



Holy Hawks Newsletter

February Edition 3

Week of February 19

I know the teachers and students are glad it is the weekend. It has been a very busy week with the Bishop visiting us, Valentine's Day parties, Ash Wednesday, guests from Notre Dame Academy visiting us, and not to mention a little learning taking place in between! An early dismissal today and no school on Monday may help everyone reset and get back to our routine next week.

This quarter is going by quickly. As we wrap up quarter three the students will be getting really anxious for spring and all the fun that goes with the last quarter. This is the time of year when the students need to stay focused and do their best. Some teachers may be reaching out to parents for a short conference or phone call with some suggestions as we go down the home stretch of this year. Report cards will be sent home on March 15 and spring IOWA testing is in April.

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, we were working on getting our athletic fees updated. If you received a reminder from us concerning outstanding athletic fees for this year, please take care of this by the end of February.

One more date to add to your calendar. The athletic banquet with St. John's in Smithton is set for Tuesday, May 14. This is for the athletes in grades 3-8 who played on our competitive teams.

Congratulations to our speech team. Awesome performance by our students! Congratulations to Lydia Heap-solo-purple ribbon for a perfect score, Mila Thompson-solo-purple ribbon for a perfect score, Elin Row and Harper Correll-duet-first place blue ribbon. Special thanks to our coach, Kendra Nowatzki for preparing the team for this meet.

Next Wednesday, February 21, is Heart Day here at St. Joseph. We will be jumping rope in PE class to encourage being Heart Healthy. We ask all students and staff to wear red on that day. We are, also, asking for a donation of \$1.00 (or more) for the American Heart Association.

Friday, February 23 will be our regularly scheduled free dress day.

We collected 206 cans of food to donate to the Food and Clothing Bank. Third place winner was 4th and 5th grade, second place was 7th and 8th grade, and first place was first grade. Thank you to

everyone for your generous donations.

Thank you to all of you who have been working to get all your child protection requirements taken care of. We made it through the party this week without any complications. Field trips and other spring activities are being planned and you must be child protected to take part in the fun. Check with Mrs. Massey if you are not sure of your status.

Enjoy your weekend. I have not seen the snow yet, but I hear it is coming! Have fun playing outside if we get what they are calling for.

Ms. Kris Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Speech Awards

Congratulations to Mila Thompson, Elin Row, Lydia Heap and Harper Correll for their speech awards at their recent speech meet.



Valentine's Day Party

Pre-school enjoyed their Valentine's Day parties.



Bishop's Visit

The Bishop said mass this past Tuesday and then visited with the kids in their classrooms. Here he is with the kids in 1st grade.

Following in the Footsteps of Christ

The following students have earned a Footstep of Christ so far in February: Natalie Moeckel, Trent Wiskamp, Gabriel Tarvin, Mila Thompson, Hayleigh Becker, Brianna Tarvin, Jacob Hopkins, Lydia Heap (2), Addie Engel, Elin Row, and Casey Hopkins. Way to make good choices and doing good deeds students.

Important Dates to Remember

February 17 - 5th Grade Boys Volleyball Tournament at St. Teresa (time TBD)

February 19 - President's Day - No School

February 19 - 5th Grade Girls Volleyball Home at 5:30 vs. St. James

February 20 - 5th Grade Girls Volleyball Home at 5:30 vs. Queen of Peace

February 20 - 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Home at 6:15 vs. Queen of Peace

February 21 - Wear red in honor of the American Heart Association
February 21 - Jump Rope for Heart in PE Class
February 21 - 8th Grade Boys Volleyball at 6:00 vs. Belleville West Central
February 23 - Free Dress Day

PTF Announcements

PTF News

Next PTF Meeting

Our upcoming PTF meeting has been moved so families can enjoy the family dine-out at Dairy Queen. Our February meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Auction

We are approaching our biggest fundraiser of the year: the dinner auction! This year's auction, Hawk N' Roll, will take place on April 20th. It is a very fun event and essential to the operation of the school over a two year period.

Ticket sales to attend the auction began Friday, February 9th. Tickets can be purchased at all upcoming fish fries or at our website at <http://bidpal.net/stjoeauction2024>. Tickets can be purchased individually or in tables of 10, and they include dinner and open bar all evening!

In the meantime, the auction committee is asking families to donate gift cards during the month of February, which will be used to add to baskets or other silent auction items to help add to their value. Please consider making a gift card donation (especially through RaiseRight!) this month to help out! Donations can be dropped off at the school office with Attn: Dinner Auction.

Also be on the lookout for a basket sign up genius, which will be sent out in the next week. We are asking each family to donate a basket, as well as each class (organized by room parent or other willing volunteer). The sign up will have plenty of basket ideas, but we are very open to creative ideas as well! The sign up is merely a suggestion and a way to prevent duplicates!

Lastly, we are beginning to solicit for donation items from businesses and individuals who are interested in donating to our event. If you know anyone who owns a business and would be willing to donate an item, service, or contribute by purchasing an ad or sponsorship, please consider reaching out to them personally; they are more likely to donate to someone they know! We have the solicitation letter and donation form attached, and printed copies will be available in the office if you need them!

Thank you so much for your support, and we look forward to another fun and successful auction!

Tickets for the dinner auction go on sale today, and we have a new dinner auction flyer and solicitation letter if you could add that. Tickets can be purchased here:

<https://one.bidpal.net/stjoeauction2024/welcome>

SHOP WITH RAISERIGHT

****Exciting update: You can now get gift certificates to The Coffee Pot through the RaiseRight program, with a 10% payout!****

RaiseRight is our year-round fundraiser for school families and St. Joseph PTF, which allows you to earn money back toward tuition. 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.

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

Athletics

Here is our athletic schedule for this week. Please know that changes are sometimes made to games after this notice goes out. We'll be sending home a communication daily with reminders as to the games for that evening.

February 12 - 8th grade boys VB Tournament Away @ St. James vs Smithton Public at 5:00

February 15 - 5th grade boys VB Tournament Away @ St. Teresa vs. St. Clare at 5:30

February 15 - 5th grade girls VB Home vs. St. Clare at 5:30

February 15 - 8th grade boys VB Home vs. St. Clare at 6:30

February 16 - 5th grade girls VB Tournament @ St. Teresa vs. TBD at TBD

OUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

Gibault

Shadow Visits

Come see what life as a Gibault Hawk is like! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows 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>



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