

July 13, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Summer News!

Many of our students enjoyed a week of Bible School led by Michael John, Mary Trichter, Ashley Thompson, and many, many volunteers!



Many Volunteers are Needed on Saturday, July 22nd from 8:00 am - Noon



Our insurance company is requiring a soft surface under our swings. We did one set last summer and were able to put swings back up in that area.

However, we still have three empty frames!

We need many parent, relative, high school, or college volunteers to come and help us get the swings ready for the new school year! My mother used to quote John Heywood, a 15th

century writer, by always telling us “Many hands make light work.” I am hoping this will be the case when we gather on Saturday morning, July 22nd at 8:00 am to work on the playground! Bring your wheelbarrows, yard carts, shovels, and rakes and prepare for a morning dedicated to our children!



With four frames for swings, we will keep one frame with the traditional swings. One frame will have spinner swings, and two frames will have saucer swings.

Rick Nohmy has agreed to come on Saturday morning to supervise. He has ordered all of the materials and will have the border pieces and mulch ready! Let's all show our St. Joseph Catholic School spirit and teamwork.

NOTE: We moved the workday to a Saturday to avoid the afternoon rains and to allow more of our parents to be able to assist.



Volunteer Signup:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-school>

Or email dsuddarth@sjsfl.org to indicate you are available to join us on Saturday morning.

ANOTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – PAINTING RAILINGS ON MONDAY, JULY 24th

We are looking for parents who can assist on Monday, July 24th with the painting of the grey stairwell railings. You may volunteer through the SignUp Genius link, or by emailing Deborah Suddarth.

Middle School Electives

Our Middle School students will have some elective options this year. All students in grades 6, 7, and 8 will receive a mailing which will be sent on Monday afternoon, July 17th. This mailing will include options and details regarding classes for the 2017-2018 school year, as well as Honors Class placements.

Electives for Grades 6, 7, & 8:

- Chorus
- Instrumental Music
- General Music
- Middle School Spanish
- High School Spanish I
- High School Spanish II
- High School Algebra I

Watch for the mailing by the end of next week!

Congratulations to the 2016 – 2017 Algebra Class!

Our Advanced Math Students in Grade 8 took High School Algebra during the 2016-2017 school year. Before graduation, these students are required to take the Florida State End-of-Course (EOC) test for high school credit and to qualify for advancement to their next level of high school math regardless of the high school they attend. The state requires an EOC assessment score of 3 as a passing grade. 100% of our 8th graders who took Algebra I EOC passed the High School course (compared with Florida's average of 62% passing), and 75% of these students received a score of 5 which is the highest mastery level score given by the state! Congratulations to all of these students who worked hard throughout the year, and thank you to Mrs. Owens who is dedicated to teaching our Middle School Math classes.

Odyssey of the Mind

Thank you to Mr. Sitterly, Dr. Maria Pardo, and all of our dedicated students who have already started preparing for the 2018 Odyssey of the Mind Competition! Our teams have been meeting during the summer, and include students from grades 5, 6, 7, & 8.

This year we will be adding a Primary Division Odyssey team for grades K - 2, as well as a Division I team for grades 3 & 4. Watch for more information!

Little Flowers Girls Club

We will begin a new after school group, "Little Flowers Girls Club", for girls in grades K – 5. The group will meet on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 4:00. Watch for more information in the near future.

Back to School – Important Dates and Times

Wednesday, August 9

VPK Orientation for Parents (Parents will receive notification regarding session attendance)

9:00 am VPK A Orientation
10:00 am VPK B Orientation
(Both sessions will be in the VPK Classroom)

Pre-K 3 Parent Orientation

10:30 am PreK 3 Classroom

New Family Orientation (K – 8)

11:00 am St. Joseph Room

Meet and Greet – Supply Drop Off - Open House (All Families)

10:30 – 12:30 Visit individual classrooms, drop off supplies, and meet our teachers



August 10 – First Day of School

7:45 Arrival
8:00 am School Day begins with Morning Prayer

August 15 – Holy Day Mass with Bishop Dewane – 1:00 pm in Church – Parents and Families are welcome to attend

August 17 – Back to School Night

6:00 pm St. Joseph Center (Gym)
7:00 pm Classroom Open House

Back to School Supplies



Last year we purchased supplies and charged parents a fee. However, many of our families indicated that they look forward to purchasing back to school supplies as a family. Also, many of our students have preferred folders, pencils, crayons, markers, etc. Therefore, we are having each family use a supply list to purchase their needed back to school supplies this year.

