

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL THE TIGER'S TALE



August 26, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Mon August 26th: Walk-a-thon online Pledge begins!
- Tues, August 27th: Back-to-School Night at 6:30pm, Grades 6-8
- Thurs, August 29th: Back-to-School Night at 6:30pm, Grades TK-5
- Fri, August 30th: Noon Dismissal - Tiger's Den available
- Mon, Sept 2: Labor Day - No School
- Tues, Sept 4: School Picture Day
- Mon, Sept 9: School Board meeting at 6:30PM in the 8th grade room
- Wed, Sept. 11th: PTG meeting at 6:30PM
 - Fingerprinting for New family members who want to volunteer at 3:00 to 6:00pm in the library
- Thurs Sept 20: No School - Teacher in Service Day

A Prayer

Dear Father in heaven, open our hearts to see what is good in our lives.
May the light in our hearts shine clearly so that we see, recognize, and live in accordance with what comes from eternity and belongs to our true nature, brought to us through Christ.
Keep us from being blinded and deafened by experiences that will pass by.
Help us to rise above them even in suffering and to wait patiently for what is becoming new and perfect.
Praise to your name that we too can say, "The old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" Amen.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Follow up on the Parent Town Hall meeting: Thank you to all who came and volunteered on Friday to our Town Hall meeting. In case you could not attend, the Powerpoint will be put up on the website under Principal's Desk. We did not get a chance to have a discussion at the meeting, therefore I am inviting parents from each class to a Meet and Greet for discussion on topics including results of the parent survey.

Tuesday, Sept 10th: 6th grade
Monday, Sept 16th: 5th grade
Tuesday, Sept 17th: 7th grade
Wednesday, Sept 18th: 4th grade
Monday, Sept 23rd: 3th grade

Tuesday, Sept 24th: 2th grade
Wednesday, Sept 25th: 1th grade
Monday, Sept 30th: TK/Kindergarten
Tuesday, October 1st: 8th grade

Back to School Night: Please come to Back to School Night on Tuesday, August 27th (Middle School) and/or Thursday, August 29th (TK thru 5th grades). This is a very important time to meet your student's teacher and understand the requirements outlined by the teacher to ensure your child's success in class this year. Both meetings will begin at 6:30PM in between the two building around the back. They will begin with an introduction from the principal and a presentation to key stakeholders at the school. Please visit our tables along the concrete patio. Sign up and get information about CYO sign ups, PTG committees, Walk-a-thon and opportunities at Oktoberfest.

Please note that Powerschool Portal login for parents will be distributed before Back to School Night on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

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 distributed the pledge packet last week. We are excited that this year, your family members and friends have the opportunity to submit a donation online for your child's behalf. Please copy and paste the link for the Paypal donations to the SJS 2019-2020 Walk-a-thon:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=92ZWKX4T58EZL&source=url

IMPORTANT: Please write (1) the full name of the student AND (2) their grade, so that the student is able to receive credit for the donation.

Don't have a Paypal account? Here is a short YouTube video (about 1 minute) on how to set up a Paypal User account: <https://youtu.be/wIAo43FEj-I>

Preview YouTube video How to Set Up a Personal PayPal Account



Beginning of the Year Changes: I do acknowledge that change is difficult. I want to be upfront and transparent in some of the changes I have made at the beginning of this school year. It is very important to me that our resources primarily go to the classroom teachers and students for better access to teaching and learning the academic standards and 21st century skills needed as a foundation for success. In addition, I have had to reformulate the budget for this school year to meet our current enrollment. Therefore, I have made the following changes.

1. Added Art for ALL students TK thru 8th grades
2. 5th grade has been moved to the 2nd or 12:20PM lunch time
3. Señora Kober is teaching 5th thru 8th graders Spanish
4. Señora Craven is teaching Kinder thru 4th graders Spanish
5. PE for grades 1,2,3 will be 4 days per week

In the next month I should have a source to hang the rope on the poll for the flag and a new LCD projector from the ceiling of each classroom. I want to be clear that the change in the reason 5th grade will be enjoying their lunch and playtime at 11:50 is to accommodate Spanish for the 5th graders which will now be taught by Ms. Jennifer Kober.

