

St. Joseph School Newsletter

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Principal Dr. Patricia Nugent



Principal's News



September has flown by and we welcome the month of October with the beautiful season of fall. The students have settled in to their new grade levels and it will be the end of the first quarter before too long. Thank you parents for getting them here on time and for being **extra cautious** while driving in the parking lot. Please utilize the crosswalk that has been newly painted to help with safety.

The students are enjoying our new video broadcasts. Each morning everyone tunes in to SJS News on their smart board where a broadcasting team made up of eighth grader students provides a daily news broadcast. The broadcast includes the daily reading, birthdays, the lunch menu, sports, weather, and other additional announcements.

We recently held Students Council elections. Congratulations to the following students who were elected to represent their classmates and provide school leadership:

President: Ben Saxon

Vice President: Sam Bennett

Treasurer: Lindsey Bechter

Secretary: Anna Draffan

Homeroom Representatives:

Gr. 5: George Hudak, Mikaela Lesser, Abby Michl, Brady Rowan

Gr. 6: Emily Herrick, Abi Kubasek, Tristan Wittbrod, Noah Spinner, Brock Watson, Lily Zaucha

Gr. 7: Kendall, Kubus, Kyle Michl, Jamie Martucci, Juliana Stierl

Gr. 8: Allie Purcell, Kristen Lauck, Joey Rizzo, Anna Lambert, Dianna Cioffi, Beau Becker, Jacob Spinner

We have also begun recycling. Each classroom has a special cardboard container to put discarded papers and cardboard. On a weekly basis the student council will empty the containers into our large recycling bin located at the corner of the school parking lot.

The gymnasium has been freshly painted in our school colors and is ready for the basketball season. On October 17 from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. in the theatre, students in grades 4 - 8 who are interested in skiing may attend an informational meeting on the St. Joseph

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Ski Club. Students will ski on Fridays from 3:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Brandywine Ski resort beginning January 6. Bus transportation will be provided.

At the end of the month Student Council will be sponsoring a collection of any extra wrapped Halloween candy to be given to the needy. In addition, all students will be part of the Halloween parade on October 28 at 2:30 p.m.

Please continue to support the Calendar sales sponsored by our Home/School Association. The monies generated from this important fundraiser directly benefit the students and all of their activities. The profits also provide the necessary professional development for our exceptional staff!

Thank you for choosing a Catholic education for your child. Together we are shining the light of Christ to all those we meet.

Dr. Nugent
Principal



Upcoming Events

- ✓ October 7th Our Lady of the Rosary Mass
- ✓ October 14th Teacher Records' Day **NO SCHOOL** for students
- ✓ October 17th Book Fair Begins
- ✓ October 21st School Mass
- ✓ October 25th Picture Retake Day
- ✓ October 26th Blue Ribbon Shirt Day
- ✓ October 28th End of 1st Grading Period
- ✓ October 28th Halloween Parade 2:30 p.m.





Tuition News

A Note from Fr. Marsick

Some clarification for families who want to receive St. Joseph's parish rate...

This is not a discount, it is a rate supplemented by the people of this parish through their financial support. To be considered, a family must be registered at St. Joseph's, and be active, participating members. That means they must attend Mass here each week support this (their parish) with their time and financial stewardship (use their offertory envelopes.)



Kindergarten News

Mrs. Haubert and Mrs. Hale

Welcome to October. As usual, it will be a busy month in Kindergarten. We will learn to recognize and write the letters *P, C, S, A, N*, and *D*. We will learn the high frequency words *I, like, go*, and *we*. We will also work with the *-am* and *-at* word families. We will continue to practice correct grip when we write and color.

We will learn about Christopher Columbus and his voyage to the New World. We will also be learning about fire safety during fire safety week. The fire department will be visiting the school on Monday, October 10th at 9:30am. Miss Paula, a bus driver with Cuyahoga Falls City Schools, came to teach the Kindergarten students about school bus safety on September 21st. We will review what we learned during bus safety week which is also in October.

Our main unit will be pumpkins. We will visit Kingsway Pumpkin Patch on October 21st. We will eat lunch at the pumpkin patch, watch a puppet show about the growth of pumpkins, and take a hay ride into the pumpkin patch to pick our own pumpkins. We will also learn a little about gourds, pick our own gourds, and visit with the farm animals. We will have many pumpkin activities throughout the month and maybe even have an opportunity to taste some pumpkin treats. The month will end with our Halloween celebrations. Thank you in advance to our room parents who will be planning our parties. Please watch the nightly folders and weekly news notes for additional information as we get closer to the end of the month.





