

**SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

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The SJS Handbook is located on the web: <http://www.stjo1835.org>

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Dear Parents,

**Principal's Letter**

October 14, 2011

Greetings on this autumn day! It doesn't seem possible but Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> marks the end of the first academic quarter of the 2011-2012 school year.

The **Saint Joseph German Fest** will be on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. *All school families are expected to work this parish event.* Sister Claret sends a big thank you to parents, students and teachers who assisted in bringing in 117 photos for the German Fest Photo Contest. The photos are great and will be on display in the middle school building on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Scrip** will be sold before and after weekend Masses on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. The referral-a-thon has been going well; we've added 6 new families so far! *Congratulations* to our 1<sup>st</sup> \$50.00 scrip card winner, Jackie Reichel, thanks for the referral! Our next drawing for the referral contest will be this Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Scrip will be sold October 15-16; 29-30 and every weekend in November and December, minus the Christmas weekend.

*Happy Birthday to Mrs. Rustemeyer who will celebrate her special day on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Mrs. Pam Beck celebrates on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.*

**School Masses** next week are being planned by the 2S grade class on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and the 2B grade on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Grades 4-8 will participate in a **mini Hunters' Safety** course conducted by the Missouri Department of Conservation on Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm in the gym.

The **Student Council** will have a meeting at 7:30 am on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> in the fourth grade classroom.

**The students will visit the SJS Library on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> during the morning hours.**

The student council is sponsoring a fund raising event for the Good Shepherd Pantry in Linn on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. **Students may dress casual for a donation of one dollar** on that day to assist the work of the Good Shepherd Center. Donations will be used to purchase food. Students may wear a sports shirt with their uniform pants/shorts on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The student council is sponsoring a kickball tournament to celebrate the end of the first quarter.

The **first quarter** of the 2011-2012 school year ends on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports will be issued on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. All signed envelopes need to be returned to the homeroom teacher by Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Joseph PAL VolleyBall Schedule:** Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>: Grade 5 Girls play at 9:00 am at St. Peters, JC; Grade 6 Girls play at 11:00 am at St. George. Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>: JV plays at 7:00 pm at home; Varsity plays at 6:00 pm at Home. Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Grade 5 girls play at 10:00 am at Home; Grade 6 girls play at 9:00 am at Home.

The Home and School Association will sponsor an **aluminum can drive** from Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. A trailer will be parked next to the flagpole. Any type of scrap aluminum will be accepted.

**Moser Discount Foods Receipts:** For every \$1,000.00 in receipts the school will receive a \$50.00 check. Please send your receipts to school.

If parents want to bring **birthday treats** for their child's classroom you may do so with prior permission from the classroom teacher. *No drinks of any kind should be brought to school for birthday treats.*

**The school is in a tremendous need of white scrap copy paper 8 ½" x 11". This is a great savings for the school and the environment to recycle.**

**Many Parents are calling school after 2:00 pm** to get messages to their children. Some days are very busy in the office and some days there are events planned at the end of the day. To get messages to the correct teacher then for them to get the messages to students and the bus line teachers are almost impossible late in the afternoon. Parents are requested to send **written notes** to school with changes in their child's schedule. Any changes to your child's schedule that occurs during the day please call the **school business office** directly, **before 2:00 pm**, with messages. Please do not e-mail messages regarding a student to be dismissed early or with different arrangements for going home. The office e-mail can not be checked frequently on very busy days. Teachers usually have a very limited amount of free time during the day to check e-mails. A substitute teacher does not have access to a teacher's e-mail. The school wants to be certain that important time sensitive messages get received by the appropriate party. Therefore, a written note at the beginning of the day is the most effective way to assure that your messages are received. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

The H&S Committees and Room Party Lists are attached (please keep) and will also be located on the **Website: [www.stjo1835.org](http://www.stjo1835.org)**. **NOTE: All volunteers who work around children (e.g. coaches, assistant coaches, concession stand workers, high school assistants, teacher aides, field trip drivers, and chaperones, etc.) are required to receive VIRTUS training.**

**Absent/tardy:** *If students are gone over 2 hours either morning, through the day, or afternoon, then it would be considered an AM or PM absence. If they are gone less than 2 hours either morning, during the day, or afternoon, it is a tardy. If they come to school and leave sick (in attendance less than 2 hours), we consider this a daily absence.*

I trust you and your families will enjoy a wonderful weekend at the German Fest!

I remain,

Sincerely in the Lord

Deacon James E. Skahan  
Principal

**Attachments:** Home and School Committees and Room Party List– **please keep**

**Important Dates:**

October 21-22: Aluminum Can Drive  
31: Halloween Room Parties (2-3 pm)-*room party parents are asked to meet in the cafeteria before 2:00 pm and wait for announcement before going to the classrooms.*

December 11: Advent/Christmas Program at 11:00 am (make-up date Dec. 18)

The Argyle Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Youth dance** on Oct 29th from 7:00pm to 10:30pm. Knights of Columbus Hall in Argyle. admission will be \$5.00. All students in grades 5th thru 8th are invited. Beverages and snacks will be sold. Attendance prizes will be given away.

**Mission Statement:** To foster Catholic identity, promote educational excellence, and encourage students to be responsible citizens.