Need Parent Volunteer Hours: We need one parent to help us on Picture Day from 8:00AM to Noon. Please email Mrs. Winter at lwinter@cstdo.org or call the office if you can help. Thank you.

First Communion and Sacraments: If your child is in 3rd thru 8th grade and has not made their 1st Communion and/or Reconciliation, please enroll in the Sacramental Faith Formation classes beginning September 10/11th. All

parents and children much attend. For information and questions please contact Carol Lujan, Coordinator of Religious Education at 510-741-4900 ext. 1004 or at carollujan.sjcpinole@gmail.com

Altar Servers training: We hope that you will consider joining one of several ministries of the parish. Altar Server training will be on Saturday, September 7th from at 3:30 to 4:30PM. Your child must be in 4th grade or older. Altar Servers will serve from September through August 2020. If you can not make the training but would like to serve, please feel free to reach out to Cathy Dimalanta at catdimalanta@yahoo.com with any questions.

Other Parish Ministries: Dads think about serving your parish and God by joining the Fraternal Knights of Columbus. If you are interested, please contact Jesson de Leon at 415.596.7236 or email him at jesson@gmail.com

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@csgo.org. Of course you will receive parent volunteer hours for your time. Thank you!

Lunch Duty Volunteers: This year we will be inviting parents and extended family members to help with Yard Duty at lunchtime. We will accept volunteers in September. We are working with staff and the PTG on the Volunteer handbook that will provide informational needs and tips on yard duty and other volunteer opportunities. All volunteers who will be working with and around children must have Virtus and Fingerprinting finished and cleared. All Volunteer opportunities will be advertised on Signup.com. They will be listed in this weekly newsletter, via Class Dojo and through your Classroom room parent.

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 SchoolMessenger 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. There will be no class phone tree this year. Thank you for responding to this important request.

Welcome back Choice Lunch: Our new lunch provider is 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. They have launched an easy lunch-ordering app, along with exciting new entrées on the menu. Check 'em out!

What's NEW?

Did you know? Our new Unlimited Subscription option lets you set up an entire year of lunches in less than 5 minutes. Go to our website for more info, or open our app (available on the Apple Store and Android Store). Lunchtime

GOOD TO KNOW!

Take a look at the School Website: The Parent Handbook and Yearlong Date information is up on the school website for your reference.

Finger Printing Opportunity for New Families: New families and family members who will be volunteering around children will have the opportunity to get fingerprinting through the Diocese of Oakland at NO COST. The Diocesan team will be in the Library from 3:00 to 6pm on Wednesday, September 11th. We will send out a sign up sheet for you and/or your family members who plan to volunteer on your behalf this school year.



Oktoberfest: The most awaited fundraiser of the year is Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 5th!

The committee asks that you take the Sponsor letter attached to this newsletter, to the businesses you frequent requesting that they donate to this event benefiting the school and church communities.

Please consider attending the Pasta Dinner on Saturday, Sept. 28th encouraging your friends and family to attend. The flier is also attached.

We need You! The school would like to add a few booths to what has traditionally has been offered by the school:

- HennaTattoos
- Spin Art
- We need a few new games
- Filipino food booth that includes Lumpia!
- Dia de los Muertos sugar skulls - decorating with icing and sequins

If you are interested in organizing and/or running these booths, please email Natalie at nlenz-acuna@csdo.org

Volunteer Hour Rules for Oktoberfest: Parents may volunteer for a total of 22 hours: of those hours, 7 may be fundraising and the remaining 15 will be counted as general. Oktoberfest Committee Chairs may claim their 35 hours. Please turn in your hours sheet. If you are working in a booth at the event, you still cannot claim more than the 22 combined hours. After 22 hours, you become a volunteer only. If there is a job category that is usually hard to fill, Mrs. A may make an exception to the 22-hour rule, but her approval must be given in advance. Please check with Mrs. A to see if your event qualifies for that exception. All volunteers must have their volunteer paperwork up-to-date. This includes TB, Live Scan and Safe Environment. The school will be listing the volunteer and booth needs on SignUp.com in the near future...stay tuned!