First Grade News

Mrs. Ciraldo and Mrs. Tondra

The first graders have been working very hard. Our math classes have moved past the review of Kindergarten and are now in full swing. We have started learning Math facts. Flash cards and fact sheets will begin coming home. It is very important that your child practice these facts each night. The facts need to be memorized for quick recognition. The children will begin to have fact assessments as well as written assessments. Math lessons will also focus on graphing, using a balance and pattern blocks. Please remember to check and sign your child's homework each night.

The students love learning Bible stories in our Religion book. Our next unit will cover the creation story and Baptism. Be prepared to answer questions about your child's special Baptism day. We will learn the symbols of Baptism too. Your child may look for these symbols when you are at Mass as a family.

We will be finishing the first reading book and starting the second in the series. Every week there are spelling and vocabulary words. Please practice these words at home. We have learned how to write sentences in class. Writing sentences at home is great practice for writing and spelling skills. If you have not tried it, www.spellingcity.com has fun games to review spelling words. Your child should also be able to pick out the naming and telling parts of sentences.

Please, make sure your child is reading every day. Our goal is to take one Accelerated Reader test each week. You may check www.arbookfind.com to see if books have AR tests available.

In Social Studies we are beginning our unit on history. We will be comparing life today with life in the past. Discussions on settlers, presidents and others will help us focus on our county's history.

Science classes have been preparing us for our field trip to Ramseyer Farms on October 27th. We have learned all about plants and natural resources. We will also learn how food gets from a farm to the store, as well as, the technology used to help farmers do their work. This knowledge will help us when we are picking pumpkins and digging potatoes at the farm!





Second Grade News

Mrs. Stadelman and Mrs. Zaucha

The second graders are settling well into second grade. This is an exciting year for them since they will be receiving two sacraments! There are a couple important dates in October for the children... parents must attend a meeting about Reconciliation on Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30pm. The Enrollment Mass will be at 10:00am Sunday, October 23rd. Soon, we will send home a complete list of all the important sacrament related dates for the year.

The nightly parent check of Math homework is important, thanks for your help with that. Please make sure the paper is correct before you sign it and let us know any difficulties your child is having so we can help them. It seems helpful to time your child for 2 minutes at home when they do their facts homework. With the practice timings we do in class, it seems to help them do well on the facts tests.

Please **LABEL** all uniform clothing; this is especially important since the children change this year for Gym. Since the boys will wear ties now, they leave them in the room and don't take them to the locker room. We hope that this minimizes your losses! But **PLEASE**, label them as they sometimes are dropped as they're put into book bags in the coat rooms.

Nightly reading for just even a few minutes is very beneficial to the children as their reading skills are developing. Many of them have now started reading and taking AR tests which is great. We have many books in the classroom that are marked AR for them to read and you can always check books at www.arbookfind.com.

In Social Studies, we will work with the US map and basic mapping skills like the compass rose and map keys. We will also learn about our oceans, continents and landforms.

In Science with Mrs. Zaucha, your children had a visit October 5th from a local Beekeeper. He brought some of his equipment and some live bees. Next in Science will be the parts of a plant and the planting of seeds. They will observe how they do after some are placed in the sun and some in the dark. The students will also examine the relationship between plants and animals. Most of the Science grade will be based on participation in class experiments, class work, and discussion. In handwriting we are reviewing printing; please encourage neatness in all their work. Cursive will begin in November.

Our Religion topics for October will be Saints, and about parts of the Mass. Much of our work so far has been review; there is a lot of growth to look forward to this year, especially in the areas of their faith and their reading skills!





Third Grade News

Ms. Marino and Miss Sibila



At this age most 3rd graders still need help learning good study skills. Thank you for checking your child's homework and helping them study for tests.

October is the month of the rosary. In Religion, the students will be learning how to pray the rosary and learning the Mysteries of the Rosary.

After reading and discussing different types of communities, in Social Studies, we will be taking our first field trip with a walk around our community. On Wednesday, October 5th we will be visiting various businesses to understand how they are important to our community.

In Science, we are learning how different animals live, grow, and change. We will then study where plants and animals live. We also will learn about various kinds of land and water ecosystems.

"All Star Reader" forms went home October 3rd. The students will read 2 books per month for "All Star Reader" requirements. One book will be used for a book report that will be explained in class and include directions. Remember that this will be for a reading grade. Books being read for Accelerated Reader can be used for the "All Star Reader" projects. Please, ask if you have any questions.

Cursive writing is being re-introduced in third grade. We are trying to encourage cursive writing in all areas. It would be helpful if you would check your child's writing at home to make sure they are writing the letters neatly and correctly.

The students have a Math pen pal named "Aunt Sally". She sends us Math problems that involve critical thinking. The children work with partners to figure out the solution. They then write Aunt Sally back in the proper form, "Dear Aunt Sally" and "Mathematically yours", to explain how they arrived with the answer. It is fun, a great challenge, and by the end of the year the students are efficient in many new skills.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact us by phone or email.

Students of the Week for the month of September were as follows:



Room 202 (Ms. Marino)

1. Charlie Domonkos
2. Kara Zaucha

Room 200 (Miss Sibila)

1. Brooke Shook
2. Leah Ziegler



Fourth Grade News

Miss Fearon

The beginning of our School year has gone very smoothly. Please, encourage your child to stay organized. Assignments are sent home every day. You may want to use our Ed- Line homework page. It is important that your child studies for the test. The night before is not enough time for the students to learn the material. Your child may have to learn how to study. This is the year to lay the groundwork for good study habits. Your child will need you to help them study. Please ask your child questions about the material.

Math homework does not need to be signed every evening. You may want to go over the homework with your child. Please go over the problems that have been highlighted on the homework. The problems were completed wrong and it would be a good review. I will let your child know if you need to check the homework on a regular basis. Math will become more difficult for many students. We will be introducing some new concepts. Many students are making careless mistakes. Please practice multiplication facts. The students should have them memorized.

We will be working on Science in the 2nd quarter. Our Science program is hands on and we use a textbook. The student will have test and projects throughout the quarter. We will be finishing our Health curriculum with units in Religion and Science.



Each year the Fourth Grade works on a service project. We will be collecting food for the needy in our area. Our class will do this twice a year. We also participate in purchasing gifts for the giving tree at Christmas. We will send home more information as we get closer to our project date.

Please, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. We need to work together as a team so that your child will receive the best education possible. You may contact me through e-mail, written notes, or by phone.

Fourth Grade News

Mrs. Williams



Happy fall! This year is one in which a great deal of growth toward independence occurs. I look forward to guiding your child toward this end. We have moved gradually into the swing of the fourth grade. The students should be familiar with the routine and I expect them to follow the daily procedures that are assigned. A few children have been having difficulty keeping track of and turning in assignments. Some routinely forget to put their name on their work. When this happens, the grade on Edline will show up as a missing and the result is a grade of zero. I expect your child to write me a note asking about the missing work. When they do this, we will search together and if need be, I will make them extra copies. Their grade will be lowered, but it will certainly not be a zero. I believe that this is so important for the fourth graders to learn. I have seen some growth already and I will certainly let you know if your child is having difficulty.

Please monitor the assignment book and the amount of homework coming home. There should not be a great deal coming home at this point, but there will usually be something each day. Most of the homework so far has been whatever has not been completed in class. You can expect to see the workload increase as the material gets more complicated and we learn new things rather than merely review. I would expect homework to take no more than 30 minutes. Additionally, studying for tests and daily reading of library books should be a part of the homework routine.

We will be picking up the pace a little now that everyone has settled in. In Social Studies, we completed building maps of Ohio, which will demonstrate knowledge of map skills covered thus far. It was a fun project. Now we move into the history of early people in Ohio and that is always a fun and interesting period. In Reading, we are moving right along. The children are working on writing answers to questions in complete sentences, which is difficult for some. You might want to keep an eye on these comprehension papers and discuss them when they come home. Math has been moving nicely but will increase in difficulty. Most of the students are doing well with homework. However, if you notice that your child is consistently missing more than 4 problems on a lesson, it would be a good idea to review more frequently with them at home. This year it will be very important for the students to commit the basic math facts to memory. Please practice at home. In Religion we will be discussing the Beatitudes and the Commandments. We are going over subjects and predicates in English. Next we will work on nouns and verbs of all kinds and we'll be doing a great deal of practice in class.

The children have also been recognizing classmates who demonstrate kindness in the classroom. Awards will be passed out to those who have been recognized at the end of the month. It is so nice to see kindness demonstrated among the students.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Feel free to contact me when the need arises and I will respond in a timely manner. I look forward to a year filled with excitement, growth and joy with the fourth graders.





Fifth Grade News

Mrs. McClellan and Mrs. R. Wilson

The fifth graders have two field trips in October. Their first is a music field trip. This will be on Wednesday, October 12th. We will be visiting the Civic Theater. On Tuesday, October 18th we will be going to Akron's Seiberling Nature Realm. This is a culminating activity for our Science unit on biomes and ecosystems. Each student will need a disposable lunch for this day. Dress is casual, but be prepared for any/all types of weather. Thank you to all who have volunteered to drive. Let's pray for a nice fall day.

