

# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL THE TIGER'S TALE

September 9, 2019

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Mon, Sept 9: School Board meeting at 6:00pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade room

Tues, Sept 10: Meet and Greet for 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents at 6:30pm

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

- PTG meeting at 6:30pm in 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom
- Fingerprinting for New family members who want to volunteer at 3:00 to 6:00pm in the library

Thurs, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>: CYO Sign ups for boy and girls teams at 6:30pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade room.

Fri, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>: ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL WALK-A-THON - 10AM start

Noon Dismissal

Mon, Sept 16: Meet and Greet for 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents at 6:30pm

Tues, Sept 17: Meet and Greet for 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents at 6:30pm

Wed, Sept 18: Meet and Greet for 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents at 6:30pm

Fri Sept 20: No School - Teacher in Service Day

## Weekly Prayer

God of peace, bring your peace to our world, O God of love, compassion, and healing,  
look on us, people of many different faiths and traditions,  
Comfort and console us, strengthen us in hope, and give us the wisdom and courage  
to work tirelessly for a world where true peace and love reign  
among nations and in the hearts of all.

Adapted from: Pope Benedict XI--Prayer at Ground Zero

## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW and/or TAKE ACTION

**Walk-A-thon Update:** Is this 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](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

Note: Students can wear free dress that day. They are not only limited to colored shirts. Yet, they can wear as much of their color as they can. It shows their class spirit. We ask that students do not paint their face or spray hair color. They sweat and it gets way too messy!

Class colors are as follows:

- TK and K = Rainbow
- 1 = Gray
- 2 = Yellow
- 3 = Green
- 4 = Purple
- 5 = Orange
- 6 = Black
- 7 = Red
- 8 = Blue

**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 on Thursday!.

**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 at 6:30pm in your child's prospective room** for discussion on topics including results of the parent survey. See flier attached.

Tuesday, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> grade

Monday, Sept 16<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> grade

Tuesday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Monday, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Tuesday, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

Wednesday, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Monday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup>: TK/Kindergarten

Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>: 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade from 6:30 to 7:30PM. You can also sign up on our website under the CYO page. See flier attached. If you are interested in joining the CYO Board, please email me at [nlenc-acuna@cndo.org](mailto:nlenc-acuna@cndo.org)

**After School Tutoring:** After school tutoring for grades K-3 will begin on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Leamy, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher, will tutor 3 days a week (MON, WED, FRI) from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. This opportunity is for students needing additional support to complete their homework have attended tutoring. Please understand that it is group tutoring and not the same thing as 1:1 private tutoring.

Tutoring will be available to K-3 grade students. This is a free service, however, students will need to check in and check out from the Tiger's Den Extended Care.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>**. See the signup sheet attached for you and/or your family members who plan to volunteer on your behalf this school year.

**Chess Wizards is coming to St. Joseph Afterschool:** Chess classes will begin in at St. Joseph School on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>** under the direction of the Tiger's Den Extended Care Program. Why should you consider this activity for your child?

- Improve decision-making, strategic thinking and emotional development
- Develop concentration
- Improve academic performance and behavior

Let your child be part of a successful Chess Academy. Chess Wizards is offering specifically designed classes that cater to all levels of chess ability. Each child is challenged by fun games and lessons from real Wizard teachers. The academy is so successful because our approach is very unique. Classes and lessons are based around our original, fun, and high-energy Chess Wizards curriculum. Regardless of a child's ability, Chess Wizards makes chess fun all! Please see the flier to sign up. You will need to sign in to Extended Care. You will not be charged however, while your child is attending this after school class.

**Join the Boy and Girl Scouts PACK 42:** The Scouts are meeting on Thursdays in St. Joseph Church's Parish Hall from 7 to 8:30PM. We are welcoming grades Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup>. For more information please contact Louanne Kraynik at [pinolecubpack42@gmail.com](mailto:pinolecubpack42@gmail.com)

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade and has not made their First Communion and/or Reconciliation, please enroll in the Sacramental Faith Formation classes beginning September 10/11<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:carollujan.sjcpinole@gmail.com)

**Pasta Dinner:** Don't forget to get your tickets for the Pasta Dinner on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and your friends. I look forward to see you there. The flier is not up on the school's website.



**Oktoberfest:** The most awaited fundraiser of the year is Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>!

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.

**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 on our website. I hope most everyone will consider a shirt.

**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.

Please sign up to do "Lunch Duty" at - Click here now: <https://signup.com/go/GZtUaiU>

## GOOD TO KNOW!

**Pizza Lunch Fundraising Days:** We will continue Wednesday Pizza Days next week. The next opportunity to eat pizza is next Wednesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. The menu choices will include pizza, chips cookies and a drink. The cost is \$3 per slice with amenities at \$1 each. Please complete the order form including your child's first and last name, grade, and exact payment. Any overages will be considered a donation.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:nlenz-acuna@cndo.org). Of course you will receive parent volunteer hours for your time. Thank you!

**SJS Emergency System:** We about approx. 35 parents short of having at least one parent per family sign ed up 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.

### **If you have not done so already...**

- **Everyone needs to sign up for 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 has been sending you a text requesting that you accept the invitation this week. Our goal is that every parent at every grade will do so!
- **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 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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

**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](http://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. Smoothies were offered Tuesdays and Thursdays and average smoothie orders for the month of May were 12 smoothies per day. I just checked the daily report for today and see 59 preorders and 20 smoothies, so looks like those numbers have gone up.

### **DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup>: First School Board meeting of the year - all are welcome....6:00pm in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>: PTG meeting at 6:30pm in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

### **COMMUNITY EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES**

**The 26th Annual El Sobrante Stroll:** Sunday, September 15, 2019 **from** 11:00am - 4:00pm. Located on San Pablo Dam Road in the town of El Sobrante...come enjoy food, Vintage cars, crafts, information about your community and a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Elk's at the Lodge! It is great fun!