

St. Joseph School

Traditions That Empower the Child

Child of Faith. Child of Service. Child of Knowledge.
Child of Tradition. Child of Discovery.

May 13, 2010

What's Going On...

Special Dates to Remember

May 16

12:30-2 pm, Fine
Arts Sunday, SJS
School

May 18

No City Bus

9:30 am, May
Procession, St.
Joseph Church

May 19

6:00 pm, Volley-
ball & Baseball
Athletic Banquet
and Awards
Ceremony

7 pm, School
Board Meeting

May 20

2010-2011 Regis-
tration Packets
Distributed

May 21

Stewardship Day
– Out of uniform
for donation

May 27

9-10:30 am,
Awards Day, SJS
Gym

Field Day, Grades
K-7

Noon– 8th Grade
Dismissed

7:30 pm, 8th
Grade
Graduation

Prayers and Intentions

Fine Arts Sunday

May 16, 2010

12:30 to 2:00 pm

Come See Your
Children's Creations !!!
Grades K-8

** 12:30-1:15 pm, Creative
Writing Demonstration

** 1:15 pm, Drama Club Pre-
sents "Hansel & Gretel"

** Art Displays, AND MORE!

Visit SJS on Sunday following
the 11:30 Mass for the first an-
nual Fine Arts Sunday. Middle
school students showcase crea-
tive writing from 12:30 to 1:15.

The Drama Club will present
"Hansel & Gretel" at 1:15 pm.
Students will read poetry, per-
suasive essays, short stories and
more. Artwork for all of the stu-
dents in every grade will be on
display throughout the school.
Refreshments will be served.
Friends, family and visitors are
welcome.

"Nor do people light a
lamp and put it under a
bushel basket, but on a
lamp stand where it gives
light to everyone inside
the house"

Matthew 5:15



Remember in Your Prayers...

For St. Joseph Parish students
who recently celebrated the
sacraments of First Commu-
nion and Confirmation...

For families coping with stress
within their family due to
illness or disappointment...

For Hillary Shields who is in
the hospital and recovering
from a car accident...

For students and families look-
ing forward to graduation from
St. Joseph, high school and
college...

For our own intentions...

For Your Information...

Look for the New
"Registration Packet"
Next Week

We are trying something new at
SJS. Next week, SJS families
will receive a Registration
Packet for the 2010-2011 school
year. Inside the packet you will
find some of the forms you usu-
ally fill out in July at Registra-
tion. This year, you will fill out
the forms at your convenience
over the summer and return
them to us at Registration on
July 29th. (You must attend
registration on July 29). The
packet will also contain infor-
mation such as the supply lists,
uniform policy, drop off and
dismissal procedures, etc.

The Last Day of School is
May 28th— Only 11 More
Days of School !!!

Here is a reminder of the
schedule for the last day of
school on May 28th:

** No School for 8th Graders

** 9:30 a.m. School Liturgy

** 1:00 p.m. Talent Show, SJS
Gym

** Students Dismissed at the
normal dismissal
times

** HAVE A GREAT
SUMMER !!!!



Sign up for Talent Show

There are many talented stu-
dents at SJS. Students may
participate in groups or as in-
dividuals. Acts may include
playing a musical instrument,
singing, dancing, gymnastics,
magic tricks, impersonations,
dramatic readings and comedy
skits. There is a time limit of
three minutes on all acts. Stu-
dents using pre-recorded mu-
sic in their acts must submit
the music by May 18th along
with the application. (Music
must be appropriate for all
ages).

Applications were sent home
last week (green form) or you
may pick one up in the office.

This and That ...

Terra Nova Scores Qualify SJS to Apply for Blue Ribbon Status

St. Joseph School recently learned that it is eligible to apply to be a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. According to the U.S. Department of Education website, "The Blue Ribbon Schools Program honors public and private elementary, middle and high schools that are either academically superior or that demonstrate dramatic gains in student achievement to high levels...these schools serve as models for other schools throughout the nation."