In Religion we are working in unit 2. We will be studying the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. The students will learn more about the grace that is received in these two sacraments. Student made rosaries are on display in the upper hallway, please make it a point to come view them. What a great job they did on these!

In Social Studies the students are learning about the early English colonies. We will discuss Jamestown and Plymouth colonies. This will prepare us for learning about the Thirteen Colonies and lead us into the Revolutionary War. Students have a Native American project due on October 24th. This project is for extra credit only.

We are continuing our study of the biomes and changes in ecosystems. The students are doing a nice job discussing this topic. They have completed a food chain for a specific biome.

Halloween parties will be on Friday, October 28th beginning at 2:00 p.m. followed by our annual Halloween Parade at 2:30 p.m.



Sixth Grade News

Mrs. N. Wilson



The first quarter has certainly flown by. The sixth graders are enjoying changing classes and seeing different teachers every period. It is very important that your child stay organized. Please check their assignment books to see if they have homework and make sure they put it in the correct class folder to be given to the teacher the next day. So many students are forgetting homework and books at home or in their desks. Also check to see if your child needs pens and pencils.

All of the Math classes are proceeding well into their textbooks. Please be aware that new concepts will be introduced this month. Homework should take a bit longer to complete and may not be as easy. Parents, please make sure your child is doing each problem set and not just guessing. I do check each lesson and I will accept homework only one day late. If there are questions on any concept, please have your child see me for extra help. I am available everyday from 8:00-8:20 and lunch recess. Sometimes a little one-on-one time is all it takes. Quizzes are given every week with a Test every 3-4 weeks. Your child should be showing you his/her graded Test and as a bonus they will receive two extra credit points if it is signed.

I will post Math homework each night on Edline. I also update Math homework and test scores every week. Please let me know if there are any problems. This is a great way to keep a line of communication open.



Sixth Grade News

Mrs. Huber



A few reminders regarding Religion class: first, each test is counted twice- the original, plus a revised score with corrections. *Any* student may get the extra credit point for having a parent signature, however *if a student scores 75% or below* I am requesting a parent signature along with the corrections. Also each student is to have a binder where notes, prayers, graded assignments, etc. are to be kept. Several of the students have misplaced their notes and, as a result, are struggling to review for their tests. Also, we have had a lot of absences this year- it is the student's responsibility to ensure that they complete their work.

During the month of October, we are praying part of the Rosary daily and also emphasizing respecting life. Thanks to the 7th graders for helping to set up the Respect Life crosses. Thanks to Mr. Ross for initiating this service project through our Right to Life Committee. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Smartnick, Mr. and Mrs. Rosa (Ben's grandparents) and Mr. Ritz (Ben's uncle) for ALL of your hard work and letting us get involved.

In 8th grade, we have been reviewing some basic beliefs of our faith in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each student will be completing a report on the saint they have chosen for Confirmation. The students each have received a letter with various key dates for Confirmation (also posted to Edline). We had the opportunity to perform service work by cleaning the church; thanks to Mrs. Becker, Mrs. Conti, Mrs. Conrad, and Mrs. Lumley for helping that day. Yummy thanks to Mrs. Zielinski for donating treats.

In 7th grade, we are focusing on our conscience, prayers and the miracles of Jesus. We completed our discussion of the Mass changes taking effect at the beginning of Advent.

6th graders are focusing on parts of the Mass as well as learning more about God's sacrifice of his Son Jesus and our commitment to faith.



MISSIONS

For our first Missions Casual Day of the year, we **raised over \$290!** Everyone's generosity is appreciated, especially when so many families are affected by these tough, economic times. What a wonderful way to start off the school year- to focus on others. On the Mission board (outside room 113) is a picture of Juan Feliciano Fuentes Fuentes- the child we as a school sponsor through Christian Foundation for Children and Aging (CFCA). Along with our CFCA sponsorship, Mission money in the past has gone to help: Project EdBear, Pregnancy Care, Relay for Life, Ronald McDonald House and to help families in our Parish Community. There are several other programs that we may possibly contribute to this year.

We will continue to emphasize that this opportunity is *more* about social justice and our Church's social teachings, and less about simply "*paying to have a casual day*"! We encourage the parents as well to direct your child's view to an understanding that serving others is what we are called to do.





