



# St. Joseph Catholic School

Summer Newsletter – July 29, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

## MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership.

## School Supply Lists

Supply lists for the 2018 – 2019 school year can be found on our website at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org) or on the Parent Portal at [www.plusportals.com/sjsfl](http://www.plusportals.com/sjsfl)

Please join us for a Meet & Greet on August 10th from 10:30 to Noon. This will be an opportunity to meet your child's teachers and drop off supplies in your child's homeroom.

Car hang tags for the after school pickup line will be provided during the Meet & Greet.

## Important Back to School Dates

New Family Orientation	August 9	10:00am	St. Joseph Room
New Family Supply Drop Off & Meet Classroom Teachers		Following Orientation	
VPK A Orientation	August 10	9:00 am	VPK Room
VPK B Orientation	August 10	10:00 am	VPK Room
PreK 3/4 Orientation	August 10	10:30 am	PreK 3/4 Classroom
Supply Drop Off & Meet and Greet	August 10	10:30 am – Noon	Homerooms
First Day of School	August 13	8:00 am	
School Mass	August 15	8:00 am	St. Joseph Church
Open House	August 19	10:00 – 1:00 (After 9:00 & 11:00 Masses)	
School Picture Day (Uniforms)	August 21		
Back to School Night	August 29	6:00 – 8:00 pm	
School Mass with Bishop Dewane	August 30	8:00 am	St. Joseph Church

Please visit our school website to see our complete calendar at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org)

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School Office will be open this week from 9:00 am to Noon,  
Monday through Thursday.

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### Meet Our New Spanish Teacher



My name is Elizabeth Abreu. I have a BA in Architecture, University Pedro Henriquez Urena, Dominican Republic; BA in Business Management and a minor in Hospitality, University of Phoenix, USA; and an International Certification for Event Planning from the NY Institute of Art & Design. I hold two certifications: in Athletic Coaching K-12, and World Language - Spanish K-12.

I have two boys in college. My oldest is in his last year at USF pursuing a Bachelor in Business Administration with a double major in Finance and Risk Management. The younger one is in his third year at FGCU pursuing a Bachelor in Business Administration with a major in Finance. Our treasure is a Maltese dog named Coco.

I love crafts, decorating, travel and spending time with my boys, family and friends. I am absolutely thrilled to be teaching at St. Joseph and serving God at the same time.

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### First School Mass – August 15 – Feast of the Assumption Mass with Bishop Dewane – August 30



Our first school Mass is scheduled for 8:00 am on Wednesday, August 15th. We also have a Mass scheduled with Bishop Dewane on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am. Mr. Corbett and Ms. Luci Majikas will be practicing with the students and leading the music for these celebrations.

Students in Grades 2 through 8 are invited to sing in the choir. Practice will be after school on Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Following practice, students will be picked up on the north side of the campus at the gate behind the church (Parish Center side of the building). On August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 am choir students will meet in the Church choir room to prepare for the Mass.

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## Top Summer Students for IXL Practice – July 29, 2018

### Our Students Made Great Progress this Week

Our students have continued to work hard completing problems in IXL. Below are listed the top five students at each grade level and the number of problems completed.

If you need your child's login or password, please contact the school office by emailing [dsuddarth@sjfl.org](mailto:dsuddarth@sjfl.org)

**Kindergarten**

Joseph Leo	1937
Isabella Boyette	377
Cecilia Antista	146
Ian Forrest	94

**Grade 5**

Matthew Andrade	4985
D'Joudly Auguste	2771
Karla Pallares-Pineda	2496
Peyton Hall	1659
Kaya Hogue	1444

**Grade 1**

Allen Andrade	6830
Joseph Natoli	3250
Jose Estigarribia	1623
Julious Rodriguez	1603
Nicholas Colonnese	1254

**Grade 6**

Andy Valdovinos	5645
Ashton Vierling	4673
David Garland	2515
Lane Kolbe	1991
Emily Inman	1952

**Grade 2**

Jean Andrade	6326
Julian Hogue	2164
Connor Longo	1903
Rhemi Cruz	418
Maceo Sciscento	321

**Grade 7**

Kenneth Ordonez	3205
Kaiyle Lacy	3009
Abigail Dunston-Wagner	2197
Isabel Estigarribia	1691
Melissa Rettig	1484

**Grade 3**

Heaven Francois	9219
Geremy Avila-Gonzalez	8610
Adelaid Trichter	3783
John Hall	2603
Rocco Estigarribia	2053

**Grade 8**

Didier Avila	9113
Grace Pino	256
Amber Polis	204
Dominic Berardi	45
Olivia Farino	33

**Grade 4**

Isabelle Hokanson	4222
Abigail Inman	2380
Triston Cassidy	1231
Karol Garland	1123
Serafina Colonnese	1001



So far our students have completed 158,866 problems since June 1<sup>st</sup>!