As I was walking through Staples and Walmart this week, it was evident that now it the time to take advantage of all of those back to school sales. For your convenience, the supply lists are attached to this week's newsletter. In addition, the supply lists will be posted on our school website.

2017-2018 Supply List

PK3

- 2-50 count Ziplock sandwich bags
- 3 15 count gallon Ziplock storage bags
- 3 80 count baby wipe refill
- 2 75 count box facial tissue
- 1 roll paper towels
- 1 Wide tip, classic color, washable markers, 8 pack
- 1 Elmer's washable school glue, white, 4 oz. bottle
- 1 Large crayons 8 pack box
- 1 Crayons, 24 pack box
- Children's large white t-shirts, pack of 3
- 1 extra set of clothes and socks in ziplock bag (does not need to be uniform)
- 1 photo of your child for classroom display, will not be returned
- 1 star stickers sheet
- Backpack
- Lunch box
- **Please label everything**

2017-2018 Supply List

Pre-K

- 1 box sandwich bags
- 1 box of snack bags
- 1 15 count gallon storage bags
- 3 80 count baby wipe refill
- 3 boxes facial tissue
- 1 roll paper towels
- 3 packs of Clorox wipes
- 1 Wide tip, classic color, washable markers, 8 pack
- 1 extra set of clothes and socks in ziplock bag (does not need to be uniform)
- 1 package star stickers
- Backpack (no wheels) Labeled
- Lunch box
- **Please label everything**

2017-2018 Supply List

Kindergarten

- 3 80 count baby wipes
- 2 black dry erase markers
- 2 2-pocket folders
- 4 Crayons, classic colors, 8 count box
- 3 Facial tissues, 200 count boxes
- 1 Pencil case
- 12 # 2 pencils
- 4 Elmer's glue sticks
- 1 box plastic spoons
- 1 " 3 ring binder white .5 inch
- 2 Crayola wide tip washable classic color markers
- 4 3x5 lined index cards 100 pack
- 4 Paper towels
- 1 Box Storage Bags Sandwich size
- 1 Red t-shirt, 1 size larger than child
- Backpack
- Lunch box
- **Please label everything**

2017-2018 Supply List

1st Grade

- 1 Facial tissue
- 2 composition notebooks (primary level)
- 1 Alcohol free hand sanitizer
- 1 dozen #2 pencils
- 1 pack of colored pencils
- 1 Crayons, 24 pack box
- 6 Elmer's dry-clear glue stick
- 2 Elmer's washable glue, white, 4 oz. bottles
- Kids scissors
- 2 black dry erase markers
- Plastic 2 pocket, 3 hole folders
 - 1 purple
 - 1 red
 - 1 green
 - 1 blue
 - 1 black
 - 1 yellow
- 4" x 6" notebook, spiral wire bound at top
- 2 Paper towels, 85 sheet rolls
- 1 3-hole pencil case
- 1 35 count pack disinfectant wipes
- 1 Wide-tip, washable markers, 8 pack box
- 1 50 count storage bags, sandwich size
- 1 20 count storage bags, gallon size
- 2 80 count baby wipe refill packs
- 1 Eraser, pencil caps 12 count
- 2 Eraser, pink, large
- Backpack
- Lunch box

