

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



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At a Glance:

Sept. 3	6:30 p.m. Back to School Night in hall
Sept. 7	NO SCHOOL Labor Day Holiday
Sept. 10	7:00 p.m. Parent Club Meeting <u>in church</u>
Sept. 19	Block Party (all details to follow)
Sept. 28-Oct. 2	ITBS Testing Week

A note from Mrs. Wordelman

A hearty "Welcome Back" to all of our returning families and a "Welcome Aboard" to all of our new families! I hope this summer was restful and refreshing.

It's only the second week of school, but everyone is in the full swing of school. Back-to-School night will take place in the hall. Father Mike and I are excited to share with you the changes and plans we have for the school this year.

The end of the last school year had brought some changes to the school. Some difficult decisions needed to be made. However, out of great darkness, great light emerges! Many, many blessings have been bestowed upon this school this summer:

- The Summer Day Camp was an extreme success! Thanks to Teacher Jamie, the preschool teachers and the EDP supervisors, our students had a safe, fun haven for the days of summer. Thank you!
- The school grounds have taken on a new, beautiful appearance! Kevan Cole, Lloyd Greig, Debbie Williams and other parents volunteered time and treasure in planting and tending to the new landscape. Thank you!
- The garden has never looked better on the first day of school than it did this year! The summer camp students and teachers, and Mrs. Rozowski along with a dedicated group of moms worked diligently in preparing the boxes, weeding and taking care of the garden! Thank you!
- Sister Anita has taken time out from her busy schedule to communicate the financial situation of the school and request help with the finances of the school. Thank you!
- Many, many persons have responded to Sister's request in the form of donations or volunteerism. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, former families and students in their generous response to Sister's letter. Thank you!

- Teachers took time out of their summer breaks to speak at local parishes to recruit students. We now have 207 students enrolled—12 above budget! Excellent work! Thank you!
- The entire staff at school has been asked to do more with less, and they are so responsive! Mr. Cole and Mrs. Workman supervise the parking lot in the morning. Mrs. Buresh and Mrs. Williams help out significantly with the scrip program. Teachers continue to put student needs above their own by doing extra recess and yard duty, volunteering instruction time, and even cutting back their prep periods. All of this is being done while accepting a 5% pay cut this year. Thank you!

This brings us to today. There is a spirit of promise and hope around campus this year. The golf tournament last Monday is a great example. It is a huge success! The comments regarding the school and the tournament itself were so enthusiastic! Thank you to Chris Obenchain, Nina Ashford, Connie Watson, Jaime Anderson and all of the other volunteers who made this event so outstanding! (Mark your calendar for next year: May 21.)

Finally, as we take time to realign ourselves to the task of educating our children and bringing them closer to God, we ask God's help in giving us the strength, wisdom, and courage to do our best.

In the peace of Christ,

Mrs. Wordelman

Back-to-School Night: Back-to-School Night will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the hall tonight. The Program is a little different this year than last, as we will ONLY be meeting in the parish hall. Starting the week of September 14, parents and teachers will be meeting in the classrooms for each grade. Please refer to the calendar.

PEP/FUNDRAISING HOURS/ GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS: Just a reminder that any time parents fulfill their "hours" obligations, they themselves are responsible for completing the triplicate form (available in the office) and getting them signed by the person in charge of the event. **ATTENTION GOLF TOURNAMENT VOLUNTEERS:** Mrs. Piziali has asked that you leave the completed forms in the office where she will pick them up and sign them off for you.

PEP HOURS/BAKING GOODIES: Parents can earn up to 2 hours of PEP for baking homemade goodies for parent club meetings, etc. (One hour per dozen of goodies.) Thanks for the delicious homemade treats.

YARD DUTY: We are asking that parents commit to the days they have signed up for yard duty or find a replacement parent. Also, this year it is VERY IMPORTANT that you arrive 10 minutes early since we only have one teacher per day available and dedicated for supervision.

