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MONTHLY MESSENGER

October 2024



Tuesday/Thursday Preschool enjoys their own Walk For Christ in anticipation of the all-school walk on Friday.

Knightly News from the Principal



Dear Parents,

I would like to thank all for coming to our “Invite a Loved One” Mass and doughnuts gathering on Monday. SFA did an amazing job organizing the event and we had over 130 guests that morning! Please let us know if you have any comments to make it even better in the future, if you would. To celebrate the Holy Mass and then visit with family, one after the other...it doesn’t get much better than that! We are so blessed.

On Friday, we’ll be having Mass with the bishop followed by an all-school abbreviated walk (compared to previous years) and a rosary on the big field behind the rectory. All are invited to attend, if you would like. After the rosary, students will enjoy popcorn balls before they head back to class. Later, outside games, bounce houses and the dunk tank will be done, as it has been in previous years. If you would like to come on Friday and have any particular needs, please let the office, your child’s teacher, or SFA know and we’ll accommodate as much as we can.

This fall, we will continue our search for a possible new Reading curriculum for K-6 grades. Junior High adopted a new program over the summer, which is currently being implemented into the literature classes as well as the writing/grammar classes. Feel free to let Miss Masek and Mrs. Donlan know how your child is enjoying or feeling about the new material and presentation. It was great seeing so many of you on Monday and I hope we’ll see many of you again on Friday for our special “Walk for Christ,” brought to us by the valiant efforts of our SFA, led by our board and presidents, Sarah and Dave Karle. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal

Walk For Christ

Thank you for supporting our students!

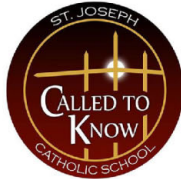
We're thrilled to have reached 75% of our Walk for Christ goal! Help us hit \$50,000 and send Principal Naumann back to school by donating and sharing our [online site](#).

Don't miss out! Purchase your [raffle tickets online](#) today for a chance to win exciting prizes and support our school. Every ticket helps us reach our fundraising goals—thank you for your continued support!

Parents, please ensure your child wears their Walk for Christ T-shirt with either uniform shorts or non-uniform bottoms. If your child needs a shirt, extra ones are available in the front office.



Visit the
WFC WEBSITE
to see the week's schedule,
donate, and more!



October 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7A Class Mass Picture Retake Day 8:00-11:00 Kinder Lincoln Zoo Field Trip Day 2	2 Student Council Class Mass 3rd Gr Omaha Zoo Field Trip Mary Garden Blessing 9:00 Day 3	3 Evacuation Drill Day 4	4 Mission Club Mass Mission Collection 5th Gr Boys Town Field Trip Day 5	5
6	7 3B Class Mass Day 1	8 Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 Day 2	9 All Parish Adoration 7:00 Day 3	10 Melodic Knights Health Screening Rechecks PrK & 1st-4th Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-7:30 Day 4	11 No School (Comp Day)	12
	14 No School (Diocesan Teacher Institute)	15 7B Class Mass Day 2	16 1st Gr Roca & Fire Station Field Trip Day 3	17 Youth Choir Mass Health Screenings PreK & 1st-4th Day 4	18 4A Class Mass BIST Consultant Visit 1:00 Dismissal End of 1st Quarter Day 5	19
20 World Mission Sunday	21 Fall Food Drive Day 1	22 Fall Food Drive SFA Parent Meeting 6:45 Day 2	23 Fall Food Drive Day 3	24 Melodic Knights Fall Food Drive Report Cards Sent Home Day 4	25 Fall Food Drive Day 5	26
27	28 7C Class Mass Day 1	29 Confirmation Parent Mtg 7:00 Day 2	30 Day 3	31 1st Gr All Saint Presentation 2:30 Last Day for Uniform Shorts Day 4		



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MySchoolBucks.com



LUNCH

OCTOBER 2024

St. Joseph Catholic School

-All menu items are subject to change without notice
-Garden veggie bar offered daily

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun, Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	2 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk	3 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	4 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk
7 Chicken Nuggets Baked Beans, Roll Chips, Fruit Choice Milk	8 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	9 Corn Dog Tater Tots Fruit Choice Milk	10 BBQ Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	11 NO SCHOOL Comp Day
14 NO SCHOOL	15 Fiesta Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	16 Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun, Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	17 Soft Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	18 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Peas Fruit Choice Milk
21 Chicken Strips Baked Beans, Roll Fruit Choice Milk	22 Chicken Fajitas Green Beans, Fruit Snack Fruit Choice Milk	23 Pepperoni Pizza Corn Fruit Choice Milk	24 Hot Dog on WG Bun Fries Fruit Choice Milk	25 Cheesy Pull-Apart Bread Marinara Sauce, Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk
28 Soft Taco Corn Fruit Choice Milk	29 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans Chips Fruit Choice Milk	30 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	31 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick Peas, Dirt Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk	

*Student lunch \$3.50
*Adult lunch \$4.60

*Milk \$0.60
*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.25

*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday
*Rotating salad option as a choice daily

