

Holy Hawks Newsletter

March Edition 3

Week of March 18

The weather has been beautiful all week but the storms last night were a little scary. It is so nice to see the trees in bloom. I hope the winter weather is finished now that we all have spring fever!

We had about 35 dads register for Doughnuts with Dads. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday to celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day. The students will be able to sit with their dads at mass then come back over to school for doughnuts. We will have the doughnuts and drinks in the hallway by the office. We know most of our guests will need to get to work so we are thinking we can wrap up our morning no later than 9:45.

I am sorry to announce that Ms. Jessica, our Spanish teacher is not returning to our school. She has been in Peru visiting family. We expected her back last week and after talking with her this week, she said she would not be back to teach. We have been filling her class time during the third quarter with chess and other activities. For the remainder of the year Ms. Kristen will be reviewing the Spanish they had learned and teaching them a few more words.

If your child is a bus rider, please note these bus changes. No bus service on Tuesday, March 19 (morning or afternoon), Friday, March 22 (afternoon), Monday, March 25 (morning or afternoon), Tuesday, March 26 (morning or afternoon) and Wednesday, March 27 (morning or at 11:30). Just a reminder we will start our Easter break on Wednesday, March 27 at 11:30 and school resumes on Tuesday, April 2.

If you haven't done so yet, please send your solar eclipse papers and your child's McDonald's order for Student Appreciation Day to the office on Monday. Also, don't forget to go to the link to order your child's Student Appreciation Day t-shirt.

Track starts Thursday for the girls and the Junior Hawks. If you need more information, regarding the track program, please contact Matt Knake or Torrey Welsch.

Our first Art Club meets on Thursday, March 21 from 3:00-4:15. We have had a good response to this activity. I think it will be a fun time.

The chess team had another good showing at Holy Trinity School last weekend. Congratulations to Jase Moeckel and Bentley Ogilvie for winning three matches each. They received a white pawn for their efforts. Blue pawns for sportsmanship and leadership were awarded to Lydia Heap, James Nowatzki, Natalie Moeckel, CeCe LaBrier and Brooks Wyman. Their last meet will be the diocesan tournament on April 13.

Congratulations to Lydia Heap for placing fifth out of 19 in the poetry contest sponsored by Gibault Catholic High School. Congratulations to Kenzie Thomas for earning third place for her painting and to Lilly Wriston for earning an honorable mention for her drawing. The art and poetry contests were sponsored by Gibault as part of their AMPlify (ART, MATH, POETRY) contest held on Pi Day.

Two more free dresses before Easter break are on Friday, March 22 (free dress) and on Wednesday, March 27 (Easter shirts or free dress).

Congratulations to our second graders (CeCe, Natalie, Wesley, Michael, Trent) for moving one step closer to receiving their first communion. First Reconciliation was held on Wednesday. Special thanks to Mrs. Ogilvie for preparing the students for this sacrament. I know they are all anxious for April 14 to come so they can receive Jesus at mass for the first time.

Have a great weekend. Have fun celebrating St. Patrick's Day. Don't forget to wear green or you might get pinched!!!!

Ms. Kris Hill

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Essays

Fifth graders have been busy writing descriptive essays.



Outdoor Fun

During one of the nice days this week, 2nd graders walked to the square park for some exercise.



Chess

Between matches, Father took on Bentley for a friendly game of chess.

Talent Show

The talent show will be held on Friday, April 26 at 1:30 pm in the gym. All students and family members are invited to attend.

Students in grades kindergarten through 8th grade can perform in the show. If your student would like to participate, please complete the attached Google form. This form serves as permission for your student to participate. If your student is performing as part of a group, ALL parents need to complete the form for their student so we have permission from all parents.

Talents should be something that students have a special skill or ability, such as singing, dancing, magic, playing a musical instrument, etc. Students should practice their talent at home and be prepared for the show on April 26.

