

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL THE TIGER'S TALE



August 12, 2019
First issue of
the year

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Saturday, August 17th: Information and Welcome meeting for TK families from 1:00 to 2pm. *Please bring your supplies.
Kindergarten families from 2:00 to 3:00pm. *Please bring your supplies
- Monday, August 19th: 1st Day of School - 10:30am dismissal for everyone
PTG Meeting at 8:15am in the gym - all are encouraged to attend
Welcome for new and existing families with support and light breakfast
Tiger's Den Extended Care is available until 6pm
- Tuesday, August 20th thru 23rd: Noon dismissal - TK through Kindergarten only
Extended Care available
- Friday, August 23rd: State of the School Town Hall Meeting - 6:30pm in church.
Ice Cream Social following in Parish Hall
Reporting on survey - all school discussion
Registration for Tiger's Den Extended Care Due
- Sunday, August 25th: New Family Buddy Breakfast from 9:00 to 11am
- Tuesday, August 27th: Back-to-School Night at 6:30pm, Grades 6-8
- Thursday, August 29th: Back-to-School Night at 6:30pm, Grades TK-5

A Prayer of Thanks

Another summer will soon be gone, seemingly before it even got started. Where did it go? As short as summer's lease is, the change of seasons gives us the opportunity to mark and measure ourselves and our lives in prayer. Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer, the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings, the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.

Thank you for days we went swimming and played in the park, for the evenings watching the stars,
for vacations and festivals, picnics and cookouts,
baseball and concerts and playing with friends, seeing family and eating popsicles.

Thank you for the hot days and cool nights, for watermelon sweetness, for summer's pace and summer's grace,
for all your beauty and power, faithfulness and abundancy displayed this and each summer, Amen.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year: The teachers and staff have been working hard to get the school ready to receive your children. We are very happy and blessed to welcome our new Music Teacher - Rebecca Monson. She comes to St. Joseph from St. David's School in Richmond. She has many years of teaching and training with multiple instruments, hands on learning and music history and history. She will be inspiring our students in TK through 5th Grades.

We are bringing Art back to St. Joe's! I am pleased to welcome Andrea Santiago who will work part-time teaching Art for our TK through 8th Grade students. She comes to us from Trinity College where she received an Art education degree and credential. She is very excited to expose our students to a variety of artists, methods and materials!

Class Supplies: As a reminder, you can download all class supply lists and summer work on the school website at www.stjosephpinole.com. Go to the teacher page for each specific class list.

Teachers are expecting their students to come prepared to class the first day of school. Students in TK/Kindergarten are invited to the teacher Meet and Greet next Saturday, August 17th and can drop off their supplies in a bag marked with their name on it.

First day of School is Monday, August 19th: Please bring your students on time to school. *The students will be dismissed at 10:30am.* Extended Care - The Tiger's Den will be available at 10:45 until 6:00pm. If your child is staying in Extended Care, please pack them a lunch and have them place it in their backpacks. We will be unable to heat up lunches. If your child wants or needs a hot lunch, please bring your lunch in a Thermos or pre-order with Choice Lunch. We will supply two snacks during the afternoon.

New Policies for the Tiger's Den - Extended Care: Registration will be opened for the year until Friday, August 23rd. Please include the completed registration contract form with your \$50 check. You will not be considered registered unless we receive the form and the fee. To clarify, we are trying to streamline the process for you and the school. There will be NO monthly calendar sent out. When you register, you choose how many days per week you want your child to use Extended Care. You can still pay hourly if that is what you initially choose when you register. If you choose not to register you will pay \$6.50 per hour for hours used. If you do register, you will be billed \$5 per hour and even less if you choose the per week fees.

PTG and Welcome New families to school: We will have refreshments for all parents who can gather to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. The PTG will hold their first meeting in the quad...sadly the gym will not be finished to use and therefore, we will meet in the quad to enjoy the benefit of fresh air!

Town Hall Meeting: The Principal will be holding a Town Hall meeting in the Church on Friday, August 23rd at 6:30pm. Families who attend will receive a parent volunteer hour. We will discuss the results of the Parent survey...thank you to the 54 parents who provided input. As we move forward with a new administration, new societal and 21st Century demands, it is important to discuss the future of the school moving forward. There will be ample time to ask questions and share in this rich discussion. After the meeting we will enjoy Ice Cream Sundaes in the Parish Hall. I hope you will be able to come!

Volunteers needed: Thank you Ms. Kay Cunningham, a grandparent of a 1st Grader, who volunteered to coordinate the Ice cream Social after your Town hall meeting on Friday August 23rd. Please go to <https://signup.com/go/Eksddis>. We need help with set up, clean up and supervising the making of ice cream sundaes. You will receive volunteer hours for your time.

Reminder about those homework packets and reading: Please support your child by carving out some quiet time to keep up their academic skills and encourage them to finish up their summer academic packets and continue to take time out for reading.

SJS Emergency System: In order to receive emergency messages via text - parents and staff will need to opt-in to receiving automated calls and texts from School Messenger by texting "Y" or "yes" to 68453. To opt-out, text STOP to 68453. We will be using this Free system this year as our Emergency contact and some communication.

