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Saint Joseph

CATHOLIC SCHOOL



A Trip to the Principal's Office

This year, Saint Joseph Catholic School welcomed a new principal. Donovan Yarnall comes to our school from Indiana, bringing a wealth of experience and a passion for excellence. We took a moment to find out more about our new leader.

What led you to be a school principal?

During the summer after my first year of teaching in a Catholic elementary school, I took the position of summer camp director for a parks and recreation department in Bowling Green, Ohio. I loved the role of making a difference in the lives of children, mentoring the camp counselors, developing the schedule and interacting with the campers and their parents. This experience taught me a lot about myself. Understanding the breadth and depth of an organization is key to the role of an administrator.



Why did you choose Saint Joseph?

I am excited about joining the Saint Joseph community. I am impressed with the School's close-knit community that is grounded in faith with a reputation for excellence in education. I believe Saint Joseph is a place where I can make meaningful contributions to the betterment of our students. I spent eight years teaching and serving as an administrator in two Georgia Catholic schools and am excited about returning to a college town in the South.

What is your most memorable leadership moment thus far in your career?

I have had several memorable leadership moments. While at Saint Simon (Indianapolis, IN), I started a drama and band program that was infused into the

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SAINTS FUND GIVING LEVELS

— St. Joseph —
\$5,000 +

— St. Francis of Assisi —
\$1,000 – \$4,999

— St. Mary —
\$500 – \$999

— St. Paul the Apostle —
\$250 – \$499

— St. Catherine of Siena —
\$100 – \$249

— St. Christopher —
\$1 – \$99

Saints Fund Update – Fall 2014

The new school year is underway and has brought exciting changes to the Saint Joseph Catholic School community. One of these changes is the renaming of the Annual Fund in an effort to create a giving campaign unique to our school. Now known as The Saints Fund: the Annual Giving Program for Saint Joseph Catholic School, this new name honors all our saints, and in particular Saint Joseph, our patron saint. It also pays homage to the school mascot.

As always, the purpose of the fund is assistance with operating expenses, which includes equipment and facilities upgrades, tuition support, and compensatory help for our wonderful faculty and staff. A special “Grandparents Appeal” letter is going out this fall, and you can look forward to seeing holiday appeals during the Christmas and Easter seasons.

Our goal for the 2014-2015 school year is \$60,000, which requires your help. Donations may be made online, safely and securely, from the school website. Please visit www.stjosdevine.com and click on the “Support Our School” button. Thank you for your continued support. Go Saints!



*Many thanks to the Sixth
Grade Class of 2014 for their
class gift to the school.
The new volleyball net and
balls have been a welcome
addition to recess — just ask
these fourth graders!
Special thanks to Tawfiq
Hodaly for his hard work on
the installation of the net.*





A Letter from our Principal

As we celebrate 60 years of excellence in Catholic education, we are very excited to be concluding the first quarter of a new year at Saint Joseph, a year where we are striving to find JOY on the Journey. Saint Joseph has a long history of striving for excellence while preparing the next generation of Catholic leaders.

Our faculty and staff are full of energy this year! Earlier this fall, the faculty and staff read *The Energy Bus*, by Jon Gordon. *The Energy Bus* takes readers on an enlightening and inspiring ride that reveals 10 secrets for approaching life and work with the kind of positive, forward thinking that leads to true accomplishment — at work and at home.

The student body has learned the Angelus, and, along with the school pledge, we are helping the students build pride in our school while instilling our Catholic identity.

At noon each school day, the student body prays the Angelus. The Angelus is not new to the Saint Joseph School community, for many of the 60 years the school has recited the Angelus. We are glad to bring this prayer back into the fabric of the school day. The Angelus has three biblical verses describing the mystery of the Incarnation. The verses are alternated with the prayer “Hail Mary.” The prayer has Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican roots.

The Saint Joseph Catholic School Pledge is new this year. *“Today I pledge to keep Jesus in my mind, on my lips and in my heart, I promise that my actions and words will be kind and true, and I will not hurt others in what I say or do. I am very proud to be a student here at Saint Joseph Catholic School.”* The pledge is recited each Monday, Wednesday and Friday to help remind the students that we find joy in keeping Jesus with us in mind and body by how we treat others and in what we say and do daily.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to thank you for choosing Saint Joseph Catholic School to educate your child.

