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New Standards Based Report Cards



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Welcome back to Saint Joseph! We have had a great start to our school year and lots of things are going on. Stay tuned for more information on our Mustang University for Parents that will be rolled out this fall. Until then, there are a few updates that I need you to be aware of for now. This year, Saint Joseph Catholic School will have new report cards.

K – 2nd Grade Report Card Format - For Kindergarten, First and Second Grades, the report cards will assess students on standards specific to each grade level. These standards are based on a blending of the Diocesan Faith Formation Standards, the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts and Next Generation Florida Sunshine State Standards for all other content areas. Students receive a code to share their academic performance. It should NOT be expected that students will begin the year with a performance evaluation that indicates mastery. It IS expected that it will take time for students to develop mastery throughout the year and the codes should get stronger as we progress from trimester to trimester. It is also possible that some standards will be introduced later in the year, so there may be some standards that remain unassessed in the first trimester but will begin to be assessed in the second or third trimester.

3rd-8th Grade Report Card Format – For the third through eighth grade students, grades will be calculated using a more traditional method at this time. Parents will see a newly developed report card, but students will still be graded with traditional number grades. These grades will be accompanied with feedback regarding behaviors that can affect learning, such as responsibility, participation, assignment completion, and interpersonal skills. The Honor Roll criteria are being rewritten to include these academic behaviors so that parents know where their child needs to improve and grow.

Rediker Student Information System – The new student information system will soon be available for parents to use to monitor their child's grades. Currently, we are working on getting the teacher's set up and then we will be able to bring the software to the parents. It is a definite upgrade from Edline which was previously used. It is expected to take some time for parents and teachers to get used to the new system. In the long run, it will be a good switch. Please be patient with all of us as we continue to implement and explore all of the possibilities for this new system.

There are many good things already here and more on the horizon this year. Thank you for being a part of our community.



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- See the class schedule at www.irdtc.org -



Donations Wanted

Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten are looking for ride on toys for the playground. If you have any age appropriate (for 4 and 5 year olds) tricycles or cars, please contact Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Mason or Mrs. Wanagill.

Weather Related School Closings

We are in hurricane season and it may be necessary to close the school if one of the storms comes our way. Saint Joseph Catholic School follows the closure decisions of the Brevard County Public Schools. If Brevard County announces that public schools are closed due to weather, we will also be closed.

NJHS Meetings

The National Junior Honor Society will meet the first Monday of each month. Their first meeting of this school year is Monday, September 8.

Grandparents Breakfast

Each year we honor the grandparents of our students with a Mass & breakfast. This year's Mass is Friday, September 12. Because of the situation with the church, we will have breakfast before Mass and Mass will be at 10:30. We will need volunteers to get the breakfast underway:


- 4 volunteers to setup, serve and clean up (8:00-11:00)

Donation Items Needed

- 6 dz. Large Muffins (2 dz. = 1 Service Hour)
- 4 dz. Bagels
- 6 dz. Donuts
- 2 dz. Danish
- 4 large Fruit Platters
- 4 gallons of Orange Juice
- 4 dz. small Yogurts'
- 4 assorted flavors of Cream Cheese
- 1 tub of butter
- 2 small jars of jam/jelly



Visit the



**KNIGHTS
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on Babcock St. for dinner any Friday, tell them you are from St. Joseph School and 10% of your check will be donated to the school.



Give a Smile

**Saint Joseph Catholic School
National Junior Honor Society
is collecting toothpaste and**

**toothbrushes to benefit our mission schools in
San Juan de la Maguana, Dominican Republic.**

**Please bring donations to your classroom by
October 6, 2014.**

Thank you for your support!



Join us for dinner at
The Old Fish House
Bar & Grill
(5185 US1 , Grant, FL 32949)

Wednesday, September 24.

*A percentage of your bill will be donated to
our school.*

Other Fundraising

Aside from major fundraisers of the school year (Golf Tournament, Mardi Gras and \$10,000 Raffle), Saint Joseph Catholic School is involved with several fundraising programs. These are no cost to you programs that bring cash and supplies to our school.

Campbell's Labels for Education - Send labels from participating products to the school and we can exchange the points earned for supplies for our school. Visit the Campbell's Labels website, <http://www.labelsforeducation.com>, for a complete list of products that have Labels for Education labels.

Boxtops for Education - Send Boxtop coupons from participating products to the school and we can exchange them for cash. Visit the Boxtops for Education website, <http://www.boxtops4education.com>, for a complete list of products that have Boxtops for Education coupons.

Target RED Card - Attach your Target RED Card to Saint Joseph Catholic School and when you make purchases, a percentage of the purchase price is donated to the school.

Coke Rewards - Our school is registered with the Coke Rewards program. Don't throw away the caps from your bottles of Coke products. Instead, send them to the school so we can record the points for our account.

Capri Sun Recycling - We collect Capri Sun type pouches and send them to a recycling center for cash.

Chip Bag Recycling - We collect chip/snack bags and send them to a recycling center for cash.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are current in need of volunteers in the following areas:

Middle School Coaches:

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mr. Martelli at martellij@st-joe.org.