Liturgy Singing Schedule Fall Semester 2024

October 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 St. Therese of the Child Jesus (M) 7A Class Mass	2 The Holy Guardian Angels (M) Student Council Class Mass	3 Weekday <i>Quiet Mass</i>	4 St. Francis of Assisi (M) Mission Collection Mission Club Class Mass
7 Our Lady of the Rosary (M) 3B Class Mass	8 Weekday <i>Quiet Mass</i>	9 St. Dennis (m) 6B	10 Weekday Melodic Knights	11 Comp Day No School
14 Pius Institute No School	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (M) 7B Class Mass	16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (m) <i>Quiet Mass</i>	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch (M) Youth Choir Class Mass	18 St. Luke (F) 4A Class Mass
21 Weekday 5A	22 St. John Paul II (m) 5B	23 St. John of Capistrano (m) 4A	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret (m) Melodic Knights	25 Weekday <i>Quiet Mass</i>
28 Sts. Simon and Jude (F) 7C Class Mass	29 Weekday 4B	30 Weekday 3A	31 Weekday <i>Quiet Mass</i>	



Families enjoying donuts during "Bring Your Loved One to Mass"

BIST Tip:
**“It’s never
okay to be
disruptive.”**

Being disruptive means you are interfering with learning or being hurtful. A key to a positive learning environment is that students are not disrupting their own learning or that of others. It’s true that “kids will be kids.” That means that they will sometimes be talking when they shouldn’t, mess around with things without thinking or sometimes lash out at others. We understand that. At the same time, we talk with students about what disruption looks like in the classroom – and sometimes act it out – to help them realize how it is not okay. By referring to the Bottom Line when a disruption happens, all children know the expectation and find an easier time following it. This avoids simply “nagging” about negative behavior. What would be your “Bottom Line” at home? Maybe brainstorm with your children what phrase you would use for it and then refer to that terminology when it actually happens. This empowers your children to be

part of the solution and to take ownership for a positive environment at home, too!

Volunteer Information

Lunch and Recess Volunteers

Lunchroom (all grades)

Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Recess

3rd & 4th Recess

5th & 6th Recess

7th & 8th Recess

Create an Account and Access Training

Log on to Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) site below to create an account and to access the training videos.

lincoln.cmgcon

Requirements for Volunteers:

Safe Environment Training

This must be completed every year. Log on to your account to see when it expires. NEW volunteers complete the Required Training*. All others complete the RENEWAL Training OR Safe Environment Training Videos ONLY.

Background Check

This must be done every 5 years. Log on to your account to see when it expires. NEW volunteers complete the Required

Requirements for Field Trip Drivers:

Safe Environment and Background Check (see previous item).

Defensive Driver Training

This must be completed 1 time for driving on field trips. Log on to CMG and Scroll down to "Optional Trainings."

Volunteer Driver Form

Get one from Gloria Jundt.**

This must be filled out every 3 years for driving on field trips. You must include a copy of front and back of Driver's License, a copy of your current Vehicle Registration, and a copy of your insurance Liability Limits, which must be \$100,000, \$300,000, \$100,000 (not your insurance card).

**Contact Gloria Jundt at 402-489-0341 OR [Gloria-Jun](#) to get a Volunteer Driver

Training*. All others complete the Back Ground Check ONLY.

Form or to ask any questions that you might have.

The Required Training combines the Safe Environment Training **AND a Background Check. Complete this training only if you need **BOTH** the Safe Environment and Background Check. Be sure to finish all the way to the end and submit payment. If you need only the Safe Environment, do the "Safe Environment Only." If you need just the background check, do the "Background Check Only."*

NOTES FROM THE NURSE:

HEALTH RE-SCREENS will take place on **Tuesday, October 8th** – date changed due to shortened week (Wednesday and Thursday will be used as a back up date). If your child wears glasses, please be sure he/she has them at school.

REMINDER

- Kindergarten & 7th grade parents: please submit a physical and up-to-date immunization records as soon as possible if not submitted already.
- Preschool parents: please submit an up-to-date immunization record if not submitted already.

Please click [HERE](#) for a list of vaccines required per grade.

Paperwork can be dropped off at school, faxed to 402.489.3260 or e-mailed to [christina-wahl](#). Thank you for your help!



Mr. Naumann is showing off our new furry friends to our preschool friends!

Weekend Pet Adoption!!

Meet our two new school friends, Leroy (brown) and Jasper (black)! They are Guinea Pigs that came to us from the Humane Society. We are in the process of figuring out the easiest way for families to “adopt” for the weekends. They will be available to be taken home Friday after school and be brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Leroy and Jasper (together) for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!



**Picture Retake and First Take
Reminder**

****We are on the hunt for a cage to help transport our Guinea Pigs home for weekend visits. If you know of anyone who has a suitable cage please let the office staff know!**



Do You Like Pizza? Use SCRIP!

Make it a pizza night tonight! We sell Domino's, Papa John's, Little Caesar's, Pizza Ranch and Valentino's. Use SCRIP to give back to your church and school! Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

[DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

Parish Adoration 2024

Be still and know that I am God. (Psalm 46)
Join the parish family for Adoration. On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Jesus will be exposed in the monstrance on the altar. Exposition will begin after the 8:15 Mass and will conclude with Benediction at 8:00 pm that evening (no 2:55 Benediction that day). Stop by to make a visit any time during

Picture Retake Day is coming up on **October 1st from 8:00-12:00**. All students who want a retake or missed a first take will get their pictures taken. If your child(ren) is having their picture taken that day (retake or first take) you may have a non uniform day.

