



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Dear St. Joseph School Family,

Blessed Christmas Season! I pray that you enjoyed the days with your family during the past two weeks. Although I enjoyed the days with my family (both natural and religious) it is good to be back and see your children in their routine at school.

On my desk I have a knight. It has significance for me in a few different ways. 1) We are the St. Joseph Knights. 2) I was a Knight when I was in school – although not at St. Joseph's. 3) There's just something about armor that sends my heart into orbit.

The real reason it's on my desk is that I need the reminder to do battle every day. Every single day. I enter into my office (or my pew in chapel at the convent, or my room at the convent, or the car, or the store, or _____) and need to do battle every day. Some days the battle is easier than others. Others, it's a battle to leave my room with an ability to look past the faults and failings of others.

We all have battles to fight. We have our own sinful tendencies that we know we need to work on. Somedays we work on them better than others. We also know the areas that we want others to work on, and sometimes we notice them a whole lot more than we notice the areas we should be working on. Each and every one of us has a battle we need to fight.

I also have two dragons in my office. They are not near the knight, nor are they near my desk. The dragons are there to remind me that the battle isn't over, but there are mini-battles that I've won. There are areas that I've conquered in my life, but I still need to be vigilant in those areas because those dragons can creep back in if my knight isn't vigilant. Those dragons also remind me that there are battles I will need to fight that may be intense. Yet I know my knight (I) will be victorious because Christ is fighting with me.

That's part of the mystery of the Incarnation – that God loves me so much that He wanted to become like me so that He can be with me as I fight the battles that will make me more like Him.

As a knight I need to fight the spiritual battles. As a knight I need to train with God so that I can learn to fight like Him. That's the power of prayer. That's what we have everyday we're in school. It's like a huge training ground for our knights – a place where we can learn to engage in the spiritual battles that we fight.

This Sunday is Epiphany – the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, who represent the entire world. That includes us. During your time at Mass this Sunday ponder these questions: How does Christ make Himself known to me? How is He asking me to train with Him so that I can be more effectively a Knight for Him?

In Christ the King,
Sister Mary Cecilia, C.K.

Principal, St. Joseph School

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

4 Thu School Resumes

8 Mon 8A Class Mass
Student Council Mtg

9 Tue 1st Penance Parents Mtg

11 Thu Students Confessions
Report Cards Issued

12 Fri Mission Collection

15 Mon NO SCHOOL

Teacher Workday Pre School Confer-
ences

17 Wed 3A Class Mass

Jan 28-Febr 3

Catholic Schools Week

Kindergarten Preview

February 9, 9:30 am

Preschool Preview

February 9, 12 Noon

VOLUNTEERS

Lunchroom Duty

[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/30e094baca9283-lunchroom2](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baca9283-lunchroom2)

K-1-2 Recess 10:45-12:00

[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/3
0e094baca9283-k1and](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094baca9283-k1and)

3-6 Recess Duty 12:00-1:00

[http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8
050e44acae23a57-3rdand](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e44acae23a57-3rdand)

HAITI

We are collecting **athletic/ tennis** shoes for our Haiti mission. The box is outside the office door. Non athletic shoes and boots **will not be sent** to Haiti.



We need to resupply our stock of Tylenol

JANUARY 4, 2018 SCHOOL NEWS

TEXTBOOK LOAN FORMS

- The forms will be sent home today-check backpacks
- Follow instructions in the letter.
- Each Student must have a form.
- **Return the forms ASAP by Weds January 10.**

Each year we use textbooks on loan from LPS. In order for us to have the correct amount, each student needs a form completed by January 10. Prize to classroom who gets all returned first.

SAVE THE DATE! SFA Morning at the Movies is on February 3, 2018 @ 9:30am. Showing Ferdinand & Paddington 2. Donuts, coffee and juice will be provided! We hope to see you there!

Winter Outdoor Recess Policy

- When the temperature, with wind chill, is below 0 degrees, students will have indoor recess.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is between 0 and 20 degrees, students will go outside for part of the recess. The time will be determined by playground teacher discretion.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is above 20 degrees, students will have outdoor recess.

COMMUNITY NEWS

4th and 5th grade Lock-in the Teen Council 4th and 5th grade Lock-in scheduled for Friday, January 19. Lancaster County Extension Lock-in is an opportunity for the 4th & 5th grade students. They need not be enrolled in 4-H to attend the lock in. Click [Lock-in](#)

LINCOLN MOMS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT – JANUARY 6 Join us January 6th for "Beating the Baby Blues" for an honest conversation about postpartum depression with Karen McGivney-Liechti, a certified nurse midwife at Good Life Birth Place, and Breanna Kaup, a mental health therapist at Lincoln Wellness Group. We will talk about how you can help yourself and the other new moms in your life. Lincoln MOMs is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever-changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held every first Saturday, 8:30-10:30 am at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center (2241 O St., Suite T, Lincoln, NE 68510). Free-will donation helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5 suggested). Contact us at lincolnmoms@outlook.com or our Facebook page. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting, and please bring a friend! Before the talk, moms and kids are also invited for 8:00 am Mass at the Gianna's Chapel (enter chapel from inside the Guadalupe Center).

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Information on Clubs at St Joseph School

PAGE ONE is a Lincoln Diocesan Catholic Literary Program, dedicated to providing students with rich literature, invigorating activities, and an environment that encourages reading for enjoyment. Participants are invited to read the books on the Book List throughout the summer and school year. Books include Golden Sower nominees, Newbery authors, and other famous works. Page One is team-based.

Level 1 - Grades 3 & 4 Coached by Toni Essay **Begins Thu Jan 11, 3:20-4 pm**

Level 2 - Grades 5 & 6 Coached by Tracy Smith

Level 3 – Grades 7 & 8 Coached by Lisa Krueger

Each level meets as a team to prepare for the Page One Competition in April.

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