

February 9, 2020

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; 2:00 Dismissal; Re-enrollment; Recruitment; AHA; and Swim Lessons.

Thoughts for the week: *“Be gentle with the young.”* We live in a fast-paced, demanding world. We expect a lot from others, and they expect a lot from us. This is fine for the world of adults, but it can be a problem when we force similar high expectations onto children. While it’s important to teach children how to behave properly and get along with others, and keep them active and stimulated, we should never forget that they are still children, with tender hearts and minds. Sometimes we get impatient with children. Today, I will make a special effort to react to them with gentleness rather than impatience.

2:00 Dismissal: Tomorrow, February 10, 2020, is a 2:00 dismissal. Extended Care is open until 6:00 p.m.

Re-enrollment: On Monday January 27th, each family received a very important email from the school with instructions on how to re-enroll for the 2020-2021 school year. Please read the re-enrollment email carefully. Re-enrollment is due by Saturday, February 29th. We look forward to welcoming all students back for the 2020-2021 school year.

If you have a younger sibling who will be enrolling as a new student for the 2020 – 2021 school year, please visit <https://sjs-sc.client.renweb.com/oa/index.cfm?memberid=1846> and follow the instructions to submit an application. You will pay a new student application fee during this process. Once you submit the application, we will waive your reenrollment fee for your returning student. This has to be done manually so please email Nancy Sexton at ns Sexton@stjosdevine.com if the reenrollment prompts you to submit an enrollment fee. You must submit an application for your new student first, prior to reenrolling your existing student so that the fee can be waived during reenrollment. If you have any questions, please email Nancy Sexton at ns Sexton@stjosdevine.com.

New Student Recruitment: Please encourage families you know who might be interested in taking a tour of the school or receiving enrollment information to contact the school office. Thank you for sharing the good news of Saint Joseph Catholic School with our community - you are our best advertisers. New student online applications can be found at <http://www.stjosdevine.com/admissions>.

AHA: We are excited to support the American Heart Association & Frances Smyth’s Lowcountry Heart Walk team by sponsoring a “Dress Down” day on **Thursday, February 13**. We are asking each student to pay **\$1.00** to dress down. You are welcome to make an additional donation if you wish. *Any checks written should be made payable to the **Saint Joseph Catholic School** with **Lowcountry Heart Walk** on the memo line.* Thank you for your support.

Swimming Tips: Kitty Konkle is offering swimming tips for the next few weeks to help you when scheduling your children's swim lessons:

Three things to look for when choosing a swim instructor. A good instructor should:

--Provide a safe atmosphere in and around the water and teach lifelong lessons in water safety.

--Build confidence in children so they can learn to love, respect, and be comfortable in the water.

--Be patient. Most children are in an uncomfortable, unfamiliar environment attempting things they do not know how to do in the water.

Kitty runs the swim lessons for some midlands schools summer programs. She also offers private and group lessons during the spring and summer. Visit her website at sharksandminnowssc.com. for more information.

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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