- Flag Football assistant coach - October
- Girls A Basketball - January/February
- Boys B Basketball - January/February
- Girls B Basketball - January/February
- Girls Softball - March/April

Festival Volunteers: It takes a lot of volunteers to run our annual Parish Festival. Please see the rolling boards at the front of Building 300 to sign up as a volunteer.

Service Hour Volunteers (as listed in handout from the Parent Meeting):

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Cheslock at cheslockk@st-joe.org.

- Lego League
- Math Superstars Coordinator
- Math Superstars Facilitators
- Scrap Book
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Wish List Coordinator
- Make a Difference Day Coordinator
- Adopt Catholic Education Coordinator
- Junior Achievement Coordinator
- Junior Achievement Facilitators

Parent/Child Events

We plan on having both a Mother/Son and a Father/Daughter event for this school year. The Father/Daughter Dance will be held in October and the Mother/Son event will be in the spring. Jill Helsel and Nicole Shields will be heading up the events and will be looking for helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Mrs. Cheslock at cheslockk@st-joe.org and she will direct you to the appropriate coordinator.



Y E A R B O O K S

2014-2015

For only \$25* the Saint Joseph Catholic School Yearbook is something you don't want to miss — a full-color, hardcover book of special memories!

Everyone is in the Book!

Get one for each of your SJCS Students!
And one for yourself too — they won't want to share!

The \$25 price is valid for pre-orders only. **We cannot guarantee copies for parents/students that do not pre-order.**

To Pre-order your yearbook(s), please complete and return the order form below, with payment, to your child's teacher **no later than October 31, 2014.**

*Price valid for orders received by October 31, 2014. **\$30.00 for orders received after October 31, 2014**

Personalize Your Child's Yearbook!

Have your child's name foil stamped on the front cover for only \$5.00 more.

Total cost for a personalized yearbook purchased by October 31, 2014 is \$30.00. After October 31st the total cost of a personalized book will be \$35.00.



2014-2015 St. Joseph Catholic School Yearbook Order

Student Name: _____ Grade _____

Please reserve a copy of this year's yearbook for my student

_____ Hard Cover Yearbook @ \$25.00* = _____

_____ Personalize your child's Yearbook @ \$ 5.00 = _____

Total _____

*Price valid for orders received by October 31, 2014. \$30.00 for orders received after October 31, 2014.

BACK TO SCHOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

HOSTED BY: Our Lady of Lourdes
Catholic School

Friday, September 19th

7:00 pm—10:00pm

OLL Parish Hall

All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders welcome



\$5 Admission at door Proper Attire Required

then you can log in your volunteer hours in the Log Book in the front office of the School.

Funnel Cake Chair Needed

The Festival is also looking for a chairman for the Funnel Cake food booth. Please contact Amy Lebron at libelula1x@yahoo.com.

Basketball Socials

As a social/athletic activity for Saint Joseph's Middle School students (grades 6-8), there will be basketball socials from 3:15 to 5:00 on the Fridays listed below. This event is a chance for our students, both new and returning, to get together for some friendly basketball with each other. Both boys and girls are encouraged to participate (bring extra clothes to play in and change into) and it will allow our kids to get some much needed exercise after a long hard week of classes. Water and Sports Drinks will be provided as well as pizza at the end of the event (4:45ish).

- September 5..... end at 4:30(drinks only)
- September 26..... (drinks and Pizza)
- October 3 (drinks and Pizza)
- October 17 (drinks and Pizza)

The above dates are being covered by Mike Stallings. We are looking for a volunteer to cover the other Fridays of September 12, September 19 and October 10 so that this event can occur every week.

Marketing Committee

Mike Pesi, School Board member in charge of marketing is looking to create a Marketing Committee. If you have any experience in advertising social media, etc. and are interested in helping out, please contact Mike at mpesi@cfl.rr.com.

Clippers Needed

Renee Pattison, the coordinator of BoxTops for Education is looking for volunteers to clip BoxTops. Please call her at 821-7763 if you can help



Festival Booth Request

As you know, St. Joseph Catholic Community will hold their Annual Fall Festival October 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Mrs. Charlene Horton, President of the Saint Joseph Women’s Guild and grandmother to a Saint Joseph School kindergartener, is opening a BOOTH at the festival. You can help with this booth by

- giving donations of “clean, gently used” baby and children’s clothing, children’s books and puzzles. Please contact either Mrs. Horton at 321.693.5048 to donate or drop your items off with Norma in the Church Office.
- volunteering to help man the BOOTH on festival days and nights. If you are an active Church member, these volunteer hours will go toward your required Church service hours. If you are not an active member of St. Joseph Catholic Church,





Society of Women Engineers
Space Coast Section
www.swe-sc.org

Girls can become engineers too!
This workshop will provide girls, seventh to tenth grades, with opportunities to do fun hands-on experiments related to several different engineering career

fields. They also will be able to find out what different types of engineers do and will meet women engineers who will talk about how they became engineers. We also need volunteers to help with modules and other activities the day of the event.

