WEEKLY WATCH

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of the year, I'd like to tell you of a couple of initiatives on which our school is embarking. First, we are in the process of taking a hard look at our K-8 language arts curriculum. Our junior high has decided to go with a series called "Wit and Wisdom" for a large portion of our literature and writing curriculum. Our other grades will be studying several different publishers and companies over the course of next year. The following year, '24-'25, we hope to take a look at our math curriculum, and finally in the year '25-'26, we want to examine our science curriculum and methodology.

Also, in the area of teacher development, we will be having ongoing training and study this coming year in the areas of differentiation in the classroom, as well as active learning and student engagement strategies. We believe this emphasis will help keep us current as to best practices in the field, as well as safeguarding our tradition and rigor for all of our students. Sister Mary Angela and I welcome you to discuss these initiatives with us as you are able and desiring to do so.

Finally, I want to wish you and your families a very restful summer and time to grow closer to our Lord. If you need anything or want to talk, feel free to contact me and we can get together. God bless you and thank you for your support and prayers. We are so blessed to have your children as part of our student body.

Yours in Christ, Kevin Naumann

Summer Office Hours

Our school summer office hours are **Wednesdays from 9:00-12:00 pm**. SCRIP will be available in the office during that time as well.



Notes from the Nurse's Desk

PRE-K PARENTS & 6th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering <u>Kindergarten</u> and <u>7th grade</u> are required to have a <u>physical exam</u> completed within 6 months of the first day of school as well as an <u>up-to-date immunization record</u> on file. A copy of the physical and immunization record is due in the school office by the first day of school.

7th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering 8th grade that are planning to participate in school organized sports are required to have a sports physical on file. These may be completed after May 1st for the upcoming school year.

MEDICAL FORMS:

These can be found on the school website located under the <u>Forms</u> tab for the 2024-2025 school year. Non-prescription medication authorizations can also be filled out on PowerSchool.

Please reach out if you have any questions regarding health requirements. Thank you for your cooperation!

Page One Coaches Needed for 2024-2025

- Page One is a diocesan sponsored program to encourage students to read a wide variety of books for fun.
- Includes lists of award-winning and high quality books from a variety of genres.
- Students have a chance to read books as part of a community and share excitement about books
- They have a chance to patriciate in: a book themed carnival, competition, and a book club with the Bishop.
- Coaches are needed for 3rd-4th grade, 5th-6th, grade, and 7th-8th grade.
- The teams could meet during lunch/recess or after school.
- For more information about the program check out: www.nepageone.org
- Email <u>Rachel-Hanigan@cdolinc.net</u> if interested.

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Dennis Uniform

Please see the <u>LINK</u> for next year's Dennis Uniform Guide! Please review the school <u>Dress Code</u> before placing orders. Especially for girls, please plan for growth by ordering extra length for the hem to be let down. It's amazing how much they grow in a year!

Tentative 2024-2025 Calendar

The most updated <u>Tentative Calendar</u> for the upcoming school year is at the bold link. Other than the first half day of school, our early dismissal days will be at 1:00 pm so that lunch can be served to all students prior to dismissal. We hope this will be helpful for planning, and we will let you know when further updates are added.

Beyond the Bell 2024-2025 Registration Open

Are you in need of something to bridge the gap between school dismissal and the end of your work day? Beyond the Bell has you covered! Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is open. Visit https://school.stjosephlnk.org/parent-info/btb/ to learn about BTB and find a button to the online registration form near the bottom of the page. Contact us at JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Totus Tuus 2024 Registration Open!

Totus Tuus for grades 1-8 will be held **June 10-14** this year from 9:00 am-3:00 pm each day. Daily Mass will be offered as well as instruction and activities. High school students will meet from June 9-13 from 6:00-8:00 pm. Evenings will start with dinner and include 2 presentations and Night Prayer.

Download the registration form <u>HERE</u> and return it and the registration form to Michele Chambers at the information on the form.

Corpus Christi Procession in June

All members of St. Joseph Parish are invited to join in the Eucharistic Procession on the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 2, 2024, after 11:00 am Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus and to be a witness to our belief in the Eucharist.

Summer Tutors

Sara Denning

<u>Sara-Denning@cdolinc.net</u> Grades K-3, Any Subject

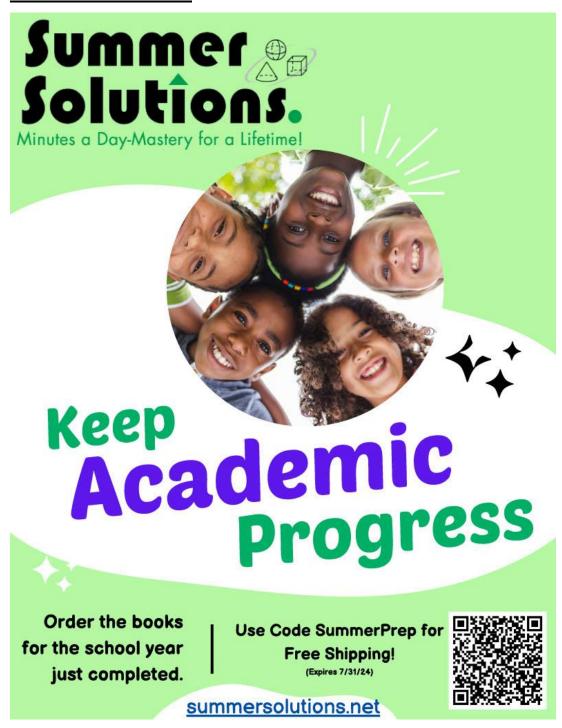
Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program

Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program! The program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. For information about the program and summer meal sites, visit http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks or http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html. Please note that the location Nebraska map showing site locations has not been updated, yet. Get updates via Twitter at #NESummerMeals and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.

Summer Reading List for All Ages

Many of you are dedicated to providing your child with books and times to read over the summer. I came across this reading list from The Good and Beautiful Library that has good books listed by age and by topic, anywhere from 1- to 2-year-olds through high school and beyond. Check out this LINK and support your child's reading!

Summer Solutions



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