

Holy Hawks Newsletter

September Edition 4

Week of September 25th

Another awesome week! We even received rain the other night. That was a blessing! Enjoy the weekend! It is supposed to be a nice one.

It has been a busy week here at school and the calendar for October is filling up quickly. IOWA tests were this past week. We have a few odds and ends to wrap up and that task will be finished until the springtime testing rolls along. We will share results with you after we receive them.

We have evaluated our I-Ready scores and have identified those students who would benefit from the extra help recommended from the scores. Permission slips have been sent home today for those who we would like to provide the extra help to. Mrs. Fritz will be working with these students on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions concerning this program, please contact Mr. Middendorf or me.

During the school year we are required to hold emergency drills for fire, earthquake, bad weather and intruders. Next week we will have a practice fire drill on Wednesday. This will be a new experience for all of us who are new to St. Joseph's. We will review how to exit the school quickly, quietly and safely. Then on Thursday the fire department will be here for their mandatory fire drill. Parents, please discuss these drills with your children so they understand the importance of exiting the building properly.

Next Friday is Free Dress Friday. I could list a few suggestions of what not to wear on these days, but I am going to trust that all the parents will make sure their children make good choices as to what to wear.

We are sending home permission slips for all students on Monday (preschool-grade 8) to participate in the child protection component required by the diocese. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Tarvin will be teaching this program to the students. Please indicate your choice as to whether you want your child to participate or not participate, sign it and return it to your child's teacher. If you have questions concerning this program, please call the school office and I will get back to you.

Please remember we DO have school on Friday, October 6. There will NOT be any buses, but there will be aftercare.

Ms. Kris Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pet Blessing

There will be a pet blessing in honor of St. Francis - patron saint of animals on October 4th at 8:15am on the school playground. All "live" pets will be blessed by Deacon Corby. If your pet cannot come to school, you may bring a picture of your pet or a stuffed animal to be blessed. No pets will be brought into school before or after the blessing.

SAVE THE DATE FOR PICTURE DAY

In case you were wanting to get a head start to find the perfect picture day outfit, we wanted to let you know that Picture Day is October 24th! Retakes will be December 5th.

Following in the Footsteps of Christ

This week we had a few more students who received a footprint! ! **CHRISTIAN ROW, REID WAELTZ, TJ JOELLENBECK** helped clean up a mess that wasn't theirs and with out being asked. **BENTLEY OGILVIE** he was the only one sitting quietly in the library reading his book, had good manners and respect towards the librarians and his classmates. **CODY KNAKE** is always helping out his other classmates and being friends with everyone. **RHETT SHEMONIA** he picked up trash on the sidewalk leftover from 1st recess. Thank you, boys, for being a good example and Following in the Footsteps of Christ!

CLUBS

Our first club day of the year was very successful. Cooking club made mini pizzas, service club make thank you cards for the firefighters and game club played many mind exercise games. Everyone is looking forward to next week!



Child Protection

Field trips and class parties are coming up. If you are wanting to volunteer make sure you are up to date on child protection. For new families, if you would like to volunteer and have not reached out to Mrs. Katie yet, please do so she can get you the necessary paperwork to get you compliant so you can volunteer and attend field trips.

Earn Money for Our School with Box Tops for Education

Here's another free and easy way to earn money for our school: Download the Box Tops for Education app, designate St. Joseph School in Freeburg, and scan your grocery store receipts to earn money for qualifying products. For online purchases, you can also forward a copy of your receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com. You might be surprised how those little bits add up... especially if we all pitch in.

Skate Night

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Back To School Skate Night last night. The kids had so much fun!

Important Dates to Remember

October 3 - PK-2 Field Trip
October 4 - Pet Blessing & Fire Drill practice
October 5 - Fire Drill with the fire department - NO AFTERNOON BUS
October 6 - Free Dress - NO AFTERNOON BUS
October 9 - No School
October 10 - BoBo's delivery
October 13 - No School
October 20 - Spirit Wear Day
October 21 - Music Trivia
October 24 - Picture Day
October 27 - No School
October 31 - Halloween Parties - 2pm dismissal

PTF Announcements

Trunk or Treat on October 28—Call for Trunks!

Save the date—St. Joseph Catholic School is once again hosting a [Trunk or Treat](#) for the kids in our area on Saturday, October 28, from 10-11 a.m. We will set up outside on the school parking lot. If you would be interested in opening up your trunk or setting up a table to run a game or pass out goodies, please email Katie Welsch at



Trunk or Treat!

Saturday, October 28, 10-11 a.m.
Outside the St. Joseph Parish Center
Join us for treats, games & fun for the kids!

Interested in sponsoring a trunk or game?
Contact Katie Welsch (katherinekoss@yahoo.com)
*If the weather doesn't cooperate, we'll move the festivities inside!

[Log in or sign up to view](#)

[See posts, photos and more on Facebook.](#)

katherinekoss@yahoo.com.

SHOP WITH RAISERIGHT

RaiseRight is a year-round fundraiser for our school families and St. Joseph PTF. You can purchase physical or e-gift cards to hundreds of retailers, and a percentage of the purchase price goes back to your family for tuition. Full details, including how to sign up for the online + app versions, are available on the [school website](#).

As a reminder to families currently participating in the program, the current 6-month payout period ends on September 30. We will reach out to you in October once payouts have been calculated.

If you have questions about the program, contact Katie Waeltz (office@stjcsil.org) or Katie Welsch (katherinekoss@yahoo.com). If you'd be interested in selling RaiseRight cards after the Sunday masses at St. Agatha or St. Joseph, contact Sarah Wiskamp at parish@stjosephfreeburg.org.

Athletics

GOLF TOURNAMENT TONIGHT!!!

Tonight is our golf tournament! Come out to play, work or just visit!

We are still looking for donation and volunteers to help work. Click on the link here if you would like to help!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F49AEAB2FAAF85-golf>

Please get in touch with Clare Schilling to register! (schill6@yahoo.com or (618) 792-9109)

Music Trivia

Our Athletic Department is joining forces again with MABC for a Music Trivia night here at St. Joseph again this year. Last year was our first year working together and it was a great success. We had a packed gym! Please see the flyer attached and find some friends to come play.



OUR CATHOLIC HIGHSCHOOLS

Gibault

September 23/24

Shadow Visits

We're excited to announce we are officially scheduling shadow visits! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day living like a Gibault Hawk. Shadow visitors will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! Get started at:

<https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>

Oktoberfest 2023

Join us on October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest - "**Havana Nights!**" Tickets, raffles, and sponsorship information available at www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com. Donations are being accepted for our live and silent auctions, too. Contact dfrasure@giabulthawks.com to donate. We hope you'll be part of Gibault's "Party with a Purpose!"

Open House 2023

Save the date for Open House 2023 on November 5! We'll have more event information for our Future Hawks soon!

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Call to Action #SaveMyScholarship #RemoveTheSunset

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program has **awarded more than 37,000 scholarships totaling more than \$280 million**. The program is a proven success with bipartisan voter support.

Thousands of families rely on tax credit scholarships to help their kids. Without the program sunset being removed, kids and families will face uncertainty or be unable to attend the school they love. **Tell your legislator to remove the program's sunset or kids across Illinois will lose their scholarships.**

You can access the campaign by texting "RTS" to 52886 and following the prompts. Texting/messaging rates do apply.



Don't Take Away Student Scholarships!

I told my legislators to #RemoveTheSunset and #SaveMyScholarship. Join me in showing support for #TaxCreditScholarships. #TCSHelpsKids #EmpowerFamilies <http://p2a.co/gMQReHi>

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