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MORNING OFFERING TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day,

for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart,

in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world,

for the salvation of souls, the reparation of sins, the reunion of all Christians,

and in particular for the intentions of the Holy Father this month.

AMEN

Thank You

To Mrs. Soria for her dinner and snack selections during Parent Teacher Conferences. It was such a delicious way to take a break and check in with each other as to how the day was progressing. It's the little things that make us happy!

To Mrs. Pinpin and Mrs. Le, our Halloween event planners, and to the many volunteers for organizing such a terrifically scary Halloween party. I think there were many more folks in attendance than last year! Always fun. ☺

To Ms. Messiah and our terrific Book Fair moms, dads, grandma's and grandpa's who planned for and volunteered their time for such a big event. It was great to see so many people wandering through and making selections the children will enjoy reading . . . maybe a couple of cookbooks for new holiday appetizers, main entrees, and dessert also made their way into a bag. We appreciated all the support.

A Good-bye Is Coming

Mrs. Kathy Perez has announced that she will be retiring out as our bookkeeper at the end of December. Mrs. Perez has worked at St. Joseph School as an Instructional Assistant, the librarian, and now, most recently, as our bookkeeper. She has spent eighteen years as a dedicated, committed member of our faculty and staff. We wish her the happiest of days as she sleeps through that early morning alarm, and sits in her chair enjoying her tea and the newspaper. Quilting will be at the top of her retirement plans!

Job Opportunity

Now that we know this will be an open position, is there anyone you know that might be looking for a job in the bookkeeping field. This person should enjoy the details of working with numbers, has strong time management skills with respect to deadlines, an AA degree or certification in accounting with some active experience, is reliable, can hold confidences, is familiar with EXCEL, QuickBooks, and data entry, and more. Please call the school office should you be interested in passing along a name for consideration. 510-724-0242. The position is posted on EdJoin and the Department of Catholic Schools website.

A Few Edits to the Parent/Student Handbook:

Please note that the big hair bows are a thing of the past, except on free dress days. Your child should be wearing inconspicuous headbands and small bows in school colors. Whereas the big bows are fun, sparkly and unique, they cause too much of a distraction and competition to those who wear them.

We are adding blue leggings to the list of colors that may be worn under the uniform skorts, jumpers, or skirts.

They should be ankle length without a lot of pilling, sagging, or holes, please.

Partners in Faith

In the Monday envelope, you received a copy of our *Partners in Faith* Newsletter for the month of November. Please note a few highlights:

- Children love having role models to emulate. In honor of All Saints Day, three saint superstars were chosen as examples of extraordinary virtue in the main article on page 1.
- Yelling is often a parent's first response to a child's wrong doing, but none of us wants to be an angry parent. The main article on page 2 details how to step back and parent with love.
- Advent and Christmas are coming up fast and the secular shopping season can ruin the calm contemplative joy if we let it. ParentTalk describes one parent's approach to curbing children's avarice and awakening their spirit of joy.

Walk-a-Thon VIP Party

This Friday, November 2nd, from 6:00-9:00 PM, at St. Joseph School Gym . . . Parents, if your child raised \$250.00 or more for the 2018 SJS Walk-a-Thon, you will have received a VIP Party Invitation/RSVP letter in the Monday, October 29th, envelope. Please check the Monday envelope. If your child should have received an invitation and didn't, please email ross_lugos@hotmail.com.

Walk-a-Thon Free Dress Passes

If your child raised \$125.00 or more for the 2018 SJS Walk-a-Thon, he/she will receive a 3-pack of Free dress passes during the week of November 5th. These should be used by mid May, 2019.

Calendar

10/31	Happy Halloween! The ghosts and goblins will be here in full force. The excitement was very evident at this morning's assembly :) The classroom parties will begin anywhere from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. Our parade around the neighborhood will begin between 11:00 and 11:15 AM. Please no masks, no face paint, no weapons, and wear suitable shoes for Physical education, outdoor play, and walking. It is a minimum day with noon dismissal. Children will not be signed out early.
11/1	All Saints Day Mass at 9:00 AM. Please come and join us. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
11/2	Return the bottom portion of the World's Finest Chocolate flyer. This is another option to help keep the tuition within reach for our families. It sells itself! VIP Party in the gym from 6:00-9:00 PM
11/3	Sacramental Prep meeting for the Second Grade parents and the students in the church at 9:30 AM Grades 6, 7 & 8 will be doing the readings, etc. at 5:00 PM Mass. All are invited to join us. It would be great to see our families support those students who have volunteered to actively participate in liturgy.
11/7	PTG meeting in the Sixth Grade classroom at 6:30 PM
11/8	Auction meeting in the Sixth Grade classroom at 6:30 PM. Come join us, bring creative ideas . . . we need enthusiastic folks to help work/participate in the biggest fundraiser of the year!
11/9	Veterans' Day Prayer Service Minimum Day, dismissal at noon Mandatory \$50.00 donation for the auction is due Kick-off for World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser at Morning Assembly
11/10	El Shaddai to use the gym
11/12	Veterans' Day holiday, no school in session
11/13	SCRIP orders due Hearing retests at Extended Care

Blessings,
Arlene Marseille

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