Mr. Donavan Yarnall Ed.S

SAVE-THE-DATES

for a year of events
to celebrate the
60th anniversary of
Saint Joseph Catholic School

November 15 | 6:30pm
14th Annual Auction —
Adventures in Narnia
Spring Valley Country Club

January 23 | 7pm
Anniversary Gala Celebration
Parish Hall/Gym

April 18 | 11am
Family Day Event
Defender Services

May 15 | 6pm
Closing Ceremony
Mass and Reception
Saint Joseph Catholic Church

To receive more information
on any of these events,
check the school website:
www.stjosdevine.com

or contact Terri Boyle —
terri.boyle@accupad.com
or Petrina Marsh —
pfostermarsh@gmail.com.

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Celebrating 60 Years of Excellence and Tradition

by John Brunelli



Terri Boyle barely remembers a time before Saint Joseph Catholic School was a part of her life. Her family moved to Columbia the week before she started first grade.

After school, she would walk home, but return to roller

skate in the breezeways, play on the playground or help the teachers clean erasers. The exploration of the school led Terri and her sister to climb the school's roof. "We thought it would be fun, but then I saw Monsignor Kamler," Terri says. "I told my sister, 'Duck down.' I thought we got

away with it until I heard, 'Get off my roof!'"

The girls didn't get in too much trouble for that adventure. But then the 1970s were a different time. Families were larger. "We saw everyone at Mass. We knew all the parents, everyone's brothers and sisters," she says.

While the school has undergone significant changes, one constant through these 60 years has been the sense of family. "Every teacher and staff member becomes parents to your child," says Maria Carrero, who has been a parent, volunteer and office manager. Maria volunteered to teach conversational Spanish one day a week during lunch. One day became two days, which morphed into after-school classes.

One day the office manager stopped Maria in the hall to tell her she was leaving and that the principal wanted to see her. Carmella Baruth, who was then principal, asked Maria if she wanted the job. When she told her that she didn't have an updated resume, Baruth replied, "Well, do you want the job?"

More than 25 years later — through nine principals — Maria is still manning the office. She is amazed at the changes in her time: the addition of four-year-old kindergarten, the accelerated reading program, Latin instruction and two classes per grade.

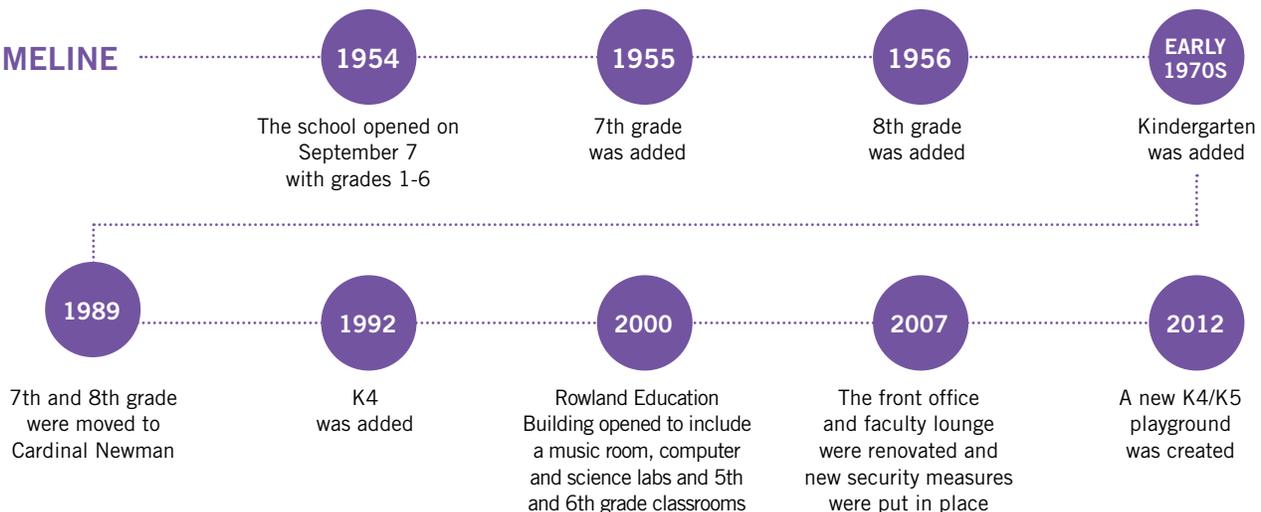
Maria gets emotional when she recognizes new parents as former students. "It's a testament to how great Saint Joseph is spiritually and academically," she says.

