

September 18, 2016

From the Principal's Desk

**Giving Challenge Countdown**  
**Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, Noon**  
**to Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Noon**



The Virtue of the Week is **GENEROSITY**, and what a wonderful way to experience that virtue through our parents, parishioners, and friends!

Thanks to the generosity of the Ierulli family, every donation of \$100 will be matched. Up to a total of \$25,000!

In addition, the Paterson Foundation will be matching new donations at 2 to 1 (A donation of \$100 will become \$300). Returning donors will be matched 1:1 (A donation of \$100 will become \$200). Add the Ierulli Family match and a \$100 donation from a new donor will become \$400, and for a returning donor, a \$100 donation will become \$300!

## **Giving Challenge** **Let's Close the Gap!**

The Giving Challenge is a wonderful opportunity for St. Joseph Catholic School to close the gap between tuition and actual operating costs for the school.

As you are aware, tuition does not cover all of the costs associated with operating our school. We depend on donations and fundraising to close that gap.

Each family is asked to give \$100 per year to the annual fund. Some ask why not just raise tuition? Tuition is already a challenge for many of our families. By working together with donors and fundraising opportunities, our families can afford the gift of a Catholic education for their child/children. In addition, an annual fund donation is tax deductible. Tuition is not.

This week, spread the word to your family, friends, business partners, and all who support Catholic education. Let's all "Be the One" to make a difference in the lives of our students and families at SJCS!

## **"Be the One"** **With a Reserved Parking Place!**

Four parking places are available in front of the Parish Center near the School and Church. These are prime locations for Mass, as well as parish and school events. It is time to assign these parking spots to families for the 2016-2017 school year.

As an added bonus during our Giving Challenge, we are adding a "donor auction". Our top four donors during the Giving Challenge will be awarded one of these four parking places. Good luck!

## This Week's Sports Activities From Coach Kolbe

**Monday: Volleyball away game** vs. Palmetto Charter JV 4pm, Varsity 5pm. We will have a bus there and back.

**Monday: Cross country** practice 3-4pm

**Tuesday: Flag football** practice 3-4:30pm

**Tuesday: Volleyball** home game vs. Incarnation 4pm JV/ 5pm Varsity

**Wednesday: Cross country** practice 3-4pm

**Thursday: Volleyball home game** vs. SAA varsity only 4pm

**Thursday: Away flag football game** vs. Imagine Palmer Ranch 4pm (at Twin Lakes 6700 Clark Rd Sarasota, FL 34241) You will need to find a ride there and back.

**Friday: Nothing!**

## After School Music Programs

### Monday

Violin/Strings Class

3:00 – 3:45 pm in the Music Room

Intermediate Guitar 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Church Choir Room

### Tuesday

St. Joseph Honors Choir – Grades 4 to 8

3:00 – 3:45 pm Church Choir Room

### Wednesday

Beginning Guitar – 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Church Choir Room

### Thursday

Grace Notes – Primary Choir – Grades 1 – 3

3:00 – 3:45 pm Music Room

Intermediate Guitar 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Church Choir Room



Flag Football Team at a Recent Home Game



**Girls Volleyball Team During a Recent Varsity Game**



**Student Council Held their First Official Business Meeting During Lunch Last Week**



## Thank You to Middle School and Second Grade

Middle School students, under the direction of Mrs. Tavernier, provided decorations for the recent *Suddenly Seniors* "Grandparents Day" meeting in the Parish Center. Mrs. Goethe's Second Graders made cards and sang for the special guests in attendance.



Grandparents  
are a delightful blend of

Laughter,  
Caring deeds,  
Wonderful stories,  
and Love!

## PreK Highlights

Mrs. Miller's Class learns that Mercy Matters as they bring tuna and canned meats for our Food Pantry. Students in grades PK – 8 will continue collecting until the end of September.



VPK students learned “what is under their skin” as they traced their outline and added internal organs. (Do you see a future doctor?) As they learned about different types of apples, they created their own books. With finger-paint fun, they stamped red, yellow, and green apples to complete this Fall project!