Seventh Grade News

Mrs. Cottrill



The 7th grade reading class has just finished a unit on the different types of prose. In our next unit we will be studying the various elements in the short story. In the first collection of stories in this unit we will analyze plot and setting, including identifying and understanding conflict, and the use of suspense and foreshadowing.

In English class, the 7th graders have completed a chapter on subjects and predicates. They will continue to work on grammar skills and work on applying them to their writing. We will be studying paragraphs and the elements that combine for a well-written paragraph. We will also produce samples of the four types of paragraphs: descriptive, expository, persuasive, and narrative. The 7th graders continue to complete a weekly journal entry. They must write on a topic of their choice and write at least two pages to receive full credit.

Most of the 6th graders seem to be adjusting nicely to the junior high routine, although several continue to be a little overwhelmed. This is normal and all students will eventually adjust to switching classes, multiple teachers, and different expectations. Encourage your student to use the assignment pad and to ask for help when needed.

In reading class the 6th graders have been learning about the different types of fiction, including folk tales, fables, short stories, myths, novels, and novellas. Our next collection of stories will help us learn to analyze plot and setting in the short story and how conflict and setting affect the plot. In English class the 6th graders have been working on a chapter on subjects and predicates and the different types of sentences. Students also write for a few minutes each day in a journal.

Accelerated Reader: All of my classes are expected to read and take tests on two appropriate level books by Oct. 27. They must complete one journal for one of the books. Students have been given the requirements for the journals in class. All students are given reading/journaling time in class every week and during library time. We will be completing a variety of activities to go with our AR books throughout the year.





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Seventh Grade News

Miss Spalvieri

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I am really enjoying my first quarter here at St. Joseph School. The 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are very talented and enjoyable groups.

The Eighth Graders wrote some wonderful Native American legends and journals. We found out why some flowers bloom and others don't, why leaves turn colors in the fall and why the moose has large antlers. We are currently enjoying a journey across the Atlantic as we finish a chapter on early exploration and will begin to start settling colonies in America.

Ancient Egypt has been the focus in Seventh Grade. We learned a lot about the mummification process. The Egyptians saved the pharaoh's vital organs, such as intestines, stomach, liver and lungs in special canopic jars because he might need them in his afterlife. However, the brain they discarded because they didn't think it was important. The class has been working on making Egyptian brochures in computer class and they look absolutely wonderful! We will be heading into Ancient Israel next and I know the students will already have a lot of information to share from what they learned last year in 6th grade Religion class.

In Sixth Grade we have been learning about Ancient Mesopotamia and we are studying Ancient Egypt as well. The students like talking about the pyramids and will be making a cartouche of their names in hieroglyphics in computer class.

One thing I am really looking forward to this month is going on the Seventh Grade retreat. We will be participating in a lot of team building activities and games. Hopefully we will have good weather. It should be an interesting time!



Eighth Grade News

Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Watson



The eighth grade retreat was a huge success. The students had a great time and the weather ended up being perfect. We would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. DiLullo for donating the delicious pizza for lunch, Mrs. DiLullo, Mrs. Zeilinski, Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Haag, Mrs. Cioffi, and Mrs. Lambert for providing drinks, snacks and for serving lunch, and all the other parents who sent in items.

The Washington D.C. information was sent home this past week. Please make sure your child gave you the information. The first payment of \$70.00 is due on October 17, 2011 and must be paid by this date. The other payment dates are on the eighth grade Science pages on Edline. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the trip.

Please make sure your child has scissors, glue, and crayons. For some reason the majority of eighth graders do **NOT** have these items. They were on the supply list and we use them weekly in class as well as in peer group. Also many of the boys are coming to school without a belt and with the no-show socks. Remember, after the third uniform infraction a detention will be given.

The students in seventh grade have received their information on the Science Fair and have begun the research portion. In class we spent time reviewing how to research a topic and write a report. We focused on writing topic sentences and paragraphs. The students were given three days to work on the report in class. We have also discussed how to write a bibliography and how to keep track of where they are getting their research. The balance of the report will need to be completed at home. The rough draft is due on October 17, 2011. Due dates for the project are on the seventh grade science pages on Edline. Please contact me if you have any questions: dross@saintjoe.org



Play Practice News

Play practice for the junior high play, "Once Upon a High School" has begun. Our focus at the moment is on having the students learn their lines. Please make sure your child is available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for practice. Practices at this time end at 4:30 p.m. and pick-up is on Falls Ave. If you are unable to pick your child up by 4:30 he or she will be sent to aftercare.





Computer News

Miss Cosgrove



We welcome back Computer Lab volunteer Mrs. Barakat, and give a warm welcome to Mrs. Putaturo who is joining us for the first time this year. We are always in need of “extra hands” in the Lab; if you are interested in volunteering, please email me at acosgrove@saintjoe.org

Parents, if you have not activated your Edline parent account or your child’s student account, please see me for a copy. It is very important that **you** and **your child** have access to the information posted on our St. Joseph’s Edline website.

The students in grades 3-8 have jumped right in to *All the Right Type (ATRT)* and everyone K-5 are working in CCC – Math and Reading.

Kindergarten has been very busy learning computer terms: *monitor, tower, keyboard, mouse, mouse pad, printer, desktop, and icon*. They are becoming familiar with special keys on the keyboard: *ctrl, alt, delete, backspace, and enter*; as well as learning to logon as “student”. The children are also visiting key sites on the Internet; giving them practice with mouse control, opening links, and navigating between pages.

First Grade is reviewing key terms and logon procedures as well as working in *KidPix* reviewing tools to create vowel sound charts. We have also just finished working in *Music Ace* studying *Introduction to the Music Staff*. We are now preparing to work, for the first time, in *Printshop* to create portfolio covers.

Second Grade is working in “KidPix” reviewing the drawing and word processing tools. We are creating a multi-slide presentation on *My Family* which we share with our parents during conferences.

Third Grade has just finished working on map skills (integrated Social Studies lesson) and “Music Ace” Lessons 4, 9 (integrated Music project). We are moving on to *KidPix* where we will be creating Autumn Haikus.

Fourth Grade is completing “How to...” flow charts in MSWord. This activity involved many technology skills: inserting/formatting shapes, graphics, and textboxes. We will be moving on to creative Halloween Story Starters where we will write and illustrate short Halloween stories to share. We will be using MSWord and *KidPix* for this project.

Fifth Grade is currently finishing up word searches in *MSExcel*. We will be moving on to *PrintShop*, where we will be redesigning covers for saint books in our school library dating back as early as 1934. These are priceless, out of print, reference tools still being utilized by our students. We will then research the lives of various saints and write saint reports in *MSWord*.

Sixth Grade is doing research on hieroglyphics and learning to “Write Like An Egyptian”. We will create hieroglyphic name posters in *PrintShop*.

Seventh Grade is researching Ancient Egypt and are creating brochures on their favorite Egyptian topics.

Eighth Grade is finishing a *PrintShop* project on Ancient American Indian Tribes. We created trading cards that will be on display in the upper hallway by the computer lab. We are moving on to a multi-slide presentation in *PowerPoint* on “Islands of the World”. This is being integrated with Science.



Websites to peruse:

- ✓ www.spellingcity.com
- ✓ www.prometheanplanet.com
- ✓ <http://www.brainbashers.com/>
- ✓ <http://www.abcya.com/>
- ✓ <http://www.kerpoof.com/#>



Physical Education

Mrs. Guanciale



In September the students were involved with a unit on basketball. Students in grades 6-8 played in Round Robin basketball tournaments and played continuous 2 on 2. Grades 3- 5 worked on their basketball ball handling, shooting, and passing skills through low organized games. Some of the games included knock out, dribble tag, champion ball, and shooting games. Students in grades K, 1, and 2 worked on their basketball skills in centers and low organized games that include offense, defense, and reaction time. Some of the centers include dribbling around the cones switching right and left hands, bounce and chest pass with the teacher, shooting all different sizes of balls.

Students in grades 3-8 also were tested on the mile run and flexibility in fitness.

If you have questions, please contact me at: cguanciale@saintjoe.org





Music News

Mrs. Wenmoth



Music class has been a busy time for kindergartners. We learned two songs about apples in conjunction with the unit on apples, and we will be working on fireman songs to go with fire safety week. As we learn new songs, we are also learning to pat the steady beat and clap the rhythm of the song. We are beginning new songs about Halloween, and songs about pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns in conjunction with their field trip to the pumpkin farm.

First grade had had several opportunities to play the xylophone in class. We will be learning about the percussion family of instruments, and have an opportunity to make our own percussion instrument. Halloween and fall songs are being introduced. We will use many percussion instruments to create sound effects for our Halloween songs.

Second grade has been practicing “singing in their heads”, which is using auditory memory to keep their place in a song. This is a beginning sight-singing skill. They are also playing the xylophone on the beat to increasingly longer songs. This takes quite a bit of concentration.

Third grade has perfected several partner songs, and practiced drawing notes on lines and spaces. They will soon be enjoying some new Halloween songs, and creating their own Halloween rap.

