

May 30, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph, Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; No School; Last Days; 6th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation; 2020-2021 Awards Day; 5th Grade Candle Mass; 4th Quarter and Final Report Cards; Summer Learning; Teacher/Staff Openings for 2021-22 School Year; Lands' End Sale; School Supplies; and The Cardinal Newman Corner.

Thoughts for the Week: "It is not that I'm so smart; it's just that I stay with a problem longer" ~ Albert Einstein. This week and during the summer please encourage your children learn to stay with a problem and work to solve it without giving up. Make a difference today.

No School: The school will be closed in observance of Memorial Day tomorrow, Monday, May 31st.

Last Days: The last day of classes for the Class of 2021 will be Thursday, June 3rd. The last day for 4K-5th grades will be Friday, June 4th which **will be a noon dismissal day**.

6th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation: The Class of 2021 will graduate on Thursday June 3rd at 6:30. We are pleased to announce that we will be able to accommodate *immediate family members* of our Class of 2021 graduates at the 6th Grade Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation. Class of 2021 please RSVP to Mrs. Reedy @ kreedy@stjosdevine.com your total number of guests by 12N on Tuesday, June 1st.

The Baccalaureate Mass and Graduation will be streaming on St. Joseph Church's YouTube channel - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Columbia, SC.

2020-2021 Awards Day: The faculty and staff will host the Awards Day ceremony on Thursday June 3rd at 1:30pm. The awards day program recognizes the 2021 class as well as a few underclassmen who have earned local, state, or national awards. The program will be streaming on St. Joseph YouTube channel - St. Joseph Catholic Church, Columbia, SC.

5th Grade Candle Mass: The school will be celebrating the 5th grade class' Candle Mass on Friday, June 4th at the 8:15 school Mass. The Candle Mass is the induction of the class of 2022 as the leaders of the student body.

Due to a recent update in Diocesan policy, we are now able to invite limited guests to Mass. Therefore, I would like to invite the parents of the rising 6th grade class to join us for this special occasion. Please RSVP by June 1st at 12 Noon to Mrs. Reedy @ kreedy@stjosdevine.com if you will be able to join the class of 2022 for the Candle Mass on June 4th at 8:15 A.M.

4th Quarter and Final Report Cards: Your child's 4th quarter/final report card will be mailed to you the week of June 7th.

Summer Learning: The school will be posting our Summer Learning Packets on our website during the week of June 7th. We ask that you have your child read daily over the summer and use IXL. Within the packet there will be a tracking sheet and fun reading activities. Maintaining and enhancing skills during the summer will give your child confidence as a learner. We will not be grading these activities, but we will reward students who complete their recommended activities over the summer.

Teacher/Staff Openings for 2021-22 School Year: We are sad to announce that after 22 years as an instructional assistant, Mrs. Cindy Timmers will be retiring from the classroom. She has served as a 4th grade, 5th grade and 6th grade assistant, and as the technology coordinator for several years. She helped behind the scenes with many projects and took a major role in the Living Stations of the Cross, May Crowning, National Geographic GeoBee, and the Graduation services. We will miss her, and we wish her the very best as she starts a new and exciting chapter in her life.

The school is looking for a lead 4K teacher, and a part time Spanish teacher. If you know of any qualified candidates, please refer them to our website's employment page.
<https://www.stjosdevine.com/employment>

Lands' End Sale: Lands' End School Uniforms will start a promotion on 5/26/21 that runs through 6/1/21 for up to 30% off. Please see the flyer that was attached to last week's Sunday Notes.

School Supplies: 2021-2022 school supplies are now available at www.scholtoolbox.com. Orders placed before June 14 will ship to the school and be delivered to your child's classroom for Open House. Orders placed after June 14 will ship to your home. Please see our website for a flyer with more information as well as supply lists by grade level.

The Cardinal Newman Corner: Does in-person learning pay off? Ask the Cardinal Newman Class of '21. They earned a record breaking \$10.4 million in scholarship funding this year, which averages out to more than \$100,000 per student. Interested in learning more about the transition to Cardinal Newman once your child is approaching 7th grade? Visit their website at cnhs.org or contact Admissions Director, Michelle Holbrook with questions or to schedule a personalized tour. mholbrook@cnhs.org.

Cardinal Newman is pleased to offer 8 different sports camps this summer. Each camp runs Monday through Thursday from 9-12, takes place on campus at Cardinal Newman (2945 Apline Rd.) and is \$150 per camper, unless noted. You can sign up here! https://athletics.cnhs.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=2017695&type=d&pREC_ID=2176119

Come out to the ballpark on June 15th and enjoy a night with friends and family while supporting Cardinal Newman. Tickets are located down the right field line in their spacious Palmetto Picnic Pavilion. With each ticket purchased the Fireflies will donate money back to

support the Cardinal Club! Segra Park is now cashless, but you can purchase a gift card with cash at Guest Services, if necessary. Parking will be \$5 (card only). Children ages two & under are free. Segra Park has a clear bag policy and masks are required. Get tickets by clicking on the link <https://www.fireflietickets.com/group/event/Cardinal21/>

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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