



St. Joseph Catholic School

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We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break, and that you enjoyed the time you had with family and friends.

There is no PTG meeting this Wednesday, May 1st. The next celebratory meeting is on May 22nd at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, May 8th, is a Minimum Day, so that the faculty can attend a Catechetical In-Service sponsored by the Diocese at St. Felicitas in San Leandro.

Friday, May 10th, is our “All School Disaster Drill.” A detailed letter that explains the procedures will be coming home in the Monday envelope. Please be sure to read through the expectations for this evacuation drill. We are required to have one of these drills every two years, and our last one was in May of 2017. No time will be given for the beginning of the drill, since I want to make sure our phone tree is in working order, and we can get the message out to all parents/guardians. **THERE WILL BE NO EXTENDED CARE** available. **ALL** faculty and staff will be participating in this drill.

A Prayer In Spring

“Oh, give us the pleasure in the flowers today;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.
Oh, give us the pleasure in orchid white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.
And make us happy in the darting bird
That suddenly above the bees is heard,
The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
And off a blossom in mid-air stands still.
For this is love nothing else is love.
The which it is reserved for God above
To sanctify to what far end He will,
But which it only needs that we fulfill.”

[WCEA Catholic Identity Survey](#)

St. Joseph School is working on the self-evaluation process for WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association). We are asking various stakeholder groups to participate in an annual assessment on Catholic Identity that will help direct our efforts to carry out the Mission and Philosophy of St. Joseph School. Please evaluate the school's effectiveness in regards to the Catholic Identity Standards in Curriculum and Service. Results will be used as data for our WCEA self-study.

Please complete these surveys by May 10, 2019. Thank you so much! We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Here is the link to the survey: _____

[Partners in Faith](#)

Please note a few highlights when this comes home in your Monday envelope:

- In the month of May, we honor Mary who was dedicated to bringing the Savior to humanity. Now that she is in Heaven, she continues to bring our concerns to her Son. The main article on Page 1 helps children understand how praying the “Hail Mary” honors our Heavenly Mother as our mother, too.
- Temptations come at our children from all directions. A strong conscience is a surefire way to help fight temptation. The main article on Page 2 explains.
- A May Crowning is a time honored way to honor our connection with Mary and her role in our salvation. ParentTalk on Page 2, explains how to celebrate a May Crowning at home.

[Registration Packets](#)

Big Questions . . . have you received your Registration Packet yet, and if so, have you returned all the paperwork back to the office? If you have not received your packet, is it because you have outstanding fees left to pay on any of your accounts? Please note that we will be debiting your ACH account in the month of May if you owe us any monies. This will include any outstanding SCRIP requirements. (page 48 in the handbook) We close our books in June and all needs to balance.

[Tuition Assistance](#)

If you have applied for tuition assistance through FACTS or BASIC, remember that we must have a copy of your W2's, Federal Tax Forms, and a completed copy of the FACTS or BASIC application form.

Calendar

5/1	Choicelunch will be providing samples to the students of their upcoming buttered noodles and slider selections. Each will be in individual cups, and no matter whether you order hot lunch for your student or not, all children are invited to take a sample. Tiger Wear Day NO PTG meeting!
5/2	“In school” field trip for Grades 4 & 5
5/3	We will be attending Mass on Friday at 9:00 AM. Our May Crowning is scheduled to take place over at church. Please join us.

5/4	YLI Spaghetti Dinner in the gym. Please come and support this event. YLI gives some very generous scholarships to our students at Graduation time.
5/5	Confirmation to use the gym from 2:00-5:00 PM.
5/7	All school "First Communion" Mass at 9:00 AM, followed by a reception for the Second Grade students and their siblings in the gym. Second Grade ONLY will be dismissed after brunch. Don't forget you will need to sign your student out in the Early Dismissal Log in the office.
5/8	Minimum Day. Faculty to attend a Catechetical In-Service.
5/9	Grades 6, 7, & 8 to attend the A's Game. It's career day!
5/10	Living Rosary will be rescheduled, due to our "All School" Disaster Drill.
5/13	Spirit Week begins . . . runs through Friday, May 17 th .

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."
Fully accredited by the Western Catholic Education Association and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges