



St. Joseph School

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Rooted in Faith, Rooted in Mission, Rooted in Hope and Joy

*** Due to the weather reports stating that we will have heavy rain tomorrow, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades will not be attending Mass at 9:00 AM. We are combining TK-5 on Wednesday, January 23rd.

January 15, 2019

As we approach Catholic Schools Week, we pray . . .

“Almighty Father, You sent forth your Son as a beacon of hope for all people.
As Teacher, he has given us the prime example of the importance of education.
As disciples, we look to him for inspiration and strength.

Thank you for the many sisters, brothers, priests, and laypeople that have dedicated their lives in service to our Catholic schools.

Thank you for the teachers and administrators who sustain our schools today.

Thank you for the parents who have given support and witness to the importance of Catholic education in their daily lives.

Thank you for the students who work hard to further their education.

Bless St. Joseph School and the many people who advance our mission.

May our building be a home for those who seek to grow in faith, knowledge, and service to others.

May our community always support one another and exhibit hospitality to newcomers.

Fill our minds with knowledge and wisdom.

May our understanding of the world help us to grow in appreciation for it.

Fill our hearts with gladness.

May we always turn to you in times of need.

Fill our hands with the tools we need to serve others.

May we show them your unceasing love through our actions.” Amen.

- Someone turned in cash in a white envelope labeled with “Caritas Fundraiser” on the front. Anyone remember, was it you? Twenty dollars was enclosed inside.
- We are getting ready for a WCEA midterm visit on February 26, 2019. One member of our original team is returning, Mrs. Catherine Deehan, Principal of St. Raymond in Dublin, and we will have one of the Assistant Superintendents from the Archdiocese of San Francisco joining

us, Mrs. Susana Laparade Drummond. We are looking forward to having them join us to confirm and affirm that we are meeting our goals from the last visit.

1. Students will possess a deeper, age-appropriate understanding of the mystery of the Mass leading to an increase in participation at Sunday services.
2. Implement a conflict resolution support program and/or hire a counselor to assist students, teachers and parents in maintain and creating an environment of love and forgiveness, resulting in improved student learning.
3. St. Joseph School will increase reading comprehension scores.

We have collected a lot of data, sent out and received many survey results from students, teachers and parents, disaggregated the data and summarized how we have moved positively forward with what we felt were key points to address.

1/16	Pizza Fundraiser
1/17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Service at Morning Assembly
1/18	Elementary Staff Day, no school for the children
1/21	Martin Luther King, Jr., school holiday
1/22	Progress Reports to go home or view on Powerschool
1/23	Pizza Fundraiser Ukulele Club, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Eighth Grade classroom
1/24	Costume showing for "Mary Poppins, Jr.
1/25	Minimum Day, noon dismissal . . . teachers to set up for Catholic Schools Week . . . Crab Feed set up, also Free Dress
1/26	Crab Feed . . . have you gotten your tickets?
1/27	Catholic Schools Week Mass at 10:00 AM in the church, followed by Open House on campus at 11:15 – 12:45 PM

Many Blessings,
Arlene

The Mission of Catholic Schools

“Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.”
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