



Weekly Newsletter

August 1, 2016

From the Principal's Desk

We are ready to welcome our families back on campus.
School starts for students on August 10th at 8:00 am.

2016-2017 School Year Back to School

ORIENTATION SESSIONS – 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)

PreK 3 Parent Orientation

10:30 am PreK 3 Classroom

New Family Orientation (K – 8)

11:00 am St. Joseph Room

Meet and Greet – Open House (All Families)

11:00 – 12:30 Individual Classrooms

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – AUGUST 10 – 8:00 am

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT – AUGUST 17

6:00 pm St. Joseph Center (Gym)
All parents to attend

Parents Needed to Welcome New Families

Use the following link to volunteer:

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

Volunteer to welcome a new family to SJCS.

- Fill out the online form
- A family will be assigned
- Call the new family and welcome them to Saint Joseph Catholic School
- Answer any questions the new family may have as they prepare for the new school year.
- Gain volunteer hours

We are collecting used uniforms
for the Eagles Nest.
If last year's uniforms no longer fit,
please drop them off
in the school office.
Thank you!

Contemporary Mass – Youth Singers and Musicians

An informational meeting was held on Sunday, July 31, at 4:30pm, in the St. Joseph Parish Center. An invitation was emailed to all middle school families who were interested in participating as singers and/or musicians at our new 5:30 pm Sunday Mass, which will begin in September. This Mass will be a contemporary Mass, with the youth of our parish and school serving in the ministerial roles ... ministers of the Eucharist, lectors/readers, etc. This is an exciting, unprecedented opportunity ... and now is your opportunity to help make it a reality!

The meeting was hosted by Cami Wyatt, a parishioner and cantor at St. Joseph's, along with St. Joseph staff members Tim O' Connor, Director of Music and Liturgy, Michael John, Director of Faith Formation, and Nick Sabella, Youth Coordinator.

Meet Our New Staff Members

With Increased numbers in kindergarten and grade 1, it was necessary to form two classrooms of each grade. In addition, we excited to introduce our new Spanish, Science, and Music teachers. We are blessed with a wonderful group of dedicated teachers.



Mrs. Lawreace Hernandez – Kindergarten B

My name is Lawreace Hernandez and this will be my first year teaching at Saint Joseph! I worked as an assistant here last year in Kindergarten, and truly enjoyed working with the staff, families, and students. I received both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Westminster College in Pennsylvania in Elementary Education (K- 6). My first nine years of teaching took place in a public school system in Pennsylvania, before my family and I took a leap of faith adventure together, and moved to sunny Florida! I am very excited to continue my love for teaching children, while incorporating our faith each and every day. Saint Joseph is a great place to teach and learn!



Mrs. Carol Johnson – First Grade B

Mrs. Carol Johnson is delighted to join St. Joseph's School as a 1st Grade teacher! She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in International Studies from the University of South Florida, and a Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Loyola University, Maryland. She is certified to teach grades K-6 in Maryland and Florida and has worked in both the public and Catholic school systems. In addition to an extensive background in education as a teacher and faith formation catechist, Mrs. Johnson is a Veteran of the United States Army, proud wife of an Army (Retired) husband, and mother of 2 sons who are also pursuing careers in the Army. "My goal as an educator is to inspire and facilitate learning in each student in order to grow independent problem-solvers empowered to achieve their potential, while continuing to grow in their faith and relationship with God. I believe all students can learn and deserve an opportunity to do so in a way that best meets their needs. Working together, I seek to be an agent of hope, and nurture the growth of possibility in each of my students."



Mrs. Maria Hussey – Spanish & Development

Eastern Illinois University is where Maria obtained her Bachelor of Science degree. Her career scanned a variety of professions. Her first year out of college she worked as a social worker for Catholic Charities before beginning her career as a teacher for the next 10 years. She taught in both the Chicago area and in Bradenton (St. Joseph School) grades kindergarten through middle school.

She then earned a degree in radiography and worked for what was then Bradenton Orthopedics. Bradenton Orthopedics is now Coastal Orthopedics where she graduated to Marketing Director for the medical practice. After

leaving Bradenton Orthopedics she became the Executive Director for Junior Achievement and later Executive Director for the Lifelong Learning Academy at the University of South Florida.

In 2010 Maria earned her Master's Degree in Adult Education before joining JDRF in 2013. At JDRF Maria was the Development Coordinator for the Florida Suncoast Chapter of JDRF.

She has earned many awards most recently the JDRF Hero award for the month of October, 2014. She has also won the Ray of Sunshine Award with the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance in 2015.

She is married to Patrick Hussey and has two children. Olivia, living in Washington, D.C., is an attorney for the Department of Justice. Her son Steven is a computer engineer for the defense industry in Boston. She has a 3-year-old granddaughter named Vivienne Mae Scott, and a grandson by the name of Shurn Michael Hussey, who is a tender 5 months old.

