

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL THE TIGER'S TALE

September 2, 2019

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept 4: School Picture Day

Thursday, Sept 5: All School Mass at 9:00AM - all are welcome

Sunday, Sept 8: All School Welcome Mass at 10:30AM - all are encouraged to attend

Mon, Sept 9: School Board meeting at 6:00PM in the 8th grade room

Tues, Sept 10: Meet and Greet for 6th grade parents

Wed, Sept. 11th: Pizza Fundraiser - purchase by Monday to get Pizza on Wednesday!

- PTG meeting at 6:30PM
- Fingerprinting for New family members who want to volunteer at 3:00 to 6:00pm in the library

Thur, Sept. 12th: CYO Sign ups for boy and girls teams at 6:30PM in the 6th grade room.

Fri Sept 20: No School - Teacher in Service Day

Weekly Prayer

The Grail Prayer Lord Jesus,

I give you my hands to do your work. I give you my feet to go your way. I give you my eyes to see as you do.

I give you my tongue to speak your words. I give you my mind that you may think in me.

I give you my spirit that you may pray in me. Above all,

I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all mankind.

I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus,
who live and work and pray in me. Amen

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

Walk-A-thon Update: Two weeks left!. 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/wlAo43FEj-I>

Preview YouTube video How to Set Up a Personal PayPal Account

Follow up on the Parent Town Hall meeting: Thank you to all who came to our Town Hall meeting. In case you could not attend, the Powerpoint is up on the home page under the "News" section! The link will take you to a "view

only" version of the slideshow. 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

CYO Signups: Thursday, September 12, we will be holding an Informational night about playing sports in the CYO program sponsored by the parish and school. The meeting will be held in the 6th grade from 6:30 to 7:30PM. You can also sign up on our website under the CYO page. See flier attached. The school is also re-establishing 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@cndo.org

Pizza Lunch Fundraising Days: We are happy to announce that Pizza Day, will begin Wednesday, Sept 11th and continue most Wednesdays after that. The 7th 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.

Important: Please complete the order form including your child's first and last name, grade, and exact payment. Any overages will be considered a donation. We have MANY orders with no names and grades, just a check and the what they want for lunch. If you want to purchase for your child's friends, please check with the family before ordering for someone else, they may have already had an order submitted.

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. See the signup sheet attached for you and/or your family members who plan to volunteer on your behalf this school year.

PTG Information: Need to know what is going on and/or you need Parent Volunteer Hours? See the September PTG Informational flier included.

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

Need someone who can do Maintenance for the School: We will need One or a two people to be "On Call" who is handy with tools when the teachers and I can't do little things around the school ourselves. If you are interested, please email Natalie at nlenz-acuna@cndo.org. Of course you will receive parent volunteer hours for your time. Thank you!

SJS Emergency System: 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.



Oktoberfest: The most awaited fundraiser of the year is Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th!

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.*

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.

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!

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

Lunch Duty Volunteers: This year we will be inviting parents and extended family members to help with Yard Duty at lunchtime. Volunteers will be working with staff during lunch time. 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. The handbook will be on our website this week. We ask that you read it and sign the handbook agreement prior to volunteering.

GOOD TO KNOW!

Thank You to all of those who attended: Our Back to School Nights last week. The teachers and staff enjoyed meeting each of you. If you were unable to attend because of the Raiders vs. the 49er game, please check your child's classroom webpage for the class requirements outlined by the teacher so to ensure your child's success in class this year.

If you have not done so already...

- Powerschool Portal login for parents were distributed to the students last week.
- Please read the handbook and sign the Parent Handbook Agreement form

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

Donate to the school while you shop:

AmazonSmile: It is less than 4 months until Christmas! If you use Amazon, then you can turn your purchases into donations for St. Joseph School. AmazonSmile is a program run by Amazon that will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.

If you are ready to start, then follow these directions!

- 1) Go to smile.amazon.com
- 2) Sign in to your Amazon account or create a new Amazon account.
- 3) On the next screen choose "St. Joseph School" from the drop down menu. Be sure to choose the school in Pinole!
- 4) Do your Amazon shopping from your browser using smile.amazon.com. This will not work with the Amazon app. You can create a shortcut on your phone by clicking in the upper right-hand corner of your browser and selecting the command to create a shortcut (this will be different for different phones).
- 5) Send the link to your friends and family members and encourage them to support your child's school as well.

New Communication System Class DoJo: 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!

Hot and Cold Nutritious Lunches: Choice Lunch has a variety of hot and cold lunches that include a snack, fruit and drink. Log in and create an account. They have launched an easy lunch-ordering app, along with exciting new entrées on the menu. Check 'em out at www.choicelunch.com. Their new Unlimited Subscription option lets you set up an entire year of lunches in less than 5 minutes. You can also get their app available on the Apple Store and Android Store.

Update on the Gym Floor: The logo is painted! The logo needs two coats of sealer. We are anticipating to debut the floor to our students and families this week.

"Tell two Friends": We are still enrolling for most of our classes. 6th & 8th grades are 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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Monday, September 9th: First School Board meeting of the year - all are welcome....6:00PM in the 8th grade

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COMMUNITY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES

Health Fair: Join us at St. Joseph Church for the 2019 Health Fair in partnership with Kaiser Permanente. Everyone is invited. You do not have to be a Kaiser patient. Middle Schoolers who want to babysit can get CPR

experience. Meet Nutritionists and Health Educators, Mental Health advisors, Learn CPR and get advice. Flier is sent home in the Monday packet.

Sunday, September 15th come to the El Sobrante Stroll. It will begin at 10:00AM with a parade. The Scouts will offer a pancake breakfast, and a hamburger lunch at the Elk's Lodge on the Dam Road.