

September 8, 2019

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; Student Council Officers; Oktoberfest; Charleston Wraps; Standardized Testing; School Wide Service Project; and Recognition Sunday.

Thoughts for the week: *Ever tried. Ever failed. No matter. Try again. Fail again. Fail better.* ~ Samuel Beckett. We will fail, more often than we care to think. We can learn from our failures....and we're still going to fail in the future. The key is to fail in new ways, not to keep repeating the failures we've already experienced. I won't get discouraged by failure but will try to make sure that when I fail, it's because of something new, not because I'm stuck in a rut." ~ The Daily Book of Positive Quotations by Linda Picone. Take time this week to talk with your children about how you deal with failure and how it makes you the person you are. Make it a great week by your actions, words, and deeds!

Student Council Officers: Congratulations to our newly elected Student Council Officers: President Frances Laughlin; VP Luke Stanek; Secretary Mary Margaret McNerney; Treasurer Charlotte Greer; and Service Chair Jack Seezen.

PTO Auction – Oktoberfest: We have a fun new theme this year...Oktoberfest! We will have German inspired food, specialty beers, a band, and a lot of great silent and live auction items. So please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5 in the school gym!

We are still looking for Host Families & Parties with a Purpose. There is a link to a form on the school website www.stjosdevine.com, the event website (<https://StJoseph2019.givesmart.com>) or be on the lookout for the form in the Monday folder. Please consider these fun ways to raise money and meet people in our school community! Let Margaret Asay (margekd@aol.com) or Teresa Bowers (teresabiediger@hotmail.com) know if you are interested or if you have any questions.

Charleston Wraps: The PTO needs your help! Charleston Wrap catalogs were included in last week's Monday/Tuesday folders. The sale runs until Tuesday, September 24th. We encourage you to share the catalog with family, friends, co-workers and neighbors. For easy access, the link with instructions will also be posted on the Saint Joseph School website. Starting Tuesday (9/3/19), please register your student at www.charlestonwrapstore.com. You can use the Easy Email Invite Generator to invite out of town friends and family to shop and support. Our school ID is 15787.

Standardized Testing: This week grades 4th 3rd and K will be Map testing. Please see the full schedule attached to this email.

School Wide Service Project: In lieu of traditional Mass, we will host the first of four school-wide prayer services on Friday, September 13th. The theme is "Servant Leadership" and we will

honor our community's First Responders. We have invited our school and community police officers, fire fighters, and EMS workers to join us. Captain David Soto from the Richland County Sheriff's Department is scheduled to speak to us during the prayer service. For our first school-wide service project, each class will decorate and fill appreciation bags for the First Responders using the items our school families so generously donated. Coffee and donuts donated by Krispy Kreme will be served for First Responders and their families after the prayer service. Great things are happening at Saint Joseph Catholic School- we are helping to develop the next generation of Catholic leaders!

Recognition Sunday: Just a reminder that next weekend (September 14 and 15) our students will be lectors, ushers, and gift bearers at all Saturday and Sunday Masses. If you are participating in the Mass, please wear your dress uniform, arrive at least 15 minutes early, and meet in the back of the church. If you are attending Mass, please show your school pride by wearing your dress uniform. The PTO is also serving refreshments after all Masses. Stop by and say hello!

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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