

April 11, 2021

Dear Saint Joseph, Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; Financial Aid 2021-2022; Schoolhouse Fare Update; Cognia Accreditation; 2021-2022 School Supplies; Kibler Citizenship Award; and Vacation Bible School.

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.

Financial Aid 2021-2022: We, as a school and parish, continue to seek ways of ensuring that the blessings of a quality Catholic education are accessible to everyone.

General School Assistance through FACTS: The school offers a tuition assistance program open to all families. ***The application must be submitted online to FACTS by Thursday, April 15, 2021.*** To apply, simply log in to the FACTS Family Portal account of the family member who is listed as being financially responsible (this should be the person who completed the enrollment/reenrollment and set up the FACTS tuition payment). Once logged in, choose FACTS from the menu options on the left side of the screen. You will then choose "Apply for Grant and Aid". You will be redirected to the FACTS website and will need to follow the instructions there for completing the application. You should already have a FACTS account that you created for your tuition draft so use those same login credentials. You will need the following documents to complete the application process:

- copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules (preferably 2020 tax documents)
- copies of your 2020 W-2 forms
- copies of supporting documentation for social security income, welfare, child support, food stamps, workers' compensation, and TANF.

If the financial aspect of your child's education becomes a concern at any time, please contact the school office to discuss your situation with me (Mr. Yarnall). If you have any questions about the process, please contact Nancy Sexton at 803-254-6736 or nsexton@stjosdevine.com

Schoolhouse Fare Update: Schoolhouse Fare is excited to have added Jason's Deli to our vendor list. The school will start having a third day of lunch service in April. Starting the week of April 12th: Tuesday – Schiano's Pizza, Thursday – Chick-fil-a, Friday – Jason's Deli.

Cognia Accreditation: Our school is hosting a visit team as part of our school accreditation process April 21-23rd. Every five years we are required to host a visiting team which meets with students, parents, faculty/staff, Advisory Council, School and Parish leadership. This year, due to covid, this visit will be virtual. We appreciate all those volunteering their time to help in our reaccreditation process,

2021-2022 School Supplies: 2020-2021 school supplies are now available at www.schooltoolbox.com. Orders placed before June 14 will ship to the school and be delivered to your classroom for Open House in August. Orders placed after June 14 will ship to your home. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Kibler Citizenship Award: Saint Joseph Catholic School is proud to announce the Kibler Citizenship Award, a scholarship opportunity 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 Friday, April 30th 2021. Please submit your nomination to the school office or email your nomination electronically to Mrs. Reedy kreedy@stjosdevine.com.

The award is \$1000.00, applied to the student's tuition for the 2020-2021 academic year.

This scholarship will be awarded on Awards Day, Thursday June 3, 2021.

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School has always been a beloved summer program offered to Saint Joseph parishioners, students, and their guests. While at VBS, children encounter stories from the Bible, meet new children, have a good time with friends, and experience new and fun activities. They learn Bible verses, act out Bible stories, sing fun educational songs, watch and participate in skits, create crafts, participate in recreation, take part in hands-on mission projects, discover science activities, and have a snack or a meal.

With the limitations of COVID-19, we are exploring options to continue this tradition in a safe manner. We are looking for families interested in spearheading this effort and/or volunteering.

Options may include a “at home version” for Summer of 2021 and/or preparation for a traditional VBS experience for Summer of 2022. If this is a ministry that interests you please contact Adrienne Carroll at adrienne@stjosephcolumbia.org or call our church office.

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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