Maria Hussey, originally born in Havana, Cuba, was raised in Chicago, Illinois. Her hobbies include gardening, bike riding, painting, and reading.



Dr. Marissa Thielen – Science

Marissa Thielen has a Bachelor's Degree from Purdue University in Health Sciences with a minor in Biology. She also has Master's Degree from Purdue University in Forensic Entomology, and a PhD from Purdue University in Entomology. She moved to Florida in 2011 where she attended Stetson University College of Law and graduated with her J.D. in 2013. She was licensed to practice law in the spring of 2014. Her teaching experience extends back to 2005 when she was working on her M.S. at Purdue. During two summers, she developed and taught Forensic Science labs and lectures to gifted high school students for a summer program. She was an adjunct professor during her PhD program and developed and taught Forensic Science labs and lectures. She is currently an adjunct professor with Florida

Keys Community College and teaches Introduction to the Criminal Justice System and Introduction to Forensic Science.



Miss Kira Gaillard – Music

Kira Gaillard is a Sarasota native and graduate of University of Miami's Frost School of Music. She has over 20 years of classical musical training and has taught piano and voice since graduating in 2011. Kira owns and operates Sunshine Music Lessons, a music school located in downtown Sarasota that specializes in private instrumental and voice lessons as well as early childhood music education. In her spare time, Kira participates in many local choral organizations including St. Petersburg Opera, Musica Sacra Cantorum, Gloria Musicae, and others. She is excited to be a part of St. Joseph Catholic School, and is looking forward to the coming year!

Mrs. Danielle O'Donnell – Library Media Specialist



Mrs. O'Donnell received her BA in History from Rutgers University. She graduated with an MA from the University of South Florida, and completed her MLS in Library Information Science and Learning Technology 2009 at the University of Missouri.

She has taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She has served as website developer, grant writer, curriculum coach, professional development presenter, and an athletic coach for distance and track running.

Mrs. O'Donnell is National Board Certified and was selected as Teacher of the Year at Nottingham CAJT HS in 2008 and 2009.

Her hobbies include cooking, baking, reading, and running

Celebrate Back-to-School **with the Marauders on August 13 at McKechnie Field** **Ticket purchase date extended to August 9th by noon**

Gates open at 5:30

Game begins at 6:30

First 500 children (Ages 12 and under) Receive a free backpack with school supplies

Tickets: \$10.00 each - Includes a 32 oz. souvenir cup with one fountain fill up (\$5.00 value) and a free Marauder's adjustable cap (\$15.00 value)

Tickets must be ordered by July 28th.

Complete this online form to reserve your tickets.

Tickets may be paid for in the school office on August 9th during the Back-to-School Open House.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MaraudersTickets>

Summer Academic Practice

iXL Math Update – This week was an amazing week of math practice. Many of our students are getting a head start on the new school year. Our top math students so far this summer:

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| Bendli Thony | Kindergarten | Mastered 203 Skills |
| Djoudly Auguste | Grade 2 | Mastered 82 Skills |
| Coral Bell | Grade 7 | Mastered 76 Skills |

Congratulations to Claire Barbier, who completed 1,066 problems this summer!
This week SJCS students completed 3,973 math problems!

Keep up the good work!

t. Joseph Catholic School students have logged 7,164 minutes with the Scholastic Reading Challenge! Don't forget to log your reading minutes on Scholastic's website at:

<http://www.scholastic.com/ups/campaigns/src-2016/kids>

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JOIN US FOR A MIDSUMMER

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WINE'S DREAM
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4-COURSE DINNER WITH WINE PAIRINGS FOR \$40

Summertime is in full swing at Carrabba's! Join us for a food and wine pairing dinner on Tuesday, August 9th at 6:30PM featuring some of our favorite Italian wines.

Spots are limited so RSVP today!

I'M READY TO RSVP

2106 Cortez West
Bradenton, FL 34205
August 9th
6:30pm
4 Courses and Wine for \$40

MENU

First Course ►

Tuscan Strawberry Salad

Mixed greens, fresh strawberries, toasted pine nuts, red onion, tomatoes and crumbled gorgonzola in our strawberry vinaigrette.

Wine Pairing:
Bocelli Prosecco



◄ Second Course

Mussels in White Wine Lemon Butter

Prince Edward Island mussels steamed in white wine, basil and our lemon butter sauce

Wine Pairing:
Lumina Pinot Grigio



Third Course ▶

Chicken Parmesan

Coated with Mama Mandola's breadcrumbs, sautéed and topped with our pomodoro sauce, romano and mozzarella served with a side of Cavatappi Amatriciana

Wine Pairing:
Santa Christina Chianti

◀ Fourth Course

Sogno di Cioccolata "Chocolate Dream"

A rich fudge brownie with chocolate mousse, fresh whipped cream and chocolate sauce

Wine Pairing:
Pian di Nova Super Tuscan

OK NOW I'M REALLY READY TO RSVP

Share your experience and see what others have to say using [#VinoDinner](#) on Instagram and Twitter.

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