



# St. Joseph Catholic School

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End of the Year parties that have been scheduled –

June 3, 2019 (Monday)      Grades TK, K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> heading off to Fernandez Park, 9:00-2:00 PM  
June 4, 2019 (Tuesday)    Grades 3, 4 & 5 to Kennedy Grove, 8:30-3:00 PM  
   Grades 6 & 7 to Fernandez Park, 10:00-2:30 PM

Please seriously considering filling this out . . .

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 24, 2019. Thank you so much! We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Here is the link to the survey: \_\_\_\_\_

May 15, 2019

May hope rise in your soul  
As the sun rises in the sky.  
May joy dance in this day  
And lift your heart up high.

## Thank You

To my faculty and staff, children and parents . . . it was an amazingly smooth Evacuation Drill. In our debriefing session, we did recognize a few changes that need to be made for the next one in 2021. During the drill, our injured students needed to be located by the Security/Site Safety Team and then they took steps to deal with the health issues at hand; the triage team was kept in the loop, in case we needed their assistance; we had streamlined the front gate check-in, so that we could move people along a bit more quickly to the pick up at the back gate; in the holding area for the students, the children felt very comfortable waiting for their designated pick up person. There were board games, card games and lots of visiting with friends and relatives. We did have one or two glitches with the Phone Tree notification system, but it was a very small number considering we have 266 children in

the school. I was disappointed in the amount of students we had out last Friday (30+). We do these drills for the safety of your children and those on campus, and they need to know the routine in the event of a “real” emergency. Please consider this the next time we face a big drill event. Thanks.

### Gym Floor

The dream gym floor is becoming a reality !!!! We’ve waited so long !!!! On June 10<sup>th</sup>, the Monday after school is out, we will start demolition on the old flooring. At this point I have canceled all activities in the gym for the summer months. I want to be sure everything is done to perfection and has ample time for the right number of coats to go down on the floating wood floor and dry properly. Stripping will be done for the volleyball and basketball boundary lines, etc., and our school logo will be placed in the center of the floor. New motorized bleachers will go in, and of course, you have seen that the new scoreboard has been mounted on the wall.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED . . . we have a rush turnaround time on getting some items moved out of the gym before the work begins. The three white shelving units need to be emptied and taken outside to the back patio area, the table and chairs need to be moved, also, to the back patio area for the summer months. The teachers are willing to unload the materials, and store them in different areas of the school, so the cabinets should not be too heavy. The cabinet that houses the gym equipment is heavy, and so I have asked the construction company to remove that piece for us. There is also a possibility that we may be able to extend the wood flooring out into the entrance area. This will depend on whether they have extra pieces or not. Just on another note, there is \$20,000 in our Fund-a-Need account, and this money will be used for the protective carpeting to go on top of the floor for when we have events. Hopefully, no hidden costs will appear. I’m thinking a group of ten to twelve volunteers will make things run more efficiently. Double general hours will be offered for the 2019-2020 school year. Please contact me via email, so I have a time/date stamp to refer to as you’re volunteering. Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> is the date; 9:00 AM is the start time.

### Communication

Parents, if you know you are not returning for the 2019-2020 school year, kindly let us know. We hear rumors, but are never really sure whether or not they have substance behind them, because the children are delivering the information to their friends. Also, we still have some registration packet information that has not been returned. Many reminders via email messages, phone calls and personal invitations from me to return the signed documents, etc. have gone home. Once again, do I assume your family is not coming back or is the packet resting on the dining room table or someplace else?

### Lost and Found

The “Lost and Found” area is overflowing. Please come in and look for misplaced items that you have not seen for awhile. Label all items, so that we can return the to you.

### Donated Uniform Pieces

If you are graciously donating clothing items to the school uniform bank, please bring them to the office . . . do not directly put them into the uniform bank area, please.

### Calendar

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| 5/15 | New Family meeting in the gym from 6:30 PM to approximately 7:45 PM<br>Ask the children about our M.U.S.E. Band and Ukulele Club performance this morning!  |
| 5/16 | Mrs. Marseille out at Principals' Meeting<br>Mrs. Kober is cooking with some of her Middle School classes   |
| 5/17 | Talent Show will begin around 10:30 AM. Please come and take part in the fun!<br>Minimum Day, dismissal at noon. Extended Care is open.   |
| 5/21 | Tiger Wear Day  |
| 5/22 | PTG End of the Year gathering, 6:30 PM. Please RSVP to Mrs. Ruiz, if you'd like to join us.<br>PIZZA fundraiser   |
| 5/24 | Free appropriate dress<br>Minimum Day, dismissal at noon. Extended Care is open.<br>Confirmation at 5:45-9:00 PM over in the church<br>Mrs. Arriola's math group traveling to the Pinole Shopping Center, 10:15 to 11:50 PM |
| 5/27 | Memorial Day, holiday   |
| 5/28 | Pinole Valley Historical group to present awards to the winners of the essay contest at morning assembly<br>SCRIP orders due  |
| 5/29 | Awards dessert in the gym for the Eighth Grade class, 6:30 PM viewing of posters, and then onto the Award presentations at 7:00 PM<br>Summer vacation birthdays to be celebrated at Morning Assembly                        |
| 5/30 | Signing of yearbooks in the gym   |

Blessings,  
Arlene

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