Grades 4-6 are looking forward to a trip to the Civic Theater to hear the University of Akron Concert Band. The students will be introduced to the band instruments and hear how each family sounds. This field trip ties in perfectly with the conclusion of the fifth grade unit on instruments

Grade 7 has just completed their study of Medieval Music, and will begin Renaissance next week. In computer class, they will visit a virtual Renaissance town and write a short report on Renaissance music. This is a perfect opportunity for us to go over the difference between writing information in their own words and “cutting and pasting”.

Grade 8 is nearing completion of their unit on Blues and how it transitioned into rhythm and blues. After their blues test, (October 18/20) they will watch a movie on the life of Alan Freed, the Cleveland DJ who came up with the name “Rock and Roll”. The movie is an excellent way for the students to experience early rock music. They also get a feel of what the climate of the country was in the late 50’s concerning race relations, the adults’ reaction to this “new” music, and the young people’s attempt to make rock music their own.



Schola continues to grow and the choir loft is now filled to capacity. Thanks to so many junior high students who are willing to share their talents with the Lord, and their school community.

Art News

Mrs. Coley



Happy Fall! There are so many students that I see on a daily basis proudly representing St. Joseph School. I would like to recognize a few of those exceptional students for their willingness to help, do the right thing when it isn't always the popular thing to do, and for demonstrating strength of character. Taylor Haag and James Stocker thank you both for coming to class always prepared and eager to participate. A. J. Chase thank you for always being kind and helpful to your classmates in the art room. Kristen Lauck and Gabby Wittbrod you are not only an example for your classmates but your kindness and enthusiasm to learn inspires me to teach.

The students in grades eight and seven are working on time intensive projects. Eight graders will be completing their stain glass projects in the next few weeks and will be moving onto a drawing unit. The seventh graders just completed Optical Illusion art and will begin scratchboards. Sixth graders are beginning a Ocean resist using realism and abstraction. Fifth graders just completed a project integrating VanGogh's style of art with their own. They will continue learning about VanGogh and will recreate the Starry Night.

Fourth graders are beginning projects based on a rainforest theme and will be rendering toucans in oil pastel and creating watercolor renderings of Iguanas. Third graders will continue their "journey around the world" and begin designing rain sticks once they have completed their coiled pots. Second graders are working on Halloween resists and will then continue will begin paper weavings. First graders finished a story illustration of "The Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly". Kindergarteners are completing a unit on creating with line. They will begin fall paintings.

Spanish News

Mrs. Tomin



Buenos Dias!

It is hard to believe the first quarter is almost over. I can only say "So far, so good". I would like to encourage everyone to use Ed-line to keep up on the Spanish vocabulary and tests. Many times there will be a practice test on Ed-line that students can print off and complete. These practice tests are a good way to study, and I usually give extra credit on the test for students who bring the tests to class. If they cannot print the tests at home, they can usually do it in open computer lab. They can also print the information from my room before or after school. If you have any problems or questions, please feel free to let me know.

Kindergarten is finishing colors and beginning a lesson on family terms.

1st grade is working on weather and seasons and will soon begin a lesson on clothing.

2nd grade is working on learning terms for classroom objects.

3rd grade is learning to discuss clothing and use basic adjectives.

4th grade has started conjugating regular –ar verbs and writing good sentences.

5th and 6th grades are continuing with the regular, present tense verbs with an emphasis on speaking.

7th and 8th graders will be doing a project about Central American food and learning to use direct and indirect object pronouns.

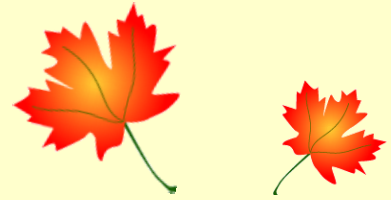
As always, if there are any questions, please call or email me at: btomin@saintjoe.org





Library News

Mrs. Rauber



During the month of October, students will be sharpening their library skills.
Gr. 6-8 students are learning about the six most common reference materials used for research.

Grades 4-5 are beginning a study on Literature Genres.

Grades 2-3 are increasing their knowledge on Accelerated Reader Book Find and how to utilize the advance search engine feature.

Kindergarten and 1st graders are working on library location skills, book care, and proper circulation routines.

Book Fair is Coming!

The Fall Book Fair will be at our school on October 17th through October 21st. Flyers will be sent home to every student. All of the proceeds from the Book Fair directly support our school library. If your family is interested in making an extra donation to the library, you may do so by filling out a check noting library donation in the memo. Thank you in advance for your continued support of St. Joseph School Library.





