

October 13, 2019

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; No School; School Photos; Fall Festival; and Parent Teacher Conferences.

**Thoughts for the week:** *"No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." ~ Calvin Coolidge. We're impressed by people who manage to give of themselves, even though they seem just as busy and overwhelmed as we are. Their willingness to help others, to exert themselves, to make the world a better place, shows us what individuals can do against considerable odds. When I have opportunities to give, I'll take advantage of them. I will never regret having given of myself.*

Take time to talk with your children about the importance of giving from the heart to help a person, group, or organization. It is the little things we do that show how God is in us, with us, and working through us.

This week's thoughts for the week come from The Daily Book of Positive Quotations by Linda Picone.

**No School:** The school will be closed for teacher workdays on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. There will be Extended Care on Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup> only.

**School Photos:** \* Please note our new procedure.\* School photos are Friday, October 18. A preorder form was in the Monday folder. Forms must be presented to the photographer on October 18. If you forget your preorder envelope, you may still order online [www.strawbridge.net](http://www.strawbridge.net) up to one week after picture day (October 25). Our school code is FM314584. These two options are the only way to order pictures. Strawbridge guarantees your order. If you are not happy with your photos you can retake them on makeup day or receive a complete refund.

**Fall Festival:** The Fall Festival will be held Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30-6:00 PM. There is NO EXTENDED CARE on the 24<sup>th</sup>. This year's event is FREE for all current St. Joseph School families! The only requirement to gain admission is that each person brings a non-perishable food item(s) to donate to the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry. Please remember that all children must be accompanied by an adult while at the Fall Festival. This is not a drop-off event.

The Fall Festival committee needs volunteers for set up and clean up as well as baked goods for the cake walk. A sign-up genius is forthcoming.

This year's event will feature snow cones, popcorn, cotton candy, bounce houses, face painting, tattoos, a cake walk, and much more. Don't forget about the pumpkin decorating contest. Decorated pumpkins are due in the cafeteria by 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 24.

All children in attendance must have a Consent Form and Liability Waiver on file. The Liability Waiver will be in the Monday folder. Wrist bands will be distributed to the children prior to the event.

Kids and parents, feel free to come dressed in your Halloween costume or anything fun and comfortable, uniforms not required! We look forward to a fun and exciting Fall Festival!

**Parent Teacher Conferences:** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. There will be no school for students, but Extended Care will be open. All parents are required to attend a conference with their child's teacher. Teachers will send out an email on Thursday, October 17, with directions on how to sign up for a conference. If you would like to meet with a teacher other than your child's homeroom teacher, please contact that teacher directly to schedule an appointment. All conferences should be scheduled between Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

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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