

Holy Hawks Newsletter

February Edition 4

Week of February 26

Another week in the books! The third quarter will be over in two weeks and then it will soon be Easter. Time is flying by and life for everyone is going to get even crazier once this nice weather is here to stay.

Registration Information:

We have begun preparing for next year already. I believe earlier today you received an email that contained a letter from Father Von and school board president, Kyle Row. This letter contained the tuition and fees for the 24-25 school year. Registration for next year will begin on Monday, March 4. Please do not try to register before that day. We are currently tweaking our registration process and things will not be in place before then. We will be sending out information regarding registration next week. Here are a few guidelines I do want you to know at this time concerning pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration.

- *Students registering for three year old preschool must be three before September 1.
- *Students registering for four year old pre-kindergarten must be four before September 1.
- *Students registering for kindergarten must be five before September 1.

On March 4, we will be accepting registrations for any K-8 students, but our registration for our three and four year old programs will be limited to these children at this time.

- *students who are currently enrolled in our three and four year old programs
- *children of St. Joseph and St. Agatha parishioners
- *siblings of current K-8 St. Joseph students
- *students (or siblings) who are transferring from other diocesan schools

Registration will be open to all other children starting on April 15.

New Art Club:

We are trying to increase our extracurricular activities at our school. Kristen Engel has volunteered to offer an art club. We are going to try to do this activity 3-4 times before school ends this year.

This program will be offered to students in grades 1-8. There will be a minimal fee each session which would be for the materials needed for that activity. More information will be coming next week after I have had time to sit down with Kristen and get the details worked out.

Eclipse Day:

There will be a solar eclipse on Monday, April 8. Some schools are opting to close that day but it is our plan to remain open. Next week you will be sent a letter from me explaining the options for your child for that day.

Heart Day:

Thank you for your donation for the American Heart Association. We collected \$109.00.

Chess Team:

Tomorrow is our first chess session. We have close to 20 students going to St. Clare School to compete. Have fun!

Doughnuts for Dads:

You should have received information concerning our Doughnuts for Dads, Grandfathers or other important male role models. This day will be held on the feast of St. Joseph, March 19. Please RSVP using the google form sent out to parents or by calling the office if your child will have a guest that day for Mass and doughnuts.

Field Trips

The teachers are currently planning their spring field trips. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON GOING WITH YOUR CHILD ON THEIR FIELD TRIP, YOU MUST BE CHILD PROTECTED. Most of our students have at least one adult that has met this requirement but there are a few students who have no one in compliance. It has been taking longer for the diocese to complete the paperwork for adults who are trying to become child protected. Please act now if you want to become child protected. If you are not sure of your status, please contact Mrs. Massey, she will be happy to help you.

Have a great weekend!

Ms. Kris Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS



January Footsteps of Christ

Congratulations to all our January Following in the



First Communion Preparation

Our 2nd graders are preparing for their First Communion by



Research and Writing

4th graders are researching U.S. Presidents and U.S. Monuments to decide what

Footsteps of Christ nominees. making Forgiveness Bracelets. U.S. President should have their own monument.

Following in the Footsteps of Christ

The following student has earned a Footstep of Christ: Jacob Hopkins was nominated for turning money he found in the bleachers into an adult. Thanks to Jacob for doing the right thing.

Important Dates to Remember

March 4 - 8th grade night for volleyball at 5:30

March 5 - Library Night at 6:00

March 6 - Dine Out at Dominos - 10:30 am til 10:00 pm

March 19 - Doughnuts With Dads

PTF Announcements

PTF News

-Our next PTF meeting in the Parish Center will be Tuesday, February 27th, at 6:30 p.m.

-The school board is hosting a library night to celebrate National Reading Month on Tuesday, March 5th, from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will also honor former librarians who volunteered over ten years of service to our library. A flyer with more information is attached to this email.

-The auction committee has created a sign-up genius with basket ideas. If anyone is interested in sponsoring a basket, the list of potential ideas can be found here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAFAE23A0FBC43-47840510-silent#/>

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.

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.

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!

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 27 - 5th Grade Girls Volleyball Home at 5:30 vs. Freeburg Public School

February 28 - 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Home at 7:00 vs. Belleville Central Jr. High

February 29 - 5th Grade Boys Volleyball Home at 6:00 vs. St. John Red Bud

February 29 - 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Home at 7:00 vs. St. John Red Bud

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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