

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Newsletter #3-September 15, 2023

School Pictures:

School pictures will be taken on Tuesday, September 19th starting at 7:45 a.m. in the school gym. Please send in your order forms by Monday so that I can give them to the photographer when he arrives on Tuesday morning.

Every student in grades 3K through 8th will have their picture taken, even if you choose not to purchase a package of pictures. The pictures will be included in the class composites.

Blood Drive:

St. Joseph School will be holding a Blood Drive on Thursday, September 28th from 2:00-6:00p.m. in the school gym. If we have 20 donors, our school will receive \$250 in grant money to use for our students. We use the money that we receive from the blood drives to help with the cost of a bus to attend different field trips.

Catechetical Sunday:

Remember that this Sunday we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday at St. Joseph Parish. We will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m., followed by a gathering in the school. The PEC will be serving doughnuts, juice, and coffee in the cafeteria.

Save The Date:

St. Joseph School PEC and Athletic Association are going to have a Trunk or Treat night on Tuesday, October 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on our school grounds. This is open to everyone of all ages from the area. Bring your family and friends along to this fun activity. Watch for more details in a future newsletter. We hope that you will be able to attend this fun event.

Football Mania:

A big thank you to everyone who bought and sold Football Mania tickets. We had a record-breaking fundraiser. A total of 379 out of 400 tickets were sold, (this is 41 tickets up from last year) and we made \$5,220.14 as a profit. Awesome job! Our profit for this fundraiser goes right back to our students and our school. I appreciate your work and time to help with this fundraiser.

The Football Mania winner for week #1 is Elise Sheehan who won \$20. Congratulations.

We would also like to give a special shout out to Jan Ernzen for all her work and time organizing this activity.

Mulligan Baskets:

Our St. Joseph Parish Mulligan is going to be held on Sunday, October 15th.

The Mulligan committee has a Silent Auction filled with baskets and items for people to bid on. Each of the classrooms were asked to create a basket to be auctioned off. We need your help in creating these baskets. I am asking **each family** to donate \$10 for the Mulligan baskets. I will divide the money up and give it to the teachers to purchase the items for their baskets.

The teachers and students will be deciding what type of basket they will be creating. I ask that you please send the money with your child by October 2nd. This will allow the teachers enough time to purchase the items and get the baskets ready. Thank you so much for helping with this parish event.

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Star 360 Testing:

The students in grades 3-8 will be taking their STAR 360 tests during the next two weeks. This is the type of assessment what the Diocese of Madison is using for their students.

With the STAR 360 assessments, the students are tested in the areas of reading and math. The tests are completed on a computer and the results are generated quickly. The tests take anywhere between 20 and 30 minutes to complete. We will be giving STAR test at least three times during the school year which will give us a true reading of student growth as well as areas each student needs to work on.

We will be sharing the results of the tests with you at Fall Conferences. If you would like to see them sooner, please give me a call and I can have you stop in, and I can share them with you.

Bookmobile:

The students had a chance to pick out some books from the Hazel Green Bookmobile last week. Once they have read their books, please send them back to school so that they can turn them back in and pick out new ones.

We are very thankful to the Hazel Green Public Library for offering the Bookmobile to our students each year. Megan, our librarian, will be coming to our school every other Thursday. The students in 3K-8 have a library card and can check out 3 books. The students can take these books home to read and then bring them back to school before the next Bookmobile date. Megan is also coming out to St. Joseph School on a separate day starting in January so that our 3K friends can start checking out books.

The students can have an extension on their books if they need more time to read them. You may also request books and Megan will try to locate them for you.

We just ask that you keep the books in a special spot in your home to help avoid them being misplaced. If you have any questions about our bookmobile program, please let me know. Happy Reading!

Our next bookmobile will be on Thursday, September 21st.

Mark Your Calendar:

- 9/17-Catechical Sunday (8:30 a.m. Mass)
Doughnuts and juice after Mass.
- 9/17-Home Volleyball Games with St. Rose
(Games at Noon and 1:30 p.m.)
- 9/19-School Pictures
- 9/28-St. Joseph Blood Drive (2:00-6:00)
- 9/29-No School
- 10/15-St. Joseph Parish Mulligan

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