Welcome back Choice Lunch: Our new lunch provider is  **choicelunch** at www.choicelunch.com. They have a variety of hot and cold lunches that include a snack, fruit and drink. Log in and create an account. This company is very reliable and flexible. There is even an app for your phone to make it even easier for you to order!

Reminders: Documentation of current physicals/TB tests/TDAP, etc. must be in the office no later than close of business - 4:00pm on Friday, August 16th. The new Parent/Student Handbook will be up on the website for your review in the this week. The handbook sign off sheet is due **Friday, August 30th**.

GOOD TO KNOW!

Improvement to Facilities: This summer we have been hard at work with refreshing, renewing and replacing to get ready for the new school year. We have cleared and repaired of the gutters around the buildings - expecting another heavy rainy season. The stairs of the Tiger's Den have been replaced with composite wood that is strong and will last for many years. We have built outdoor cabinets to store our tables instead of putting them back into the gym. I plan on the large cabinets to be a canvas for a mural later in the year.

Still to do: It is disappointing, but the gym floor is about three weeks behind schedule. We hope this week the school logo will be painted on the floor...the floor sealed, baseboards attached and bleachers installed. Please include the quick completion of this project in your daily prayers!

Over the next few weeks, we will be hanging the projectors from the ceiling in each classroom. This will free up space in the classroom and allow all students access without any viewing obstruction.

Walk-A-thon Update: Friday, September 13 at 10am is St. Joseph's 9th annual Walk-a-thon fundraiser, promoting health and fitness, as we walk through fun-filled obstacle courses, while raising money for our school. We will have the pledge packet ready to be distributed for the first day of school. This is the current flyer and pledge form attached to the manila envelope. We are looking to make available the opportunity to submit your donation online, so parents/caretakers can copy and paste to their own Facebook or social media pages with a link to their PayPal or payment app. linked to the Walk-a-thon page on our school site. See flier attached.

CYO board: The school is looking to re-establish the CYO Board. If you are interested in helping develop our stellar sports program and other physical learning opportunities for our students, please email me at nlenz-acuna@csdo.org We will be meeting in early September.

Understanding the bill for Incidentals sent by bookkeeper: We want to clarify that every family will receive invoice for the year's parent volunteer hours equal to a dollar amount. As you volunteer your time, the hours will be subtracted. If you complete your contracted volunteer hours, you should have a ZERO balance at the end of the year.

NEW St. Joe's Maintenance Committee: We are forming a maintenance committee to help with small repairs that come up around the school. We will need a few people to be "On Call" and others who want to lead a Work party a few times a year. If you are interested, please email Natalie at nlenz-acuna@csdo.org. Of course you will receive parent volunteer hours for your time. Thank you!

Scrip: One of the ways we fundraise is to sell Scrip gift cards. It does take some forethought, but for each card you purchase a percentage goes to the school. You can purchase cards from a wide variety of retail establishments online and/or in the office. So as you spend at Target, Safeway, get coffee on your way to school, or gas up your car....you can help your child's school. Find the link to purchase on the left hand side of our home page at www.stjosephpinole.com

"Tell two Friends": We are still enrolling for most of our classes. 6th & 8th Grade is full. Tell your friends who may be looking for a school that provides a "Whole Child" education with an abundance of learning opportunities and rigorous academics that it is not too late to enroll. **We need your help to spread the word! Thank you for your partnership!**

You are encouraged to always check the school calendar on our website - www.stjosephpinole.com. It will be the most up-to date with changes and additions. Go to the right bottom of the calendar to add to your devices.

Need Uniforms? If you missed the Classic Design Uniform sale, you can still purchase uniforms and uniform pieces at [\(415\) 661-4700](tel:4156614700) or www.eclassicdesigns.com. Your purchases will be sent directly to the school at no cost to you.

DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mark your calendar for the New Family Buddy Breakfast: Sunday, August 25th the PTG will introduce our new families with a warm welcome by their "Buddy Families". The breakfast will be held in the quad from 9 to 11am.

COMMUNITY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

5 BENEFITS OF ARTS EDUCATION FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT

-Posted by artinaction

Why arts education? Have you wondered about the benefits behind arts education, especially for children? Art in Action aspires to implement more visual arts programs across the U.S. with our creative curriculum and the devoted team behind each lesson. We believe every child deserves arts education because it helps foster their developing minds.

To better understand the benefits behind this unique sector of education, here are five ways in which the arts can benefit child development.

- 1. Art helps develop decision-making.** Children learn problem-solving and critical thinking skills when creating or observing art, which can carry over to other parts of their lives.
- 2. Visual learning is becoming more prominent.** More and more children are taking in information visually. Art helps teach in a visually appealing way, such as through sketching, painting, or sculpting.
- 3. Cultural awareness is practiced.** Art is universal, meaning every culture has its own art style or interpretation of the world. Children can become more culturally aware in an increasingly diverse society.
- 4. Creativity and experimentation.** There are no right or wrong answers in art! Every child's artwork is valued for its uniqueness and creativity.
- 5. Art promotes commitment and responsibility.** Children learn accountability through decision-making while creating art. They also learn effort and practice lead to polished work they can be proud of.

Thank you for learning about some of the benefits arts education can provide for children.