

April 19, 2020

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; Homebound Learning Schedule; May School Closure; Awards Day and 6th Grade Graduation; Kibler Citizenship Award; and the School/Parish Bicentennial Campaign.

Thoughts for the week: As we continue to celebrate the Easter season may you remember God's perfect love for all. May that love fill you with hope for the days to come.

Homebound Learning Schedule For this Week: I hope this message finds you and your family well as we get ready to start the fifth week of homebound learning. Thank you, parents, for all you are doing from home to support the learning effort.

Summary of what to expect this week:

You should get an email from your teachers with a week-at-a-glance today.

Each morning by 8:00 a.m. (Monday – Friday) you will receive an email or Edmodo post with the day's schedule and links to Zoom meetings, notification of posted videos, and reminders about due dates.

Each morning by 8:00 a.m. (Monday – Friday) you will receive an email with the morning announcements from Mr. Yarnall.

Each afternoon by 4:00 p.m. (Monday – Friday) you will receive an email with the afternoon announcements from Mr. Yarnall.

We understand that many of you are trying to balance work and your child's lessons. Please know that we are cognizant of this challenge. Do not hesitate to contact your teachers if you need more flexibility in the assigned schedule. Please stay in contact with the teachers and look for daily updates from them.

May School Closure: The Bishop of Charleston has suspended in-person classes until the end of May for all Catholic schools due to COVID-19. The school administration with the help of our teachers and the Diocese is in the process of developing a Distance Plan for Learning (DPL). Please look for that document in the coming days. The plan will lay out resources, schedules, and expectations for student parents and teachers for this school closing and any others we face moving forward.

Awards Day and 6th Grade Graduation: The school is working on a plan for virtual Awards Day and Graduation ceremonies. Please look for more information in the coming days.

Kibler Citizenship Award: Saint Joseph Catholic School is proud to announce the Kibler Citizenship Award, a scholarship opportunity is open to any **rising sixth grader** who is currently enrolled at Saint Joseph Catholic School. The Kibler Citizenship Award aims to inspire a rising 6th grade student to exhibit honesty, compassion, respect, responsibility and courage. To put it simply: do the right thing and be a good citizen. Candidates for the Kibler Citizenship Award

will be determined by a nomination process and the winner will be chosen by a Kibler family committee in a blind selection.

The student may be nominated by a staff member, parent, current student, or member of the Saint Joseph community. The nominating individual will need to write a detailed description and cite specific examples of how the student mirrors the below criteria.

1. Honesty- Exhibit fairness and truthfulness; be free of dishonesty
2. Compassion- Show kindness, caring and a willingness to help others
3. Respect- Value different points of view; how one feels towards others and how they treat others
4. Responsibility- Have the duty of dealing with or taking care of something or someone; being trusted to do what is right and fair
5. Courage- Show the confidence to act in accordance with one's core beliefs

If you would like to nominate a student, submissions are due no later than Monday, May 4, 2020. Please submit your nomination to the school office. *This year, please email your nomination to krogers@stjosdevine.com. The award is \$1000.00, applied to the student's tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The scholarship will be awarded on Awards Day.

School/Parish Bicentennial Campaign: As the Diocese prepares to celebrate our 200th Anniversary this year, it is embarking on an unprecedented campaign - the *Bicentennial Campaign* - to fulfill its mission in the communities it serves. This historic endeavor seeks to: Strengthen our Parishes and Missions in the Catholic Community; Form Catholics to believe in the Gospel through religious education, facility and scholarship support to Catholic schools, and enhanced resources for vocations; and Live the Gospel through significant investment in social outreach ministries throughout the State of South Carolina.

The focus of the campaign at St Joseph's will be the improvement of our school and campus. Please see the renderings and descriptions below.

The scope of the project addresses three major areas:

1. Safety.

- a. Replacement of doors that no longer meet code
- b. Replacement of windows in classrooms to comply with best security and efficiency practices

2. Health.

- a. Removal of encased asbestos in windows
- b. Removal of encased asbestos in flooring



3. Environment & Aesthetics.

- a. Installation of new flooring in classrooms
- b. Installation of new counter tops and classroom surfaces
- c. Retrofit of lights to convert to LED bulbs, which will lessen costs over time
- d. Landscaping maintenance and improvements
- e. Installation of permanent street-front signage for improved visibility and awareness in the community



This week you will get a Bicentennial Campaign packet. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important project for our school as we welcome a new phase of growth as a Catholic community in the Diocese of Charleston.

Our faculty, staff, and administrators will continue to pray for you and your children during these challenging days. We ask that you keep us and our entire school community in your prayers.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us - "Faith to Move Mountains" Matthew 17:20. Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

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