

November 7, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the week; Time Change; Early Dismissal; Covid Children Vaccinations; Weekly Academic Highlight; Veteran's Day Mass; Parent Survey; Help Spread the Word; Thank You; Honor Roll; Attendance; Technology Times Newsletter; and Cardinal Cadence Crew Poinsettia Sale.

Thoughts for the week: This week as part of morning announcements this passage was read to the student body by one of our sixth-grade leaders. It is powerful and applies to both the students and adults alike. Take time to read and think about the passage below!

Are You Listening? Once there was a man who dared God to speak: "Burn the bush as you did for Moses, God. And I will follow. Crumble the walls as you did for Joshua, God. And I will fight. Stop the storm as you did on the Sea of Galilee, God. And I will listen."

And so, the man sat by a bush, near a wall and close to the sea, and waited for God to speak. God heard the man, so God answered. He sent fire – not for burning a bush, but a fiery passion for building a church. He tore down a wall – not of brick, but of sin. He stopped the storm- not on the sea, but in the soul.

And God waited for the man to speak. And he waited... and waited. But because the man was looking at bushes instead of hearts, bricks instead of people, seas instead of souls, he decided that God had done nothing.

Finally, the man looked to God and asked, "Have You lost Your power?" And God looked at him and said, "Have you lost your hearing?"

Listening to God is not something that just happens, it takes practice. Try these tips as you practice: Find a quiet place. Stop talking. Read His Word. Then sit quietly and let the spirit fill your heart with His wisdom. Grace for the Moment – 365 Devotions for Kids by Max Lucado.

Time Change: Just a reminder that the time changed at 2:00 a.m. this morning. We fell back and gained an hour...but the school day still starts at 8:00 am!

Early Dismissal: The school will have a 2:00 pm dismissal on Monday, November 8th. There will be extended care offered until 6:00 pm.

Covid Children Vaccinations: Last Tuesday (10/26), the vaccine advisors to the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) voted to recommend emergency use authorization of Pfizer's Covid-19 vaccine in children ages 5 to 11 years old, and on Friday (10/29), the FDA authorized emergency use of the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccination for ages 5-11. On Tuesday (11/2), members of CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted 14-0 to recommend the vaccine

for the younger children, and CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky signed off on the vote Wednesday night.

The choice to give the Covid vaccination is a parental choice. If you decide to vaccinate your child, please share that information with our School Nurse, Jessica Eadon Jeadon@stjosdevine.com. The school will be tracking those who are vaccinated for the purpose of quarantining. Students who are fully vaccinated or have tested positive for COVID in the past 90 days and do not have symptoms will not be required to quarantine.

Here are resources from the American Association of Pediatrics about the vaccine:

<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/covid-19-vaccine-for-children/why-covid-19-vaccines-are-important-for-children/>

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Weekly Academic Highlight: Each week, in Sunday notes I will be sharing some of the exceptional things I see happening in our classrooms. This past week I had the opportunity to visit a 3rd-grade classroom. The class was learning/reviewing their multiplication facts. I was extremely impressed by the enthusiasm the students exhibited for the activity. The activity was a fun and creative way to help the students remember the 2-12's based on popular tunes. I was able to hear students recite the 12's, which was to the tune of "Take me out to the Ballpark". Great things are happening at SJCS!

Veteran's Day Mass: We are hosting a Veteran's Day Mass on Friday, November 12, 2021, at 8:15 a.m. We invite all members of the military in our school family to join us (in uniform if possible) so that we can recognize you and thank you for your service.

Parent Survey: As part of our AdvancEd accreditation, the school is required to survey our stakeholders annually. This year's survey is to help us determine our Catholic Identity characteristics. Our goal is to have 70% of our parents complete the survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete one survey per adult **by Friday, November 19th 11:59p**. To complete the survey, please go to: <https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#/action/178795/p883> please select Saint Joseph – Columbia from the pulldown menu.

