



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – September 30, 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.

PikMyKid Dismissal Begins on Monday



Last Friday, each student received a detailed letter regarding the beginning of PikMyKid Dismissal on Monday afternoon. We now have 67% of our families registered in the system. If you did not see the letter or the bright green tags, please check your child's backpack or folders.

A copy of the letter is attached for your convenience.

Thank you for your patience as we transition to this new system.

Friday, October 5th – Spirit Day

We will celebrate Spirit Day on Friday, October 5th. Students may wear Spirit Shirts, with their school shorts or slacks. Students in Grades PK – 4 may wear their PE shorts if it is PE Day for their class.

In addition, the Kona Ice Truck will be coming to SJCS and Kona Ice Treats will be available during recess. Students may purchase Kona Ice for \$2.00 to \$6.00 depending on the size ordered.



Please have students bring their money in an envelope with their name and amount written on the envelope to make ordering easier.

Congratulations to the District Soccer Challenge Winners
Winners Will Advance to the Regional Competition
Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for Hosting This Event!



Soccer Challenge Winners - Advancing to the Regional Competition

Girls

9 year old	Serafina Colonnese	Total 140
10 year old	Sophia Ieruilli	Total 170
12 year old	Abigail Dunston-Wagner	Total 115

Boys

9 year old	Andres Manuel Leon Gonzalez	Total 145
10 year old	James Velliquette	Total 160
11 year old	Kenneth Ordonez	Total 145
12 year old	Joseph Colonnese	Total 185

Congratulations to Adelaide Trichter Who Won the Family Game Basket In the Box Tops Drawing

Adelaide very generously donated the game basket to her third grade class to share with her classmates!



BOX TOPS APP

Thank you to the SJCS families who have downloaded the Box Tops App to their phones. Our school has already earned an additional \$110!

If you have not had a chance to check it out, please be sure to visit the link below to get the details and to download the app to your device!

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp>



October 4th – Feast of St. Francis – Blessing of Pets



Join us in the Courtyard at 2:15 pm on Thursday for our annual Blessing of the Pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. All pets must be in carriers or on a leash.

Students will be in the courtyard and signs will indicate the location of each grade level. Please join the youngest child in your family and siblings will be directed to join you.

Students may dismiss with parents after the blessing. All other students will be picked up in the regular car line.

Please park out in the South Parking lot and walk your animal/s over to entrance gate.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE AREA WHERE CARS LINE UP FOR PICK UP. (Between the school office entrance and the parish office building.)

Weekly Activities

Monday, October 1

- 8:15 am PTO Meeting – St. Joseph Room
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice
- 3:00 – 3:45 pm Junior Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Cross country practice
- 4:00 pm Flag football makeup game vs. PCS (starting score 0-7)

Tuesday, October 2

- 3:00 – 4:15 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 4:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 4:00 pm Home Varsity Volleyball game vs. Imagine Palmer Ranch
- 4:00 pm Home Flag Football game vs. Imagine Palmer Ranch

Wednesday, October 3

- 4th & 5th Field Trip to Van Wezel, “Gold Rush”
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Cross country practice

Thursday, October 4

- 2:15 pm Blessing of Pets in the Courtyard
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Irish Dance
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 4:00 pm Away Varsity Volleyball game vs. Imagine North Manatee at GT Bray (5502 33rd Ave Dr W, Bradenton, FL 34209) you will need to find your own rides there. Please be there by 3:30pm.
- 4:00 pm Away Flag Football game vs. Imagine North Manatee (9275 49th Ave E. Palmetto 34221) Bus will leave school at 3:00 pm with the football team and will drop off only. Students will need rides home.

Friday, October 5

- Spirit Day – Kona Ice Treats During Lunch Recess (See attached form)
 - 2:00 pm Builders Club Meeting
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Hot Lunch

<u>Monday 10/1</u>	Cheeseburger Broccoli with Cheese Carrots with Dip Rosy Applesauce Milk and Juice
<u>Tuesday, 10/2</u>	Corn Dogs Steamed Carrots Baked Fries Pineapple Tidbits Milk and Juice
<u>Wed., 10/3</u>	Chicken Dippers Garlic Breadstick Cheesy Refried Beans Mini Romaine Salad Cinnamon Applesauce Milk and Juice
<u>Thursday, 10/4</u>	Hot Dog on a bun Honey Glazed Carrots Mini Romaine Salad Pineapple Chocolate chip cookie Milk and Juice
<u>Friday, 10/5</u>	Pizza Corn Fresh Veggie Cup with Dip Sidekicks Frozen Fruit Dessert Milk and Juice

Virtue of the Week

Responsibility



Mark your calendars! Monday October 1st is the next PTO Meeting!

