

Holy Hawks Newsletter

September Edition 3

Week of September 18th

Another busy week for everyone! I hope the students enjoyed wearing their spirit wear this week. Go Hawks!

Katie will be sending home a list of the non-uniform days we have planned through December. It is not complete but it will give you an idea of the days that special attire will be permitted. Student council needs to plan the Red Ribbon Days and the office needs to plan things for Christmas Week.

Speaking of Christmas week, the day of the Christmas parties has been changed to the afternoon of Tuesday, December 19. Beginning times will be announced later. We will still be going to school the morning on Wednesday, December 20 with dismissal at 11:30.

Student Council elections were held this week. Congratulations to the new elected! (see below)

Some of the parents may have received an email from Music Kids. I am sorry but at this time this program has been put on hold. We need to find out more about this program and how it impacts our daily schedule. I am sorry for the disappointment this may cause but we really need to plan better for this type of activity.

You will be receiving permission slips next week for your child to take part in the Children's component of the diocesan child protection program. It is mandatory for us to provide this instruction. Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Tarvin have received training on this presentation. This activity will take place the week of October 16.

IOWA testing will be next week, September 25-29. We do have the following week to wrap up testing if anyone has missed any days or if the teachers were unable to complete the battery of tests during the first week. Please make sure your child is well rested and ready to go! This can be a stressful week for some students. Please remind your children that they will not know the answers to every question and they may not even finish the test.

Information will be coming soon concerning signing up for parent-teacher conferences. It is hard to believe that the first quarter ends in just a few weeks.

If you are a creature of habit as most of us are, please make sure you noticed on the school calendar that we have school on October 6. We are used to that four day weekend. Not this year!!!! Ugh! The diocesan convocation for teachers is October 13 so there are two days off that week-the 9th and the 13th.

We had a very productive school board meeting on Tuesday night. Many great things are happening here at St. Joseph's. It is the intent of everyone to continue these positive experiences and to move forward. We must reach out to both parishes, St. Agatha and St. Joseph, for support and commitment. We need to reach out to our communities, as well as, our surrounding neighbors to share what awesome things are taking place here. Thank you for your support and dedication to our school.

Have a great weekend!
Ms. Kris Hill



Announcements

Student Council

This week the 3-8th graders voted on the Student Council officers. Here are the results:

Lydia Heap - President
Ella Hopkins - Vice President
Lilly Wriston - Secretary
Kenzie Thomas - Treasurer
Elin Row - Class Representative
Cora Waeltz - Class Representative



CONGRATULATIONS, GIRLS!!!

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT!!

It will be here before we know it!



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 5 young ladies who received a footprint! **ELIN ROW, HARPER CORRELL, BRIANNA TARVIN, ELLA HOPKINS, AND CORA WAELTZ!** They all helped a student who was sitting by herself. Thank you, girls, for being a good example and Following in the Footsteps of Christ!

CLUBS

We will starting our clubs on Wednesday for the year. This year we will have the following clubs again: Cooking, Service and Games.

The teachers switched it up this year so all the ideas will be new and fresh!

Child Protection

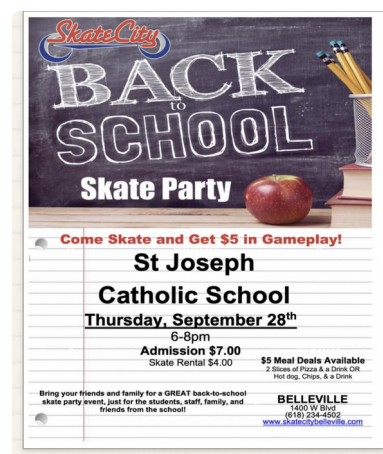
Field trips and class parties are coming up. If you are wanting to volunteer make sure you are up to date on child protection. For new families, if you would like to volunteer and have not reached out to Mrs. Katie yet, please do so she can get you the necessary paperwork to get you compliant so you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

We will be having a Skate Night at Skate City on September 29th. Please see the flyer attached to this email with more information.



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

[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

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 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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