Oktoberfest T-shirts are NOW on Sale: You can purchase your Oktoberfest T-shirts Now... The order form was sent in your Monday envelope and can also be found as an attachment. I hope most everyone will consider a shirt.

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.

New Communication System for Teachers: We have all agreed to use a new communication system called Class Dojo. It is a quick and easy way for your child's teacher to send you information, a photo or quick video of what your child is doing in class. Likewise, it is a great tool for you to send a quick text about how your child is feeling or an issue they may be having at home or in class...a great conversation starter! Your child's teacher will be sending you a text requesting that you accept the invitation this week. Our goal is that every parent at every grade will do so!

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.

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 go 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

You are encouraged to always check the school calendar on our website - www.stjosephinole.com This year we are indicating all the masses, fieldtrips and days off. It will be the most up-to date changes and additions. Go to the right bottom of the calendar to add to your devices.

Pizza Lunch Fundraising Days: We are happy to announce that most Wednesdays, will be Pizza Days!. The 8th grade class will be sponsoring this fundraiser with the proceeds earned going toward their Caritas trip. The menu choices will include pizza, chips cookies and a drink. The cost is \$3 per slice with amenities at \$1 each. We will begin Wednesday; Sept 11 continue most Wednesdays. Fundraiser sponsored by 7th grade.... proceeds go to help pay for Caritas in the 8th grade.

Update on the Gym Floor: This week the molding should be finished around the floor and the logo painted. The Volleyball poll apparatus should also be installed. We are hoping to debue the gym to our students and families this next week. Although exciting, the bleachers will not be installed until late October/early November. I will keep you posted!

"Tell two Friends": We are still enrolling for most of our classes. 6th grade is full. Tell your friends who may be looking for a school who 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!

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[COMMUNITY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES](#)

Start your School Routine Now

Back to school: get the whole family ready by setting a new routine, checking after school plans — and cutting screen time.

by: [GreatSchools Staff](#) | July 23, 2019

Getting back into the school routine can be a challenge for everyone in the family. To make adjusting to the new routine easier, start early and ease into it.

Make life easier starting now

A new school year means a new routine. Get your child's mind and body prepared for the big shift.

- A few weeks before school starts, move bedtime back to an earlier time.
- It's easy during the lazy days of summer to slip into having meals at irregular hours. As the first day of school approaches, make meal times more regular and aligned with the school year schedule.
- Put a positive spin on going back to school. Talk about the fun things your child will be learning, the old friends he'll see, and the new friends he'll make.
- If your child is anxious about starting the next grade, reassure him that other children have these feelings too.
- Don't make plans for big trips right before the start of school.
- Establish weekday schedules for homework, TV, baths, and bedtime.
- Arrange playdates with friends from school to re-establish connections that may have been dropped for the summer, or to create new ones.

Confirm your after school care arrangements

Most after school care arrangements must be made months ahead, frequently in the winter or spring before your child starts school. As the school year approaches, however, it's a Make sure your child knows where he is going after school.

- Double-check on your care plans and communicate with the provider a few days before school starts.
- If your child will be home alone after school, establish safety rules for locking doors and windows, and for answering the door and the telephone. Make sure she knows to check in with you or another adult when she arrives at home.

Control screen time

It's tempting, especially during the summer, to let kids watch a lot of television and stare at their screens. As you get ready to go back to school, start to put [limits on screen time](#) if you haven't done so during the summer.

- Be firm. Set limits of no more than an hour or two of TV daily.
- Set a good example by not watching a lot of TV yourself. Engage in family activities such as reading or board games.
- Keep TVs out of your child's bedroom to limit the temptation.
- Encourage selective TV viewing. Discourage channel surfing which encourages passive viewing.
- Choose wisely. There are some TV programs that can be a valuable tool for learning and expanding one's awareness of the world.