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## Giving to Help Others



Serafina Colonnese will be returning to school with shorter hair after cutting and donating her locks to the "Children with Hair Loss" organization. What a great way to help others and put faith in action!

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## Helpful Hints for Getting Ready to Return to School

**Back to school** time is always a big transition, not only for children but also for **parents**.

While children are filled with excitement and first-day jitters, parents are filled with thoughts of "Am I prepared enough?" To help eliminate these thoughts, and help you and your child prepare for the new school year, all you need is a little organization and forethought. Here are 10 **back to school** tips to kick-start the new year and get you prepared for a fresh start.

- 1. Get back into your sleep routine.** To help eradicate those stressful school mornings, set up a regular bedtime and morning time routine to help prepare your child for school. Begin your usual school sleep routine about a week before school starts.
- 2. Shop for school supplies together.** To get your child excited about starting a new grade, shop for supplies together. Allow them to pick out their own backpack, lunchbox, etc. This is a great way to give them a little bit of
- 3. Re-establish school routines.** Have your child practice getting back into the rhythm of their daily school routine. You can do this by having them wake up at the same time every day, and eat around the same time they would at school. About a week or so before school starts, plan a few outside activities where your child will have to leave and come home around the same time they would if they were in school. This will help them be rested and ready for the big day.
- 4. Set up a homework station.** Sit down with your child and together designate a time and place where he can do his homework each day. This can be somewhere quiet like in the family room, or even in the kitchen while you are preparing dinner. Make sure to choose a time where you are available in case your child needs your help.

**5. Prepare for the unexpected.** Working parents know that it can be difficult to find a sitter when your child is sick. Before school even begins, it's a good idea to have someone already lined up in case you get that phone call from the school nurse saying your child is ill.

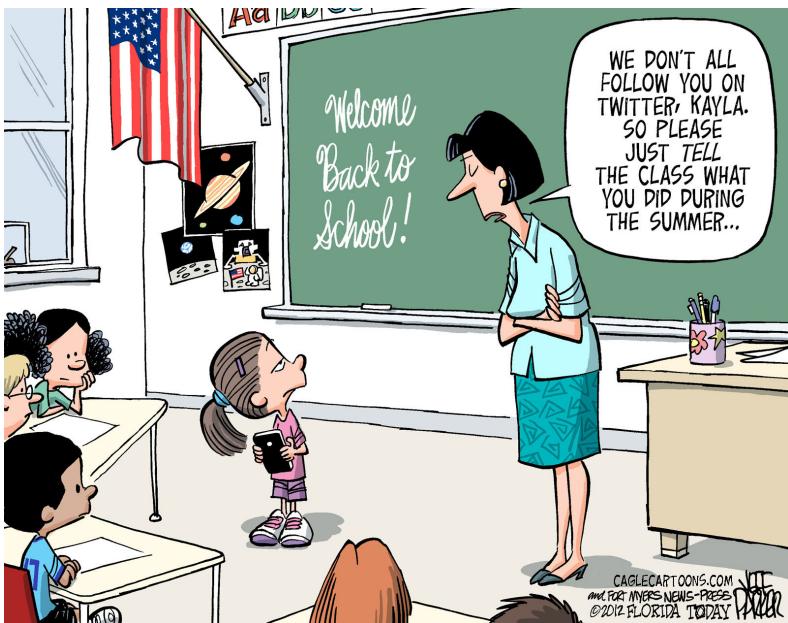
**6. Make an after-school game plan.** Make a plan for where your child will know where to go after school each day. Depending upon the age of your child, figure out if they will be picked up after school, to the afterschool program, or be allowed to stay for an after school activity. This will help eliminate any confusion as your adjusts to being back in school.

**7. Start limiting the TV and video games.** For a lot of children summertime is filled with endless video games and TV programs. Children are usually in shock when they begin school and realize that six hours of their day is going to spent learning and not playing games and watching TV. Ease your child into the learning process by limiting the electrics and encouraging them to read or play quietly.

**8. Review school material and information.** School handbooks, calendars, and supply lists are located on our school website. Make sure that you read through this information carefully, and mark down all important dates on your calendar.

**9. Get organized.** The best way to prepare for back to school time is to be organized. With school comes a massive amount of paperwork that can consume your household. Designate a spot in your house for homework, permission slips, and any other school-related papers. This can help eliminate all of that paper clutter and make your life less stressful.

**10. Get your child's yearly checkup.** Returning to school and germs go hand in hand, so it's best to get your child's yearly checkup before school even starts. Ask your pediatrician the best ways your child can stay healthy throughout the school year.



Through preparation and organization, you can ensure that your child will have a smooth transition to the start of the new school year. By doing so, you and your child can enjoy the rest of your summer break.

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