RAFFLE TICKETS: If you have not picked up your raffle tickets, they are enclosed in this family envelope. Every family is required to sell or buy 15 books of tickets. If you have not received tickets from the office, please stop by.

MILK/HOT LUNCH ORDER FORMS: Forms are enclosed in this family envelope. Please return by the Sept. 11th due date. We are still looking for a volunteer for the Tuesday Pizza Hot Lunch Program. If you are interested, please call the office or talk to Kevan Cole.

RUMMAGE SALE: The Rummage Sale is next weekend. Please see the enclosed flyer. Mrs. Wuelfing is looking for students in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades who may be willing to help out for community service hours. Please call her at 210-1208 if you are interested.

PC DUES: We have a few parents who have not yet paid their PC dues. Please remember that the dues increase to \$15 on Sept. 30th.

STUDENT EMERGENCY CARDS/SHEET: Enclosed are the emergency cards for the 2009-2010 school year. PLEASE fill out the cards promptly (and as completely as possible) and return the cards to office so information will be on file in case of an emergency. The new form includes cell phone and email addresses. We ask that you return them to the school office no later than Friday, September 11. Thank you!

ITBS Testing: Fall standardized testing will begin the week of September 28. We are asking, in advance, for parent assistance by not scheduling family vacations/personal days or student medical/personal appointments during this week if at all possible. To help students do their best during the testing period, please encourage plenty of rest and a nutritious breakfast.

Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences: Parents, please remember to mark you calendars for our parent/student/teacher conference dates of Oct. 6-8th. As with standardized testing, please do not schedule any vacations during this important time.

School Website: For the convenience of our parents, we are posting more and more forms and information on

the school website. If you'd like to see additional information, please let us know.

Student Medicine: All medicine for students (prescription and over-the-counter) must be in the original container and must have a signed medical release from your child's doctor in order for any medications to be administered by the office staff. The office also has a medical release form that needs to be filled out and signed by the parents. Please pick up these forms in the school office if your child will be taking medication at school. Thank you.

Confirmation: Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 7th at 11:00 a.m. Please keep Sunday, September 13 and the weekend of October 10th and 11th open for our overnight retreat at the Marello Center in Rocklin. There will be another retreat for students and parents on October 25. All confirmandi are expected to attend. Also, all confirmandi receiving Confirmation at St. Teresa's must call the St. Teresa of Avila parish office (530.889.2254) to schedule an appointment before November 1st. We have intentionally requested a later Confirmation date this year so that the entire preparation for Confirmation happens in the 8th grade year (community service hours aside).

DON'T JUST PRAY FOR NEW CUSTOMERS—advertise where your prayers might be answered! The parish of St. Teresa of Avila is looking for sponsors for the weekly bulletin. If you own a business, or are responsible for attracting new customers, consider advertising in the bulletin. Please contact Phil (Senkie) Sienkiewicz at 916. 300.4770 for more information.

Attention Safeway shoppers! St Joseph School can earn 10% of purchases when you buy participating products at stores **August 12th through September 15th, 2009**. It's Easy! Look for participating products marked with the yellow school bus at the store. Over 2,000 participating products to choose from in this fabulous promotion: from beverages, breakfast, lunch, dinner and snack items, to household/cleaning, personal care and pet care products! Be sure use to use your Safeway Club Card when you make purchases. If you are already registered with eScrip, a 10% contribution will be automatically donated to St Joseph School. If for some reason you are not registered with eScrip, they you can still participate by dropping off your Receipt Tape from **September 18th through October 9th, 2009** with a redemption code. Just place your receipt in the eScrip box at the school office no later than October 12th. Any questions contact Jodi Barnes, eScrip.com coordinator at 530-889-2169.

A NOTE FROM MS. ROZOWSKI: If there is a family who has legos they don't use anymore, the Kindergarten would LOVE to have them. Please send them to Ms. Rozowski. Thanks!