



May 5, 2010

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week, we applaud the fine job that our teachers do here at St. Joseph School. Your children are surrounded by educators who are committed to providing a quality education as well as caring about your children as individuals.

We congratulate Ms. Rebecca Padlock for achieving *Teacher of Distinction* status with the Partners of Education Golden Apple Program. Ms. Padlock was a guest at last week's Golden Apple Gala.

If you have not returned your child's mid-quarter contact report, please do so as soon as possible.

Our school continues to grow because of the quality programs and education that are presented. Your word of mouth advertising is key in making our school grow. Remember if you are listed as a family who recommends our school to a new family you will get a \$50 tuition credit for a new family with a pre-schooler and a \$100 tuition credit for a new family with a kindergarten through eighth grade student. So "talk up" St. Joseph School! By the way, if you haven't sent back your own family's 2010-2011 registration form please send that in to school so we can look at class size, textbook orders and classroom space for next year.

Within the next two weeks students in kindergarten through grade eight will be taking the annual spring MAP testing.

As we near the end of our school year, we need to replenish our copy paper. If each family would donate one ream of paper, that would be a great help. Thank you very much.

St. Joseph School will be offering some summer school classes during the week of June 14-17. Take a look at the brochure included in today's envelope.



The Penny Wars for the purpose of new playground equipment will end at 11:30 on Friday. The kids are really having fun with this event. The winning class will have a pizza party before the end of the school year.

The Spring Showcase will be held on Thursday night. Beginning at 6:30 come to school with your families and stroll through the beautiful Art Gallery set up in the gym. While enjoying the student masterpieces you will be pleasantly entertained by students who take piano and band lessons at St. Joe's. About 6:55 you'll hear a school bell ringing in the hallway. At that time parents can go find a spot to sit in Pilgrim Church and students should meet their teachers in their classroom. Each class will perform a short program in Pilgrim Church for you to watch. Due to a wedding rehearsal please do not enter Pilgrim Church prior to 6:55 pm. Following the program please pick up your children from their classrooms and as you leave you'll get a treat to enjoy on the way home!

Friday is an early dismissal day. Students will not have lunch at school. Dismissal will be at 11:30.

In looking ahead to our year end school trip, **mark Tuesday, June 1st on your calendar.** There will be activities for PK-8th grade in the morning. Then, the whole school will spend the afternoon at Pamperin Park for lunch and fun games for everyone. We welcome all families to join us for this year end event. More details will come home in next week's envelope.

Have a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday! I hope you are surrounded by people who love you.

Sincerely,

Carol Hoard

Dear Lord

Author Unknown

Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day
With little time to stop and pray
For life's been anything but calm
Since you called on me to be a mom
Running errands, matching socks
Building dreams with building blocks
Cooking, cleaning and finding shoes
And other stuff that children lose
Fitting lids on bottled bugs
Wiping tears and giving hugs
A stack of last week's mail to read
So where's the quiet time that I NEED?
Yet when I steal a minute, Lord
Just at the sink or ironing board
To ask the blessings of Your grace
I see then, in my small one's face
That you have blessed me all the while
As I stop to kiss that precious smile.

