

January 10, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; Reenrollment; Run with the Saints 5K; MAP Testing; No School; and Mobile Mammography.

Thoughts for the Week: The Magi were on a quest. They were seeking something they could not define. They knew that what they sought was important and meaningful. They were compelled to continue. Upon completing their search, it became clear. How like the Magi are we? Seeking, searching, trusting, moving forward, at times doubtful, but compelled to keep looking, bringing all we have as a gift for Christ. Matthew 2:10-11 - *They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.* What star guides me toward the Lord? What will I bring as a gift when I enter the house and see the child with his mother? This week pray with your children this short prayer or one of your own - Gracious God, make known to me my guiding star. Show me the path of that star, the path home to you. The thoughts for the week came from Loyal Press 3-Minute Retreat January 6th, 2021.

2021-2022 Enrollment: The Enrollment responsible parent should have received an email on Tuesday January 5th about the school opening reenrollment for current families. Please read it carefully. Please also take note of the policies below.

Returning families will have until Monday February 1st, to reenroll current student(s) and/or submit an application for a sibling. A \$160 reenrollment fee (per family) is due upon reenrollment. Upon submission of Online Enrollment, a family has 14 calendar days to withdraw their enrollment in writing to SJCS for the 2021-2022 school year. FACTS payment plans will not be finalized until after this 14-day period. If a withdrawal request is made within the 14-calendar day period, no tuition will be charged. However, any application or re-enrollment fees paid are non-refundable for any reason regardless of the date of withdrawal. **After the 14-day period, if the student is withdrawn for any reason, remaining tuition through the end of the academic year must be paid in full unless the principal agrees in writing to prorate a portion of the remaining tuition. Otherwise, there will be no refund, credit, or reduction for withdrawal.** If a student is asked to leave or withdraw from SJCS, the parent is responsible for the prorated annual tuition.

If you have not completed the enrollment process by February 1st, your child will no longer be guaranteed a spot for the 2021-2022 school year. On February 15th, the school will begin accepting applications from new families for the 2021-2022 school year. We are currently blessed with a wait list at each grade level.

Run with the Saints 5K: It is almost time to "Run with the Saints"! Our annual 5K run fundraiser for Saint Joseph School and the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry is coming up on January 30th. The school has submitted a safety plan to the city and has received approval to run

this race. There will be a staggered start and runners will start the race socially distanced. You can register at <http://www.strictlyrunning.com/gpsrclgnReg-9f.asp> The Saint Joseph Family \$5 off discount code is **SAINT5**. To be guaranteed a race shirt you must register by 10 a.m. Tuesday, January 19. Registrations after 10 a.m. on January 19th will be accepted, but not guaranteed a race shirt. Race shirts can be worn to school on PE days.

MAP Testing: Our winter test window will start on Monday, January 11th. Grades 4, 5 and 6 will test this week. Please see the full schedule attached to this email. Here are a few things students and parents can do to prepare for MAP testing:

Please refrain from scheduling any appointments for students during testing. Students who are late will not be able to take the test with their class and will need to make up the test on Friday.

Make sure your students ***get plenty of sleep.*** Going to bed a little earlier can help ensure a good night's sleep. Being well rested will give your children an extra boost of energy for test day.

Provide a nutritious breakfast. Eating protein (eggs, meat, cheese, etc.), rather than a sugary donut, will help students perform better. (Too much food can make them feel sleepy, so do not overdo it!)

Be sure your child gets some ***exercise after school*** to keep their energy up.

Remind children to ***double-check their work on the test.*** They can catch mistakes if they take time to proofread answers carefully.

Encourage your children to do their absolute best, but do not place too much emphasis on the test.

Please contact the school if you have questions about MAP testing.

No School: All school facilities will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Mobile Mammography: Our school nurse has arranged for the Prisma Health Mobile Mammography Unit to visit our parish and provide this life saving service for our community on January 19th. When detected early, breast cancer cure rates approach 100 percent. We know that many people have been unable to attend their yearly screenings due to COVID-19. We hope this opportunity provides a safe and convenient way to schedule your screening. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us - “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves” ~ Philippians 2:3. Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

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