DEAR PARENTS & STUDENTS,

Here is a list of the dates when all lunch orders will be available on the school’s website

www.saintjoe.org

*You may need to download the latest Adobe Reader to view and print the menu and order forms. PLEASE, print and complete **ONE** form per child with their name, teacher’s name and room # .Copies are available upon request in the school office. The lunch packets are online by the **2nd** Thursday of each month and must be returned by the **3rd** Thursday of each month.

Remember to use your credits ASAP.

If your child has ordered lunch/milk and decides not to take their ordered lunch/milk for the following reasons:

- ✓ Student Council parties
- ✓ Safety Patrol parties
- ✓ Advanced Band parties
- ✓ Teacher/Parent lunch
- ✓ Doctor Appt.



No credit will be issued unless the cafeteria is notified by 10:00am. Please, remember credits cannot be post dated; snow days and absences are automatically given credits.

Dates to remember:

November, 2011	online by 10/13/2011 and due by 10/20/2011
December, 2011	online by 11/10/2011 and due by 11/17/2011
January, 2012	online by 12/8/2011 and due by 12/15/2011
February, 2012	online by 1/12/2012 and due by 1/19/2012
March, 2012	online by 2/9/2012 and due by 2/16/2012
April, 2012	online by 3/8/2012 and due by 3/15/2012
May, 2012	online by 4/5/2012 and due by 4/19/2012





Home and School

Mrs. Linda Putaturo, President

Welcome back—with a special welcome to all our new families! Hopefully, the school year is going well for students and parents as we all get used to a new routine.

Thank you for turning in your volunteer forms. The teachers and staff are appreciative for all the many hours of volunteering we do. All room parent positions have been filled, so many thanks to all those who volunteered in this capacity. If anyone is available to help in the cafeteria at the ala carte window on the third Thursday of the month (approx 11:00-12:30), we would be most grateful; please contact Diane Schismenos at 330-929-8345.

Dues, dues, dues! Please don't forget to pay your \$10/family dues. We are aiming for 100% participation, and have only received 63% thus far. That means 84 families still have not paid dues. We want to continue all we do for the children, and we can only accomplish this through dues and calendar sales. Many thanks to those who have already sent them in!

As you know, the school is implementing a call system to relay important information automatically right to your telephone (such as snow days). This year Dr. Nugent has asked Home & School to pay for this system, and we have already paid the \$785 invoice. We don't want to reduce the amount we give the school from calendar sales—\$9,000-\$10,000—but we can only do this if everyone participates. We have given the school \$14,000 in years past, and it would be wonderful if we could do it again!

To encourage more participation, calendars will be sent home the first two weeks of October to those families who have not signed out any numbers. Calendar sales continue through October with money due November 1, so please purchase or sell your calendars (preferably three or at least one). The school depends heavily on the monies we raise. Last year we sold 808 calendars, and we were able to give the school \$9,000. We had a total of 140 winners and paid out \$6,310 in winnings. The tuition credit winners will be drawn in November (date yet to be determined). Good luck!

As always, we are continuing the programs for Box Tops for Education, Acme receipts which is now underway, Campbell label program (which includes Pepperidge Farm, Franco-American, Swanson, Prego, V8, Spaghetti's as well as certain Market Day items) and Giant Eagle. We earned \$1,360 last year through the box top program, \$2,190 from the Acme program, and received some items for the school through Giant Eagle! We are accumulating points through Campbell's which we will redeem for items for the school.





Many thanks to Jodi Szahlender who handles box tops, Peggy Reagan who handles the Acme program, Patty Lynch who handles Giant Eagle and Mary Freimuth (Veronica Gobrogge's mother) who handles Campbell's

Please remember to save and turn in your Acme receipts, box tops and Campbell's labels. All are collected at the entrances of the church, or you can send them in to the school office in an envelope appropriately marked. Giant Eagle points are accumulated for our school every time your registered card is swiped at the store. If your card is not registered for St. Joseph, you may do so at the store or online.

Can't make any meetings? H&S meeting minutes are on-line under the H&S section of the school website.

REMINDERS:

- Please pay your \$10 dues.
- Buy or sell your calendars!
- Don't forget to utilize GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com. You can visit these sites for more information. Enter "St Joseph School – Cuyahoga Falls" then click "verify" (no period after "St"). If you do a lot of internet buying, please purchase through the GoodShop to see if the site participates. You still purchase directly from the website; however, if you go through the GoodShop portal, the school earns a percentage of the sale which is determined by each store.
- Don't forget to pay your dues.



We're on the Web!
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