In order to be eligible, a school must first rank above the 90% percentile in math and language arts on standardized tests. This year, seventh grade students at St. Joseph School scored well

above that. "We have been moving in this direction for quite some time," explained Mr. Bickett, Principal. "We have a capable, enthusiastic staff that challenges our students everyday, committed parents, and students who want to achieve."

Every year, SJS first, third, fifth, and seventh grade students take a standardized test called the Terra Nova Test, which is given to students across the nation. When compared to the students who took the test nationally, the seventh grade students at St. Joseph School scored better than 84% of all students in Language Arts, and better than 81% of the students in math. "These are remarkable results when you

compare yourself to every school in the nation that takes a nationally standardized test, and you achieve this result. We are very proud of our students."

The next step to become a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence is to complete the application process. In a given year, 200 private schools nationally may apply to be Blue Ribbon Schools, and the top 50 will be chosen. "Only the best schools achieve this level of recognition, but I think we have an excellent chance to reach this goal. We will continue to challenge our students and offer more opportunities for them to learn and grow spiritually, socially, as well as academically." The 2010 applications will be reviewed and the winning schools will be announced in January 2011.

Did You Know... Grasshoppers are plant eating insects related to crickets, locusts, and katydids. They can leap more than 10 feet. Their singing is called stridulation and is created by rubbing their hind legs across their closed forewings. If you count the number of chirrups a snowy tree cricket gives in 15 seconds, then add 40, you get the temperature in Fahrenheit.



Word For the Week

Antitrust— consisting of laws to protect trade and commerce from unlawful restraints and monopolies

Enrichment Activities ...

Jr. High Youth Group

KINGS ISLAND TRIP— The Jr. High Youth Group will join the Sr. High Youth Group for a trip to Kings Island on June 15th. Leave at 8 am and return at 11 pm. Cost is \$40.00 and includes bus transportation, park admission and the evening meal. Payment and permission slip must be turned in by May 25th.

Drama Production a Great Success!!

The Drama Club, under the direction of Jill Vittitow, recently performed "A Comedic Trilogy" for students, friends, and family. Students attended a matinee performance, and over 100 visitors enjoyed the evening performance. Thank you to the teachers, parents, and students for their contribution to the production.

Altar Servers for 5/15 and 5/16

5:00 pm— Camille Dant and Sloan Seeger

7:00 am— Carrie Hutchins and Isaac Hutchins

9:00 am—Jillian Abell and Bryan Adams

11:30 am— Danny Manion and Cole Mattingly

"Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself."

Matthew 6:34

Other Information and Updates.....

SPORTS NEWS....

** Thank you to our Athletic Department sponsors who have purchased advertising space in our gym. This week we would like to recognize **Bearnos**. Please support the businesses that help make St. Joseph School Athletics a success.



Note from the Cafeteria

There will be no charging allowed in the cafeteria starting on Monday, May 17 through the end of the year. All lunch accounts must be paid, daily or in advance. Thank you for your help.

Sue Ann Rogers
Cafeteria Manager



PTO News....

Thank you to Molly Edington, outgoing PTO President, for her dedication and leadership of this years PTO. We welcome Allison Osborne as the PTO President for next year. Thank you to Kate Johnson, outgoing PTO treasurer, for her energy and contributions to the PTO this year. We welcome Jenny Corbin as the new PTO treasurer. A special thank you to all of the PTO board members and parents for their many contributions to SJS: goodies for the teachers, financial support, and tireless giving of time and talent.

Shop at Save a Lot on Sat. 5/15, 8am-9pm and Bethlehem High Earns 5% of all receipts!

Every purchase made at Save a Lot on May 15th will raise money for Bethlehem High School. Stock up now on items for graduation, Memorial Day and other summer festivities and support Catholic education. (Sorry, Scrip gift certificates may not be used during this promotion).