***Preschool Parents-** if your child is not in session that morning please bring your students in for retakes or first takes **ANY TIME** between 8 and 12. Preschool students in session that morning will be called by classroom for pictures.

Evacuation Drill

As part of our school security plan, we schedule an evacuation drill each fall and spring. **Thursday, Oct. 3**, we will be having our first drill. We'll begin with a lockdown practice in the classrooms, followed by the fire alarm and then walk to Aldersgate Methodist Church off of 84th and South St. along a predetermined route before returning to school. They have been gracious in partnering with us over the years as an alternative site for students to go in case of a real emergency. Please communicate with your child's teacher if you have any further questions in this regard.

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Every Wednesday we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. All parents are welcome to join us in spending time with Jesus. We also invite you to Benediction at 2:55 pm. If you would like to take a regular adoration time weekly or monthly, please contact Sr. Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela.

the day. The formal holy hour will be from 7:00 to 8:00 pm and include music, a speaker, and confessions. Please consider joining us and spending time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Interested in assisting with Adoration (music, decor, cookies, artwork)? Contact Grace Raun at gracieraun8@gm with thoughts and questions.

The 2nd Wednesdays are:

- 10/9
- 11/13
- 12/11

Mary Garden Outdoor Classroom Blessing

We are excited that our renovated Outdoor Classroom space is soon ready for use! Fr. McCabe will be blessing the Mary Garden after Mass on **October 2**, the Feast of the Guardian Angels. The Preschool through 2nd grade classes will attend the blessing. Due to the tight spacing, we will not have room for parents to come for the blessing, but please contact the school office if you would like to come see the area sometime. We would love to have you!

Living Rosary

Each year our 3rd grade classes present a Living Rosary for the whole school. This year it will be on the Feast of the Holy Rosary, **October 7, at 2:30 p.m.** Parents and relatives of 3rd graders will have reserved seating for this special event. Other school families and parishioners are welcome to join us as well, with seating behind the school children. This will count as our monthly school rosary for October. Thank you for joining us in prayer if you can.

Monthly School Rosary

As a means of praying for the needs of our students and school families, St. Joseph School will be offering a monthly school rosary this year. Parents are welcome to join us as you are able. The dates and times are listed on the finalized **school calendar** posted on our website, with our next one being

November 21 at 10:30 am! Times alternate between 10:30 am and 2:50 pm so different classes can join. Classes will participate as they are available, so be aware that some classes may be absent on a given month. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!

AROUND THE DIOCESE

CK Sisters Outdoor Fall Workday
Saturday, October 5, 1:30-4:30 pm

We will be planting trees, mulching, cleaning up our vegetable garden and cutting trees. Helpful items to bring include shovels, work gloves, wheelbarrows, pickups and chainsaws. Children are also welcome – and can use this for service hours! Mark your calendars now and contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela if you would like to come and help. Please also print and complete a **LIABILITY FORM** (one per adult; children added to adult form.) Villa Regina Motherhouse, 4100 SW 56th St., about 2 miles west and south of Pioneers Park. Walk-ins are also welcome.



Core Values:

- Proud of our Catholic identity.
- Continue shaping the whole person through athletics as a tool to be successful in life.
- Develop the player's ability to succeed as he advances into interscholastic athletics at Pius X.
- Provide a fun and safe environment for teaching football.
- Supporting the Pius X football program, its current coaches and administration.

Our Purpose:

- Get kids playing together earlier with their future high school teammates.
- Players will begin to learn the basics of the Pius X offense & defense.
- Focus on development & the fundamentals of football.
- Integration with current Pius X players & Varsity Coaches.
- Lead to future success of the Varsity program.
- Practice on the turf at Aldrich Field!

We are excited to announce that in 2025 the "Jr. Bolts" tackle football program will be kicking off its inaugural season and joining the Lincoln Youth Football (LYF) League! Students enrolled at a Lincoln Diocese Catholic Grade School (or Homeschooled) are eligible to play, per LYF league requirements.

In order to plan for the upcoming season, we need to get a general idea of how many players are interested. This is extremely important for ordering enough helmets, shoulder pads, jerseys and equipment, as well as determining how many teams we will have. We do not yet know if we will have enough players to field a team at each level (LYF divisions are: A, B, C, D & Rookie, based on age and skill level).

The QR code below will direct you to a survey. Please help us out by completing the survey so we can plan accordingly for the upcoming season. The survey will be open until October 15th.



Help us plan for the season by taking this important survey!



Questions? Contact Taylor Ashburn at JrBoltsFootball@gmail.com



Kindergarten explored school grounds and the area around Trendwood Park during their "Nature Walk"



Pastor:

Fr. Michael G. McCabe

Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Loudon Redinger

Principal:

Kevin Naumann

Assistant Principal:

Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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