<https://forms.gle/gDdtRcg17uHbnKeGA>

Following in the Footsteps of Christ

The following students have earned a Footstep of Christ: Kylie Kloess and Christopher Dickens.

Important Dates to Remember

March 19 - Doughnuts With Dads

March 21 - Art Club

March 22 - Free Dress Day

March 22 - No Bus Service due to High School's early dismissal

March 27 - Mother/Son Lego Night at 6:00

PTF Announcements

PTF News

The Student Appreciation Day schedule has been sent home. Lunch order forms are due back to the school by Friday, March 22nd. Additionally, the PTF is purchasing shirts for the students and staff to wear that day. Every student and staff member will receive one free t-shirt. Please order your shirt size by Wednesday, March 20th, to ensure proper sizing. You can use this link for shirt orders: <https://forms.gle/58kthjac448rZbtT8>.

Our spirit shop is now open! The spirit shop store will be open for the next two weeks! Use this link to grab your favorite Hawks gear!

<https://www.rapidexpressions.com/stjoehawks/shop/home>

Our next family dining night will be at Freeburg Subway on Wednesday, April 3rd, from open to close!

We will have an opening for a PTF Secretary for the upcoming school year. If you are interested in filling this position, please contact Paige (stjosephptf@stjcil.org)

Corrected date: Teacher's Appreciation Week will not be in April but May 6-10th.

Mother/Son Lego Night: Wednesday, March 27, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Parish Center. The PTF will provide light refreshments and building blocks. Mothers and sons will work

together to build the most creative Lego set! Prizes will be given for Best in Show, Son's Choice, and Mom's Choice.

Beach Skate Party at Skate City in Belleville! Bring your friends and family to a GREAT private school skate party event for the school's students, staff, family, and friends! This event will take place Wednesday, April 10th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is a \$7 admission fee and a \$4 skate rental fee. There will also be a \$5 meal deal available that day.

-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 just over a month away from Hawk N' Roll, our 2024 St. Joseph School Dinner Auction, on April 20! Here are some important updates and reminders:

- Be sure to get your tickets! You can purchase tickets [online](#) or in person at the St. Joseph fish fry events or through the school or parish office. If you have questions about tickets, reach out to Katie Welsch at katherinekoss@yahoo.com. Note: If you are purchasing a full table, please be sure to include cell phone numbers for the other guests at your table so we can send them a message to set up their bidding account!
- We're so excited about the strong response to the basket signup! If you haven't signed up yet, please [do so here](#)...it takes a LOT of baskets to ensure we hit our fundraising goals for the auction (and it makes bidding more fun)!
- You can turn in your basket whenever it's ready—the more we have in hand by early April, the better! You can drop off baskets in the school or parish office, at the St. Joseph fish fries, or by reaching out to an auction committee member.
- Keep selling those tickets for our Beach Getaway Raffle (\$30/ticket)—remember, the highest-selling family wins a free month of tuition for one student!
- We also have Whole Hog Raffle tickets for sale (\$10/ticket). Don't miss out!
- For the month of March, we are also collecting lottery scratch-off tickets. These can be turned in to the school office.

Please reach out to the auction committee at stjosephptf@stjcsil.org If you have questions. We are so thrilled with the support our school community have already shown for this event and can't wait to Hawk N' Roll with you soon!

SHOP WITH RAISERIGHT

*Another exciting update: You can now get gift cards to Valentine's in Freeburg, as well as gift certificates to The Coffee Pot, through the RaiseRight program. They both offer a 10% payout!** RaiseRight is our year-round fundraiser for school families and St. Joseph School 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 and practices after this notice goes out.

March 18 - 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Away at 6:00 at St. Clare

March 19 - 5th Grade Boys Volleyball Home at 5:00 vs. St. James

March 21 - Girls Only Track Practice - 5:30-7:00 at the FCHS Track

March 21 - Junior Hawks Track - 5:30-6:15 at the FCHS Track

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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