

May 26, 2010

Dear Parents,

The eighth graders will be graduating this evening at 6:00 at Nativity Church. All families are welcome to attend the graduation Mass. Our congratulations go to: Mitch Gwidt, Trent Ness, Marcus Rose, Lindsey Regouski and Brenna Strenski who will be missed around St. Joe's. We wish them God's blessings as they move on to high school. I'm sure St. Joseph School will be well represented by these students as they prepare for the next level of their education.

The last day for the After School program will be Tuesday, June 1. We thank the After School staff members for the care they shared with the St. Joseph students.

On Thursday, 5/27, Pre-K will have its year-end celebration in the sanctuary at 10:30. After the ceremony, a pizza lunch will be served. We look forward to this family event for your child.

Also, on Thursday evening at 6:30 in the sanctuary, the Kindergarten class will have its graduation ceremony. A light reception will follow. We celebrate with you in this milestone for your child.

On Friday, our second grade class will be performing a play at 10:30. Families are welcome to attend.

If you have had any medications held within the school office for your children, your son/daughter will be bringing that medication, Tylenol, cough drops etc. home today. Please ask your child for those items. In the event that a medicine of a more serious nature was provided to school such as an epi-pen for bee stings etc., we will keep that medication at school until the last day of school and at that time it will be returned for use throughout the summer.

There is still time to contribute to a gift for Fr. Tony in appreciation of his service to St. Joseph School this past year. We will present a gift at the last All School Mass on Wednesday, June 2. Any donations toward this gift should be sent to school at your earliest convenience.

In today's envelope you will find a 2010-2011 School Supply List. You may choose to look at what your child brings home with them at the end of this year and save some of the items for next year in a safe place so back to school costs will be less.

A state immunization requirement sheet can also be found in the envelope today. You may choose to take care of any updates sometime during the summer months.

Wednesday, June 2 is the last day of school for all students in preschool through grade 7. Students should go to Mass in the morning at Nativity as usual for a Wednesday. As part of the Mass some end of the year awards will be distributed. Following Mass, teachers will distribute report cards and then the students will be dismissed for summer vacation.



Parents are encouraged to participate in this end of the year Mass however if you are not able to join us please make sure that transportation home will be available at Nativity at 9:15am. If your child is a bus rider, the buses will pick up students from Nativity and bring them home. Please make certain that your children know what to do once they arrive back at your home.

MAP test results will accompany your child's report card.

Friday, May 28 is a dress down day. We will be doing some cleaning and moving so the children and teachers should be comfortably dressed. Lunch will be outside "picnic style" this Friday.

Just a few reminders for our end of the year All School fun day on Tuesday, June 1...Students will travel by bus to Rola-Rena at approximately 8:45. We will have fun with skating from 9 until about 11:30. If you would like your children to be able to play video games, pool or purchase a snack they should bring their own spending money which they will be solely responsible for. The kids will have a great time without any additional money but this is totally your choice.

We will then travel by bus to Pamperin Park. St. Joseph will have a 10x10 awning tent set up somewhere in Pamperin Park. We do not have a reserved park location so look for this tent or friendly St. Joseph faces! Our goal is to set the tent up near the large climbing/play area.

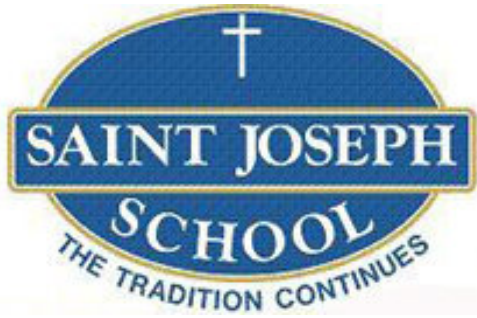
If your child takes a cold lunch please pack a bag lunch for them. If your child(ren) take hot lunch, Mrs. Verdegan will have picnic lunches ready for the students.

I am looking for a tug-o-war rope so we can have some friendly competitions while at Pamperin Park. If you have a tug-o-war rope that we can borrow please let me know. We are also looking for a few ladder golf games etc. for students to set up and use if they choose. If you are joining us for the day and wouldn't mind packing your games so children may use them, I'd appreciate it.

All summer school/volleyball sign ups have been approved so the teachers will be ready to share some fun activities with your children beginning June 14-17. The students should come to school about 5-10 minutes prior to the first class/activity they signed up for and their teacher will meet them and tell them where their class will be located for that week.

I hope you and your children will have lots of time to spend together this summer. Fun family memories will last a lifetime. Encourage your children to keep their math skills up and keep the kids reading this summer. There are several community reading opportunities available. Take advantage!

We pray with thankfulness for all servicemen and women who so bravely serve our country currently, for our veterans and for those who gave their lives so that we can live in a peaceful country. Remember them this Memorial Day as we gather with family and friends. If you've got room in your prayers, please keep my son, Colin, in your



prayers as he was scheduled to leave for a tour of duty in Afghanistan just yesterday. There is no school on Monday, May 31, Memorial Day.

Thank you all for making this a wonderful year at St. Joseph School. Have a fun filled summer, stay safe and healthy until we gather together again in fall. May God watch over you all.

Sincerely,

Carol Hoard