

February 12, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

LEI Notre Dame Institute & St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School has been privileged to participate in two programs this year. The first is the Latino Enrollment Institute with the University of Notre Dame, as part of the Alliance for Catholic Education. Last week, I joined approximately 60 principals, from across the United States, in Scottsdale, Arizona. We had the opportunity to work with Notre Dame educators and share ideas regarding the programs and practices of top Catholic Schools.

In addition, Dr. Darling, Mrs. Hussey, and I have been working with the diocesan Partners in Mission program. This program has brought together all of our Diocesan Principals and staff members to share marketing and development strategies for future planning.

Both of these programs have been very positive for St. Joseph Catholic School. We had a strong response to our recent Open House, and we continue to have daily inquiries and tours for new families interested in joining our school community for next year.

In order to assist us in finalizing our budget for next year, planning for staff and classrooms, and determining teacher placements, we need all returning families to make sure registration for the 2017-2018 school year has been completed.

Please email or call the school office if you have questions.



Muffins with Moms – February 14



When: 7:30 – 8:15

Where: Parish Center

Sponsored by PTO

Registration was due by Friday, February 10th.

Parents joining us for prayer at 8:00 am in the courtyard, are asked to walk your children to the courtyard to have your child join his/her class by 8:00 am.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT COME WITH YOU TO PRAYER AT 8:00 AM, PLEASE STAY WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE PARISH CENTER. STAFF WILL COME TO THE PARISH CENTER TO WALK YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO CAMPUS AT 8:15 AM. PLEASE DO NOT SEND STUDENTS UNACCOMPANIED TO CAMPUS.

ATTENTION VPK PARENTS: CHILDREN MUST BE SIGNED IN TO PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS BY 8:00 AM.

Valentine Dress Day



Students are welcome to wear shirts and blouses in Valentine Colors (Pink, Red, Purple, White) on Tuesday, February 14th, with uniform shorts, slacks, skorts, PE shorts. Students will also wear uniform shoes.

Thank you to our Room Mothers who are organizing the afternoon parties!

Noon Dismissal on Friday, February 17

No Aftercare – All Staff Members are Required to attend a Diocesan Mandated Safety Program

No School – Monday, February 20th – Presidents Day

Thank You for your support!



Thank you to all who supported our recent “Souper Bowl” event. Our fifth grade students and families collected the most cans and delivered the soup to our Food Pantry.



**Kindergarten Information Night
for New Families
(Current VPK & PK do not need to attend)**

**Thursday, February 16
6:00 PM
St. Joseph Room**

Hot Lunch

13	14	15	16	17
Rigatoni with Sweet Sausage Marinara Sauteed Green Beans Garlic Bread Seasonal Fruit	Meatballs in Marinara French Bread Sweet Peas Seasonal Fruit	Lemon Chicken & Wild Rice Hawaiian Roll Corn & Pea Medley Seasonal Fruit	Beef Taco "Lasagna" Yellow Rice Corn & Pea Medley Seasonal Fruit	FRIDAY PIZZA DAY! Penne Marinara Fresh Broccoli Florets Seasonal Fruit

Colin Heina Receives Pop Warner Scholastic Award



Congratulations to Colin Heina, a 7th grade student at SJCS. Colin received a Pop Warner All-American Scholastic Award. This award is given to students who maintain a 96% academic average and demonstrate a spirit of volunteerism in their local community. We all congratulate Colin for his achievement!

Congratulations to Robert Desjardins Third Place - Knights of Columbus State Spelling Bee



Congratulations to Robert Desjardins for his recent third place finish in the Knights of Columbus State Spelling Bee. Robert represented St. Joseph Catholic School having won at the school and regional levels. Robert competed with students from Catholic parishes and schools across the state of Florida.

Kindergarten Field Trip

Our Kindergarten students had a wonderful day at Mixon Fruit Farm! There were so many things to do, see and learn! Thank you to all of our chaperones who gave so much support! A big thank you to Mr. Bennett our bus driver!



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

Monday: Nothing

Tuesday:

4:00 pm Home game boys and girls soccer vs. Imagine Lakewood Ranch

Wednesday:

3:00 – 5:00 pm Boys soccer practice

Thursday:

4:00 pm Home boys soccer game vs. Imagine Palmer Ranch

4:00 pm Home girls soccer game vs. Sarasota Military Academy

Friday: Nothing



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday

3:00 PM	Intermediate Guitar
3:15 PM	Grade 6 Math Help – Mrs. Owens
3:00 PM	Violin Class
3:15 PM	Garden Club – Mrs. Hussey
3:15 PM	Junior Legion of Mary

Tuesday

3:00 – 3:45 PM	Choir – Grades K – 8
3:15 PM	Grade 7 Math Help – Mrs. Owens

Wednesday

8:00 AM	School Mass
3:00 PM	Beginning Guitar

Thursday

3:00 PM	Willy Wonka Practice
3:00 – 4:00 PM	Intermediate Guitar
3:00 PM	Grade 8 Math Help – Mrs. Owens
3:00 – 5:00 PM	Odyssey of the Mind

Friday

NOON DISMISSAL – NO AFTER CARE

Car Raffle – Tickets on Sale in School Office

St. Agnes parish, in Naples, has very generously offered to donate 10% of their car raffle ticket sales to St. Joseph Catholic School. We invite you to stop by the school or parish office and purchase a ticket for a chance to win. Thank you to those who have already purchased their tickets and supported this event.



The St. Joseph Music Makers presents
The 20th Annual Winter Music Show

a NIGHT in NASHVILLE

**Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25 at 7:00 p.m.
and Sunday, February 26, at 3:00pm.**

The ticket price for all shows is only \$10.

*This year's program features songs like
Happy Trails, The Farmer and the Cowman Should Be Friends, The Day the Squirrel Went Berserk,
On the Road Again, All God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir,
with dancing, skits, comedy monologues, and much more.*

**This is no place for city slickers. Put away the designer duds,
and slap on your best boots, your highest hat and your bluest jeans!
The show will be hosted by Minnie Pearl in the Parish Center.
A prize will be given out at each performance
for the audience member wearing the best Western outfit!**

Table reservations are available for all three shows with advance-purchase tickets.

Round tables hold 8 guests; so gather your friends and neighbors to fill a table.

Parties, fewer than 8, will be combined with others.

Iced Tea will be provided and wine and bar snacks will be available for purchase
before the show and during intermission.

**Contact Timothy O'Connor directly for tickets at 941-753-5634
or at musicmaker@sjcfl.org.**

*Seating is limited to 250 per performance,
and tables are placed from the choir, in the order in which tickets were sold.*

**This event sells out quickly,
so get your cowboy hat and boots out and get your tickets today!**
Once a performance is full, we will be unable to admit anyone at the door.