Be assured, your response to this survey is anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Help Spread the Word: Saint Joseph Catholic School is trying to build our social presence on Niche, a popular school search tool. Please take a minute to write a positive review of our great school. Your review will help us recruit new families and their students to our school. Please

follow the link below to our schools' Niche page: <https://www.niche.com/k12/st-joseph-school-columbia-sc/>

Thank you: A big thank you to PTO President Carla Goff and her team of parent volunteers who helped make eight PTO Pizza Lunches successful. It was wonderful to see so many families on campus and we look forward to future family events in our school community.

Honor Roll: We are pleased to announce the Honor Roll students for the first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. Congratulations, students!

4th Grade Honor Roll:

A – Matthew Bowie, Delaney Brown, Harrison Bruner, Caedon Buchanan, Keegan Butler, Lola Catalano, Joshua Culberson, Campbell DeFreese, Jack Ford, Wyatt Hope, Lucy Hoppmann, Patrick Horan, Molly Jane Kaminski, Harry McLeod, David Regan, Banks Wingo, Chloe Xu

A/B - Helen Asay, Will Bigger, Jessica Bradley, Wyatt Burckhard, Mills Coco, Bradford Collins, Nick Duke, Addie Ferriell, Amy Gorrin, Rowan McLeod, Justin Nguyen, John Rollins Porter, Connor Smith, Mae Warren, Rocco Williams, Mason Wittmann

5th Grade Honor Roll:

A – Anna Maria Alexander, Bryn Alexander, Isabella Alexander, Sofie Cepeda, Riyler Coffman, Jane deTreville, Boland Dupree, Leighton Ford, Johnny Foster, Reese Gabelman, Ava Gray Goff, Ellison Judy, Sid McDonnell, Presley Toler, Sadie Tyer, Graham Walsh, Crosby Weymers

A/B - Adrian Branham, Madison Ferrante, Anna Fuller, Foster Marsh, Trey Meetze, Cooper Romine, Mary Seiner, Avery Shaw, Florence Shell, Evie Van Sant, Evelyn Wilson, Patrick Wilson, Alexander Yarnall

6th Grade Honor Roll:

A – Lucy Alphin, Louise Arrington, Valentino Bassante, Madeline Bowie, Logan Cacioppo, Eliza Davis, Eady deTreville, Watson Dupree, Logan Giusti, Riley Hooks, William Maloney, Harper McLeod, Marshall Moffitt, Will Sexton, Blakely Timmons, Dylan Williams, Sophie Xu

A/B - Jack Bigger, Abby Bodman, Callum Bruner, Michael Carlson, Stella Catalano, Emma Heyward Cathcart, Mathan Hinton, Caitlin Macdonald, Catelyn Roberson, Kylie Smith, Matthew Soto, Deagan Thompson, Emma Thompson, Brady Mock, Owen Tyer, Taylor Williams, Elliott Wise, Lily-Kate Woodard

Attendance: As outlined in our Parent-Student Handbook, we truly appreciate you keeping your child/children home when they do not feel well. Our policy is that for an absence to be excused, we need a doctor's note unless your child has been put into the Covid protocol by the school.

Technology Times Newsletter: Mrs. Christie Cook, has published a Technology newsletter – please use the link to check out what is happening in Technology. <https://www.smore.com/v8dgz>.

Cardinal Cadence Crew Poinsettia Sale: The Cardinal Cadence Crew (the music booster organization at Cardinal Newman) is selling poinsettias to help support the growing music program at CN. Use this link to order online <https://www.cnhs.org/apps/form/form.CARNWS.sMcYaxG.1tf> or print the online form to order with a check. Paper orders/checks can be dropped off at Cardinal Newman or send them to Mrs. Seezen in our front office and she will make sure they get there. The deadline for orders is November 17th.

It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us - “Blessed are we”. Have a great week!

Sincerely,

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