



Weekly Newsletter

July 30, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Painting Project on Monday, July 31st

Thank you to our parents who have signed up to assist with the painting of the stairway railings tomorrow. Mr. Nohmy will have the painting supplies ready at 9:00 am. We are grateful for your help and support!

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

Playground Project Update

Thanks to our volunteers last week, our playground project is almost complete. There is only one area to complete as we begin this new week. To volunteer, go online to indicate the date and time you are available to help.

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

Staff Changes and Additions

With the increased enrollment in second grade, Lawreace Hernandez will be moving from Kindergarten to grade 2. Mrs. Hernandez taught third grade prior to coming to St. Joseph Catholic School, so she is looking forward to teaching with Mrs. Goethe. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Woodall will be teaching our two first grades.

We are also welcoming Mrs. Igoe to our school this year. Mrs. Igoe has a teaching degree from Notre Dame College and recently moved from New Hampshire when her husband was transferred to Sarasota. She is looking forward to this year. By the way, her former school was "St. Joseph" and their school mascot was "Eagles" as well! She already feels at home!

As we announced earlier, Mrs. Susan Jarvis is our new Media Specialist and is already getting the library and lab organized!

School starts for students on August 10th with 7:45 am arrival and 8:00 am prayer. You are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer. Following our opening prayer, all parents and guardians are invited to attend a “Boo Hoo Yahoo Breakfast” in the Parish Center. We know some parents will have tears and some will be celebrating our first day of school!

2017-2018 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 – drop off supplies and meet the teachers

August 10 - First Day of School

- 7:45 am Arrival
- 8:00 am Prayer in the Courtyard
- 8:15 am Boo Hoo Yahoo Breakfast
- 3:00 pm Dismissal

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

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 (Please let us know if you speak Spanish, Mandarin, or another language in addition to English)
- Answer any questions the new family may have as they prepare for the new school year.
- Gain volunteer hours

Used Uniforms Needed

Thank you to our families who dropped off outgrown uniforms last week. As you get ready for the new school year, please check to see if your uniforms still fit. If your child has grown, we are collecting used uniforms for the Eagles Nest.

Please drop off used uniforms
at the school office.

Back to School Supply Lists are located on the school website at www.sjsfl.org. Many parents commented that they prefer to purchase their own supplies, so we are not ordering through the school this year.

Safe Environment Class and Fingerprinting for Volunteers

The Diocese of Venice requires that all Volunteers attend a Safe Environment class and complete background screening prior to volunteering at St. Joseph Catholic School. If you are planning to assist with class parties, chaperone field trips, or assist with activities during the school year, these procedures are mandatory.

As we begin the school year, two Safe Environment Classes have been scheduled:

Thursday, August 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm (Parish Center)

Saturday, August 12, 9:30 - 11:30 am (Parish Center)

To register, please call Bridget Olson in the Parish Office: 941-756-3732

For background check information visit our school website at www.sjsfl.org

Procedures are listed under the Parents tab – Fingerprinting Procedures

Background checks are valid for five years. The Safe Environment class only needs to be taken once.

Little Flower Girls Club – Registration Update

Our meetings will be held twice a month on Thursdays at St. Joseph Catholic School from 3:00 pm to 4:30pm. We will open our weekly meetings with a prayer, enjoy an after-school snack, virtue discussion/activity, sing a song or two, create a craft and close with a prayer. The initial fee to join is \$30. This will cover the cost and shipping fees for the new member kit, which includes a sash, 10 badges, a club cross patch and a Member's Guidebook. The monthly membership dues are \$10 and will be used to cover the cost of craft and snack supplies, as well as club outings that we will have. We will be performing community service projects, which will be made possible through our fundraising efforts. Our first meeting will take place on September 7th and we hope you will join us! If interested, please fill out the attached form, enclose your \$40 payment via check made payable to St. Joseph Catholic School and drop in the Little Flowers box in the main office before August 15th. This timeframe will allow time for ordering and delivery of new member supplies in time for our first meeting.

Thank you and God bless you.

Mrs. Belville

**Little Flowers Girls Club
St. Joseph Catholic School**

MEMBER INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Family Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name/Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number: _____

Participant's Information

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____ Grade: _____

Date Received/Will Receive First Holy Communion: _____

Medical Information (i.e. food allergies, etc.):

Notes:

Please return to the school office by August 15th.