2017-2018 Supply List

2nd Grade

- 2 Facial tissue
- 2 dozen #2 pencils w/ pink erasers (sharpened)
- 2 red marking pencils w/ eraser
- 1 Crayons, 24 pack box
- 2 Elmer's purple, dry-clear glue stick,
- 1 Elmer's washable glue, white, 4 oz. bottles
- 1 Kids scissors
- 5 plastic folders, 2-pocketed with prongs
 - 1 purple
 - 1 red
 - 1 green
 - 1 blue
 - 1 yellow
- 1 4" x 6" notebook, spiral wire bound at top
- 2 Paper towels, 85 sheet rolls
- 1 3-hole pencil case
- 1 70 count pack disinfectant wipes
- 1 Wide-tip, washable markers, 8 pack box
- 2 50 count storage bags, sandwich size
- 1 20 count storage bags, gallon size
- 1 fine point black markers
- 1 80 count baby wipe refill packs
- 6 Large pink erasers
- Backpack
- Lunch box

2017-2018 Supply List

3rd Grade

- 1 100-sheet composition books
- 1 pencil box
- 1 Large pink eraser
- 1 bottle Elmer's washable school glue, white
- 1 large glue stick
- 1 Crayons, 16 count
- 4 dozen #2 pencils
- 1 Facial tissues, 200 count box
- 1 Paper towel roll
- 1 yellow highlighter
- 1 Washable, wide-tip markers in classic colors, 8 pack
- 2 120 packs wide rule filler paper, 10.5" x 8"
- 1 Scissors
- 1 80 count baby wipe refill pack
- 1 Yellow Folder, plastic, 2 pocket, 3 hole
- 1 Purple, Folder, plastic, 2 pocket, w-prong
- 1 Red Folder, plastic, 2 pocket, w-prong
- 1 Blue Folder, plastic, 2 pocket, w-prong
- 1 Green Folder, plastic, 2 pocket, w-prong
- 1 Orange Folder, plastic, 2 pocket, w-prong
- 2 Red pens medium point
- 1 Disinfecting wipes
- 4 index cards
- 2 black expo dry erase markers
- Backpack
- Lunch box

2017-2018 Supply List

4th Grade

- 1 soft zippered pencil case
- 1 dark blue 2 pocket folder
- 1 Box of colored pencils 8 count
- 1 Elmer's glue stick, purple, dries clear
- 1 Yellow chisel-tip highlighter
- 2 dozen #2 pencils
- 1 2-pocket folder, purple
- 3 120 packs of filler paper, wide rule, 10.5" x 8"
- 1 Kids scissors, pointed tip
- 1 200 count boxes of facial tissues
- 1 paper towel roll
- 4 100 sheet composition notebooks
- 1 7 pocket expanding file folder
- 1 baby wipe
- 1 Pencil canister sharpener
- 1 Clorox disinfecting wipes
- Backpack non rolling
- Lunchbox
- Gym bag

2017-2018 Supply List

5th Grade

- 1 paper towel roll
- 1 75-sheet box disinfectant wipes
- 1 soft pencil case
- 1 Crayons, 24 pack
- 5 wide rule filler paper packs, 200-sheets
- 5 Folders, plastic w/prongs
 - 1 red
 - 1 green
 - 1 purple
 - 1 blue
 - 1 black
- 1 composition books, 100-sheet
- 12 blue or black erasable pen
- 12 #2 pencils
- 1 boxes facial tissue, 200-sheet
- Eraser
- Gym bag
- Lunchbox
- Backpack

2017-2018 Supply List

Grades 6,7, & 8

- 1 soft pencil case
- 1 pack "Wide Rule" filler paper
- 1 steno notebook
- 6 composition books
- 6 pocket folders (*plastic-coated* preferred)
- 1 highlighter
- pack of #2 pencils
- pack of erasable pens (blue or black)
- several red pens
- 1 pack of 3x5 index cards
- 1 box facial tissue
- 2 rolls of paper towel
- 1 container of disinfectant wipes **OR** baby wipes
- 1 set of headphones/earbuds
- 1 Scientific calculator (T130X IIS, 54 function, 2 line) - **Grades 7 & 8 only**
- 1 personal computer (see requirements on Portals)
- backpack
- lunchbox
- gym bag

Please note that some supplies may need to be replaced during the year.