

February 16, 2020

Dear Saint Joseph Catholic School Community,

Items in this newsletter: Thoughts for the Week; No School; MADE 2020; Re-enrollment; Recruitment; Thank You from CNDM; and Swim Lessons.

Thoughts for the week: "Don't let yourself be weighed down by what other people think, because in a few years, in a few decades, or in a few centuries, that way of thinking will have changed. ~ Paulo Coelho. Take time to talk with your children about the importance of balancing your own self-esteem with the opinions of others.

Presidents' Day Holiday: Tomorrow, Monday, February 17th, is Presidents' Day. All school facilities will be closed. No extended care.

MADE 2020 (Music, Art, Drama, Enrichment): Join us in the gym on Thursday, February 27, from 6-8pm for an evening of art, dessert, and performances! Hundreds of pieces of student artwork will be displayed. Enjoy presentations by students in grades three through six, as well as choir, band and drama performances. Questions? Email Bob Bramhall bbramhall@stjosdevine.com or Clare Henry chenry@stjosdevine.com. Desserts and refreshments provided by our PTO. If you wish to donate, all proceeds will benefit the Fine Arts.

Re-enrollment: Re-enrollment is due by Saturday, February 29th. 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. 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 nsexton@stjosdevine.com if the reenrollment prompts you to submit an enrollment fee. You must apply 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 nsexton@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>.

CNDM: Cardinal Newman Dance Marathon sends a heartfelt thank you to the students, families, and staff of St. Joseph Catholic School for your contributions to CNDM. Your generosity raised \$1,288.58 for Prisma Health Children's Hospital. Congratulations to the 4K and 5K combined classes for winning this year's Penny Wars!

Swimming Tips: Fear or fun during swimming lessons? I choose fun! Here's why:

Often children are nervous about being in a swim lesson for the first time. Make sure the lessons are fun which will ease your child's fear of having to learn skills they haven't done before.

It's much more reassuring to see your child smiling and laughing during his/her lesson while still learning the skills to be a successful swimmer.

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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