Terri Boyle never considered sending her children anywhere else, especially since she wanted God to be part of their education. It was that desire for a Christ-centered Catholic education in Columbia that led parishioners to raise \$144,000 to build the school in 1954. Quite an endeavor when you realize that would be \$1.25 million today.



Top: First Graduating Class, 1959
Above: Spring Fling Arts & Crafts Sale, 1974

TIMELINE



Smiling New Faces

Saint Joseph is proud to welcome two new (and one returning!) teachers. These fantastic women round out an already incredible roster of qualified and enthusiastic staff.



Leigh Seale — 3rd grade

Originally from Chapin, SC, Ms. Seale loves anything that keeps her outdoors and active. She is an avid Gamecocks fan and looks forward to boating adventures on Lake Murray. A USC (Columbia) grad she previously taught at Riversprings Elementary. Ms. Seale uses her passion for sports and the outdoors to relate to the children in her class. "I love being able to explore what makes each child an individual," says Ms. Seale.



Suzanne Richardson — 6th grade

Originally from PA, Mrs. Richardson is no stranger to our school. She left in 2009 to follow her husband's career, which took them to Georgia. As the mother of three sons, all of whom went to Saint Joseph, Mrs. Richardson knows all about how each child learns differently. Her passion for teaching 6th grade is contagious when she talks. "It's wonderful to help children at this age acquire the skill sets that allow them to transition to become more independent learners." A 10-year veteran of teaching, Mrs. Richardson is excited to "be back home" at our school.



Kristen Coble — 4K

Originally from Raleigh, NC, Mrs. Coble comes to our school with a wealth of worldly experiences she is eager to share with our youngest children. A graduate of NC State, Mrs. Coble has traveled abroad, studied in Italy and is an avid baker. Married to Daniel Coble (son of former Mayor Bob Coble), she previously taught at the USC Child Development Center. Her love for young children can only be rivaled by her passion for cooking!

14th Annual Auction Debuts Mobile Bidding

Step through the wardrobe and join us for Adventures in Narnia at Spring Valley Country Club. You will enjoy delicious food and beverages while you dance the night away and take advantage of a first for the school – mobile bidding!

No more missing the fun while you stalk the bid sheets or wait in long lines to check out. You can register online, quickly check in with your phone at the event, and bid the night away from the dance floor. You'll get a text each time someone outbids you, so you won't miss out on those football tickets you have to have.

Can't make it to the event? We'll miss you, but you don't have to miss bidding on that prized

piece of classroom art or the Wine Tasting for 20. You can bid from wherever you are! That's right – stuck on a work trip? No problem. Grandparent out of town who wants to support our school? We've got you covered. All you have to do is go to our school auction page at sjcs14.auction-bid.org and get started. You can get tickets for the event, register to bid, check out all of the fabulous items up for grabs and find out when bidding opens. This technology will make our school's largest fundraiser the best it has ever been. We want to raise record amounts of money this year so go to sjcs14.auction-bid.org and join us in the effort. Happy bidding!

14th Annual Auction:
**ADVENTURES
IN NARNIA**

**Saturday
November 15, 2014**

**Spring Valley
Country Club**

6:30-11:30pm

sjcs14.auction-bid.org



*Saint Joseph Cub Scouts
play hard at the Diocesan
Catholic Camporee*

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academic framework of the school. I served as Principal at Saint Joseph (Athens, GA) during a pivotal time during a new school building project. While Assistant Principal at Saint Joseph (Macon, GA), I started a teacher/student mentor program. All of these experiences have one thing in common: identifying a need within the community, establishing a goal and then determining the steps needed to accomplish the goal.

What are your long-term goals for Saint Joseph?

My long-term goals/vision for Saint Joseph is to build upon the foundation of excellence where individual student development is recognized and used for instruction. To do this, we need to strengthen our data collection to ensure sound decisions. Data-driven decisions are pivotal for individual student success and the community at large. I would like to help Saint Joseph become a school where Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) are embraced and developed. To move our STEM programs forward, we need to evaluate our schedule, current textbooks, curriculum and applications, including hardware and software being used.

What has surprised you most about moving to the South?

The amount of bugs.

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