

February 19, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

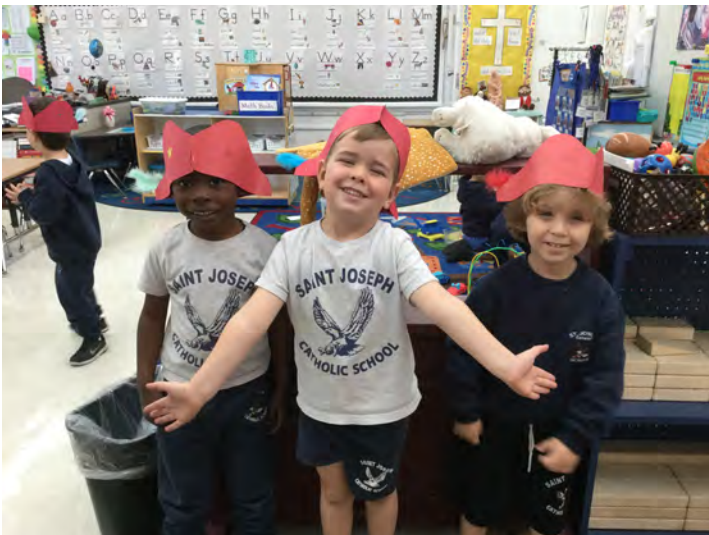
## **Florida Catholic Conference** *"Together in Christ, We Serve All Children"*



Every two years, the Florida Catholic Conference invites the administrators from the 225 Catholic schools across the state to gather in Orlando for three days of sharing and learning. This year's theme is "Together in Christ, We Serve All Children". This is an opportunity to network with other Principals, learn more about other Catholic schools, and explore successful educational and curriculum programs.

This week, with the principals of our diocese, I will be attending the FCC Administrators Conference from Wednesday, February 22 to Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **No School** **Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** **Presidents' Day Observance**



PreK & VPK  
prepared for  
Presidents'  
Day!



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## Manatee County National History Fair Winners

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Manatee County National History Fair. The following students were awarded for their projects:

Jennarose Venditti - 1st place - Historical paper - State team member

Alexa San Juan - 2nd place - Historical paper - State team member

Gabriella Ryan - 2nd place - Exhibit Board - State team member

Trent Goneau & Will Ferguson - Manatee County History Prize

Jenna, Alexa, and Gabriella have been selected to compete on the Manatee County State Team from May 7 – May 9. The state competition will be held on the campus of Tallahassee Community College.

Thanks to all of these students for their hard work. Special thanks to Mrs. Owens who helped the students prepare for this competition.



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## **Odyssey of the Mind Buccaneer Bay Regional Competition**

While many of our students were enjoying a long weekend, 26 of our students, with their parents and coaches, attended the Odyssey of the Mind Competition in Dunedin, Florida, with students from Desoto, Hardee, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pinellas, and Polk counties.

These amazing students not only presented their problems, but also cheered and supported one another throughout the performances.

Several parents have asked, "What is Odyssey of the Mind?" Odyssey is an after school program open to students in grades 5 through 8, who love an academic challenge. Odyssey team members work together at length to solve a predefined problem (the long-term problem); and present their solution to the problem at a regional competition. They must also participate in the spontaneous portion of the competition by generating solutions to a problem they have not seen before. While the long-term problem solution takes many months for the team to complete and involves various elements of theatrical performance, construction and design, the spontaneous portion occurs the day of the competition.

Congratulations to all of our teams who placed at the regional competition:

A Cliffhanger Superhero A - 5th place  
A Cliffhanger Superhero B - 4th place  
Catch Us if You Can - 3rd Place  
Odd-a-Bot - 3rd Place

Members of the teams, "Catch Us if You Can" and "Odd-a-Bot" have been invited to compete at the State Competition at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

We are grateful to their coaches, Mr. John Sitterly and Dr. Maria Pardo for the many hours which they devoted to our teams.

Students advancing to the state level:

### **Problem 1: Catch Us If You Can**

Ellie Russell	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Michael Colaco	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Alexa San Juan	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Sarah Verdecia Zabala	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Coral Bell	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade
Gia Russo	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade

### **Problem 2: Odd-a-Bot**

Delaney Desjardins	8th Grade
Perla Pelegrin	6th Grade
Nico Curci	6th Grade
Collin Heina	7th Grade
Hannah Ferguson	6th Grade
Paola Soto	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade





## Odyssey of the Mind Highlights

(Thank you to parents who submitted photos)



## Hot Lunch

20	21	22	23	24
<b>Presidents' Day</b>  No School	<b>Classic Turkey Dinner</b> <b>Roasted Turkey &amp; Gravy</b> Mashed Potatoes Herbed Stuffing Seasonal Fruit	<b>Sesame Beef</b> Asian Sesame Beef with Jasmine Rice Ginger Carrots Seasonal Fruit	<b>Shepherd's Pie</b> Classic Shepherd's Pie over Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Peas and Corn served with Fresh Fruit	<b>FRIDAY PIZZA DAY!</b> Penne Marinara Fresh Broccoli Florets Seasonal Fruit

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## SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**Monday:** No School

**Tuesday:**

4:00 pm Away game vs. Sarasota School of the Arts and Sciences - Boys and Girls There will be a bus there and back. 17th Street Complex on 17th Street in Sarasota

**Wednesday:**

3:00 – 5:00 pm Boys soccer practice

**Thursday:**

4:00 pm Away game vs. Sky Englewood – Boys and Girls. There is NO BUS and team members will need to carpool. Transportation needs to pick students up around 2:20 in order to make it down there in time. Team members will be able to dismiss early. (Meet at the office.)

**Friday - Nothing**



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

**Monday**

NO SCHOOL – PRESIDENTS’ DAY

**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**

Nothing Scheduled

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## Car Raffle

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.

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Family Fun Night  
Tijuana Flats – February 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2127 Cortez Rd. W.

Join us for another fun Family Night at Tijuana Flats. A percentage of all sales will benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. Invite your family and friends!



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Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive

The Knights of Columbus are looking for students and families to help, this weekend, after the Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church. They will be collecting donations for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. This is a national program to assist the handicapped.

Volunteers will need to go to the ushers room in the back of the church after Communion. Mr. Vanderhorst will meet the volunteers, give them Tootsie Rolls to hand out, and direct them to the doors where they will assist the assigned Knights of Columbus.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to wear their uniforms and show their support for the Knights of Columbus. We are grateful to the Knights of Columbus who provide support to St. Joseph Catholic School throughout the year.

Thank you for your help and your willingness to share in this special event with the members of St. Joseph Parish. Families may use this event for volunteer hours.

Sign Up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-passing>





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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](mailto: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.*