When: Saturday, Sept. 27, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy, 5625 Holy Trinity Drive, Melbourne
Cost: \$25 and includes lunch, drink, snack, shirt and supplies.

Registration is now open at <http://www.swe-sc.org/WOW> for both students and volunteers. Student registrations must be postmarked by Wednesday, Sept. 17. (Registration may close earlier if we reach our maximum capacity.)

Point Of Contact: Adia Griffin, outreach@swe-sc.org

Several new workshop modules have been added:

Title	Description
1A. Goo Busters	Become a chemical engineer while formulating your goo in the mad scientist lab.
1B. Engineering Accessories	Learn the unique properties of polymers and identify what types of materials can be recycled.
1C. Design a Lunar Lander	Can you design and build a lunar lander that will protect your "marshmallow" astronauts?
1D. Angry Test Pilots	Build a catapult to see who can launch and catch a test "ping pong ball" pilot.
1E. Special Agent Assignment	Race against the clock like a special agent on assignment using electrical engineering
1F. Minute to Win It	Test your skills with our 60 second challenges that use objects that are commonly available around the house
1G. Duct Tape Creations	Engineering comes alive with handmade creations that can be transformed from one thing to another all using duct tape while you make wallets and other creations.
1H. CSI	Become a Crime Scene Investigator. Learn how to lift and save a finger print with special finger print powder and match it to find the "culprit." Then create dental or shoe prints for your group and learn how to identify the suspect.
1I. Programming Robots	Learn about robots and try your hand at programming a robot to complete an obstacle course.
1J. Tool Time	hands-on learning about the use of different tools and what's inside small electrical appliances.
1K. Design a Dessert	Find out what a design engineer does as you design and construct a dessert.
1L. Cray-Cray Cranes (Crazy Cranes)	We Challenge You To...design and build a crane and see how heavy a load it can lift.

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Mission Statement

Saint Joseph Catholic School offers pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students the high academic standards and curriculum of the Diocese of Orlando. We recognize each student as a unique individual created in the image of God. Our community welcomes, educates, and challenges children to become lifelong learners and followers of Jesus Christ.

St Joseph Catholic School

Recipes for Success

Practical Activities to Help Your Child Succeed

READING Pass It On

Everyone in the family takes a turn reading with this fun activity.

Ingredients: storybook, paper, pencil
Choose a book the entire family will enjoy. Then, brainstorm 15 instructions with your child. Examples: Pass to any other reader; sing a song while passing to your left; pass to your right while standing on one leg. Write each instruction on a slip of paper and put the slips in a bowl.

Then, pick someone to read the first page of the book aloud. That person draws a slip and passes the book according to the instructions. (Return used slips to the bowl.) Continue drawing slips and passing the book until you finish the story.



WRITING Stories with a Twist

Encourage your youngster to stretch her writing muscles by giving stories a new twist.

Ingredients: favorite story, paper, pencil

Together, read one of your child's favorite stories, such as "Goldilocks and the Three Bears." When you finish, work together to rewrite the story with middle of a big city. Perhaps it could take place in another country or in the how the setting will change the story. Example: If the three bears live in an apartment, how will Goldilocks get inside?

Invite your child to share her new story with the rest of the family at dinnertime.



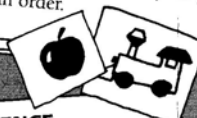
SPELLING Picture This!

Your child can practice spelling and phonics by making these spelling pictures.

Ingredients: spelling list, old magazines, scissors, paper, glue or tape

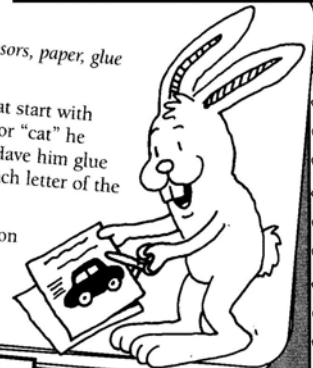
Let your child cut out magazine pictures that start with each letter of his spelling words. Example: For "cat" he could use a (c)ar, an (a)pple, and a (t)rain. Have him glue the pictures on a piece of paper and write each letter of the spelling word under the pictures.

Variation for older children: Glue the pictures on separate pieces of paper. Then, scramble the pictures for a word and have your youngster put them in order.



Refrigerator Poster

Just hang your Recipes poster on the refrigerator and sneak in an activity when you have a few minutes. These fun activities will help develop school success and positive behavior. Check off each box as you complete the "recipe."



SCIENCE

Have your child pretend she is a magnet. Can she find three things she would stick to? Examples: soup can, paper clip. Can she think of three things she wouldn't stick to (crayon, comb)? Let her use a refrigerator magnet to check her guesses.



SOCIAL STUDIES

Ask your child to look up your state flower in an encyclopedia. Let him draw the flower on paper and cut it out. Tape on a drinking straw "stem." He can make a bouquet by adding flowers from states he would like to visit.