If you couldn't make the first PTO meeting, this is a great opportunity to get caught up with this year's upcoming events. We will be revisiting the Carnival Details, the Halloween Bash, as well as Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

The meeting will be held in the St. Joseph Room at 8:15 and coffee will be provided. Please RSVP at the Signup Genius link below, to let us know that you will be attending. As a reminder, attendance at a PTO meeting counts as (1) one hour towards your family's volunteer requirements.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-october>

Looking forward to seeing you there!

SJCS PTO Board

Any questions about the PTO, volunteer opportunities, or sponsoring an upcoming event, please feel free to reach out to Secretary Carlee Colonnese at carleeac1976@tampabay.rr.com.



KONA ICE[®] IS COMING!

Friday, October 5

to Spirit Day at St. Joseph

Please bring \$2-\$6 for Kona Ice

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will transition to our new dismissal system on Monday, October 1st. Please be patient as we make the change. Once the system is implemented, our dismissal should go smoothly and be much safer for our children.

As of today, 65% of our parent have downloaded the app and are ready. Today, I am including procedures and information from frequently asked questions:

- 1) With the App on your phone, **watch for the large STOP sign that will direct you to “stop and announce” your arrival.** Once you announce, you will be in the queue for picking up your child, and will move forward in the pick up line.
- 2) **Please do not announce before you stop at the stop sign.** This will keep everyone in order.
- 3) Please Note: The Stop sign will NOT be at the gate, but will be positioned before you reach the gate to the main entrance. (It is a large sign and you will not miss it!) This will allow us to place more cars in the queue and make sure students are ready for pick up.
- 4) Mrs. Owens will be checking and verifying the order of the cars. Please be kind and patient as this will be a new procedure for all of us on Monday.
- 5) Today, you are receiving green cards with your child’s number in bold print. This card will allow us to verify the order of the cars as we transition. Please do one of the following:
 - a. Clip the card to your hangtag.
 - b. Place the card on your visor with the number visible on the outside of your vehicle.
 - c. Hold the card up to show Mrs. Owens when you pass her in the line.
- 6) What if I forget my green card? This year’s hangtag will work because your child’s number is at the top of the card. It is just a little harder to read quickly from outside of the car.
- 7) What if I do not have a Smartphone or could not download the app? You can still use the green card or this year’s hangtag.
- 8) **Please note: Hangtags from previous years will not work.**



Each family can designate two people for primary pick up. Each person must have a different cell phone number. Either of these people can pick up on any day because the system will know they are primary from the app registration (Example: Mom and Dad). You do not need to indicate which parent is picking up because this will be recorded by the app. HOWEVER, if there is a custody issue regarding pick up days, you will need to indicate which parent is primary, and the other parent or guardian will need to be entered on the calendar as “delegated”. Please email me at dsuddarth@sjsfl.org if you have questions.

- 9) What if I want another parent in the school to pick up my child? Just indicate this parent’s name as delegated. They are already in the system as part of our school.
- 10) What if I want another relative, older sibling, or neighbor to pick up my child?
 - a. Have the person you are authorizing for pick up download the app.
 - b. The person will then go to the bottom of the screen and choose “sign up”
 - c. Enter the sign up information.
 - d. They will then indicate they are registering to be delegated.
 - e. Parents will then be able to delegate their child to this person.
- 11) What if my child is going to an after school activity? Just indicate this on your child’s calendar. If your child goes to After Care every day, please email me and I’ll make sure this is the default dismissal for your child each day.

During dismissal, six cars will move to the bollards and children will be placed in the cars. These six cars will then move through the gate and the next six cars will move forward. Please watch our staff carefully as they will be directing all drivers to keep our children safe.

Again, next week will be transition. We will probably move a little slower through this phase but will quickly gain efficiency as the week progresses.

Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you for your support.

Deborah Suddarth, ED.S.
Principal