

Holy Hawks Newsletter

September Edition 1

Week of August 25th

Another week in the books for us! It was an awesome week to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

The last weekend of summer is here and I hope all of you have big plans to enjoy some fun and relaxing time together as a family. We already have three weeks of school in but I always consider this weekend to officially put summer behind us and to get into school mode.

Vision and hearing screenings were completed on all the students who were in school on Wednesday. I believe all the students passed the hearing screening, but there were a few students who did not pass some part of the vision screening. The parents of those students will be notified by the ladies who did the screenings. We will follow up with you to make sure you have heard from them. If you do not hear from anyone next week, you can assume your child passed both screenings. Please remember that vision and hearing can change quickly with children, so always be on the lookout for "red flags" in these areas.

You received paperwork for free and reduced lunches this week. If you feel you qualify for this program, please return your application to me on Tuesday. I know paying for lunches each week can be difficult for some families, so please take advantage of this opportunity.

As I mentioned earlier, I am tackling many tasks. Getting school off to a good start with some stability was my first priority. I think we are off and running so addressing some of the concerns that have been raised are now on my "to do" list. Again, if you have any concerns, please ask. If I do not know the answer, I will try to find out.

We have a busy week ahead of us with the parish picnic just a week away. Also, Grandparents' Day is just around the corner. Preparations for these big events are underway.

Enjoy your weekend! Be safe!

Ms. Kris Hill



Announcements

BOBOS FUNDRAISER

BoBo's Fundraiser is underway! You will have 2 weeks to sell! The turn in date will be September 12th and items will be delivered on October 10th. Please contact the office if you need more order forms.

Grandparents/VIP Day

Reminder that Grandparents/VIP Day is on September 12! Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 5th. See the flyer attached.

Empower Scholarship applications are now OPEN!

Reservations for the 2023-24 school year are now open! Visit EmpowerIllinois.org to access the reservation page.



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.

PTF Announcements

Dine to Donate

Thank you to everyone who could attend the first Family Dining Night at Village Pizza yesterday! Our September Family Dining Night will be at Texas Roadhouse in Shiloh, IL, on Thursday,

September 14th, from 4:00 to 10:00 p.m. Please have a look at the flyer attached to this email for more information. We hope to see you there!

Parish Picnic

As you may have heard, the St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting its Parish Picnic on September 8th & September 9th. The PTF is in charge of the kid's games which will be held on Saturday, September 9th, from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m.

We are still in need of volunteers to help run these games! Shifts are available in two-hour intervals. This event is very popular with our younger crowd & we need your help making it a great success! The link to sign-up can be found here: [Parish Picnic Kid's Games Sign-Up](#)
We are also asking for 2-liter sodas and suckers for our Ring Toss and Sucker Pull game which will be used as prizes, and we are still taking donations for gently used stuffed animals. These items can be left under the old convent porch (next to the playground).

SHOP WITH RAISERIGHT

We will continue to sell physical RaiseRight cards over the summer; please see Sarah Wiskamp in the Parish Office during the week, or keep an eye out for one of our parent volunteers after the Sunday masses at St. Agatha and St. Joseph. Online and app purchases will also continue as normal.

Interested in getting started with RaiseRight? More details about how the program works can be found on the [school's website](#). To shop online, go to raiserright.com. If you haven't already set up an account, our school enrollment code is 87ADBL483568. You can also download the RaiseRight app. If you have questions about the program, contact Katie Welsch (katherinekoss@yahoo.com) or Katie Waeltz (office@stjcsil.org). If you'd be interested in helping sell RaiseRight cards after the Sunday masses, contact Sarah at parish@stjosephfreeburg.org.

Athletics

Golfers & golf enthusiasts wanted!

We invite you to join us at the Shiloh Yorktown Golf Course for our annual golf tournament on Friday, September 29th. All proceeds will go towards supporting our athletic department! The athletic department does an incredible job overseeing the athletic programs at our school, and this is a great way to support their cause!

We are also 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 2/3

Patriotic Living Rosary

Please join us Monday, Sept. 11, for our Patriotic Living Rosary. The Rosary will begin at approximately 2:20 p.m. in the Hustedde Gymnasium. All area First Responders are invited to be part of this event.

Oktoberfest 2023

Mark your calendars for October 21 for this year's Oktoberfest - "**Havana Nights!**" For full event info, including ways to get involved, visit www.Gibault2023.givesmart.com.

Full Moon Ride

The Gibault Men's Club presents the Full Moon Ride on Sept. 8. Event begins at 7:00 p.m. at Gibault, with the 5-mile, family bike ride through Waterloo starting at 8:00 p.m. More info, including registration, at: <https://gibaulthawks.square.site>

Family Sports Pass

Show you're #gibaultproud all year long! For \$125, Hawk Fans can purchase a Family Pass that covers admission to most of our home games (some exclusions apply.) This pass is valid for girls' and boys' volleyball, girls' and boys' basketball, girls' soccer, softball, baseball, and select boys' soccer home games throughout the 23-24 school year! Visit GCHSSportsPass.givesmart.com to purchase your pass!

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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.

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