested in helping.

TRUNK OR TREAT: We are looking for a parent or a team (couple friends) to shadow with Nikki this year to prepare to chair this event next year and beyond. Please let me know if you are interested or have any questions about what this entails.

BLOOD DRIVE: October 10th from 1:00 to 4:30PM. If we can produce 60 units of blood over 3 blood drives in 2023, we will receive a STEM grant in the amount of \$2000 from Vitalant. We collected 22 units in the spring and need your help getting the rest of the way. There is a tentative schedule for the 3rd blood drive in December if we need it to get to our 60 units. Please spread the word and consider donating yourself. We get the opportunity to help the school as well as the chance to save the life of someone in need. Thank you – Gregg

<https://donors.vitalant.org/dwp/portal/dwa/appointment/guest/phl/timeSlotsExtr?token=5DVI0S6ntl8Tr67c91kyU%BL28%2BCyRxde8VGmd92mM20%3D>

BOOK FAIR is coming October 2nd thru 6th:

Please see the enclosed volunteer sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Rosie Brauner @ (503) 929-7272 or Julie Clark @ (509) 969-8205.

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS? Here is a great opportunity - the Central Washington Catholic Foundation is hosting their annual fundraiser, Celebration of Faith in our new gym this year. They are seeking volunteers on October 13th, October 14th, and October 15th. There are a wide variety of shifts and tasks available.

Volunteer hours count for school hours! Visit the link below to see the options and/or to sign-up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DACAC2EA3F5C25-celebration#/>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- We are looking for another bilingual family to man the informational table at the parish fall festival on Sunday the 17th from 1:30 to 4:00. Please contact Sarah at sfeusner@sjmms.org if you want this spot.
- Looking for someone to contact the families assigned to spots at the fair. Would make 4 calls the day before to confirm families can do their spot. If interested, please contact Sarah at sfeusner@sjmms.org

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Friday the 15 th | SCHOOL MASS at 8:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday the 19 th | Lightning Future Night – Volleyball at 5:30pm La Salle High School |
| Wednesday the 20 th | RAFFLE KICK-OFF ASSEMBLY at 2:00pm in the cafeteria New Parent Meeting at 6:30pm, in the cafeteria. |
| Thursday the 21 st | Individual school pictures for all students and staff – FREE DRESS DAY Finance Committee meeting at 5:30 p.m. School Commission meeting at 7:00 p.m. |
| Friday the 22 nd | SCHOOL MASS at 8:30 a.m. |
| Tuesday the 26 th | ROSARY |
| Wednesday the 27 th | GOING AWAY PARTY FOR FR. KELLY – 5:30 to 7:30 |
| Friday the 29 th | SCHOOL MASS at 8:30 a.m. |

Blessings

Gregg