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3rd Grade Back-to-School Sessions

The Art of Arts

It's the first full week of school. Are you back into routine yet? The eyes of the children seem brighter and not quite so sleepy as our first couple days when they come walking in. It was great to see SO MANY of you at our Back-to-School night on Tuesday and I'm sure many more of you will be at school tonight for the remaining grades. I love seeing the various presentations of the teachers and hearing their enthusiasm as they share out the curriculum and procedures of each grade. But most of all, I have been struck by their love and joy for your children. Teaching, especially in an elementary school, and particularly in a Catholic school, takes so much more than knowledge and classroom management. The formation of the hearts and minds of our students is an art.

I'm reminded of a conference that Bishop Flavin, our Founder, gave to our Sisters years ago about the nobility of A Catholic school teacher. This is a short outline we have preserved from his notes (with his emphases):

"<u>Religion teaching is a most noble profession</u>: Most noble of all (<u>infinitely</u> <u>more noble</u>). It is the art of arts.

- 1. <u>Most precious material</u>: Not wood, clay, marble or human body, but mind and heart of a child to lead it to heaven.
- 2. You are <u>a spiritual gardener</u>. Protects and nourishes plant of a child, to foster its spiritual growth, to withstand storms of temptation and grow into a healthy and vigorous tree to bear fruit a hundredfold for salvation.
- 3. You are <u>a spiritual sculptor</u>. To bring out into full beauty and perfection the image of God impressed upon the soul. Likeness of God is blurred by sin. You develop this image of God in a child.
- 4. You are a <u>sacristan</u>. To adorn little temples of God, tabernacles of Holy Spirit.
- 5. <u>Result of your work</u>: For the Church: saints and parents of generations of saints. For the State: responsible citizens, for the good of society.
- 6. More noble than great surgeon who saves lives: his work perishes your work is forever."

The Church has always taught that parents are the primary educators of their children. We believe that. Thus, we are so grateful that you entrust us with them—your most precious gift—to allow us the privilege of helping in their formation as young disciples of Jesus Christ. We know that formation isn't easy, but it is certainly

rewarding. My prayer is that this will be a year of great grace for all of us as we embark on this journey together. May God bless you!

In Christ's Love,

Aister Many Angela, C.K.

Assistant Principal

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VOLUNTEEROPPORTUNITIES

NEW VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION*

*for NEW volunteers who have not volunteered here before When: **September 6, 2022** Time: 6:30 pm Where: School Library Please RSVP to Gloria Jundt: gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net

BIST Tip: What is BIST?

BIST stands for Behavior Intervention Support Teams. It is a student behavior program that is built upon the foundation of Grace and Accountability. In the realm of behavior, Grace means providing a student what they need and not just what they deserve. Accountability is helping a child to own his/her choices. As part of our program, we also teach the students the 3 Goals for Life: "I can do something even if it is hard or I don't want to; I can make good choices even if I am mad or have an overwhelming feeling; I can be okay even if others are not okay." There are a number of other components including how we talk with students about their actions, often in the form of questions rather than directions. BIST helps both teachers and students to address negative behaviors in a proactive and positive way. If you would like to learn more about BIST, you can check out this website BIST Philosophy » BIST. We'll also have more BIST tips in our upcoming newsletters!

Computer Acceptable Use Policy

All technology devices enable students to connect to countless resources, greatly expanding available learning tools and providing opportunities for interactive projects. The following documents outline pertinent information and procedures



regarding use of this technology in St. Joseph. Please read these documents carefully and discuss them with your child.

The Acceptable Use Policy must be signed by each student and his/her parent or guardian.

The Computer Acceptable Use Policy form was due a couple of weeks ago. If you know you have not read it and turned in the signed portion please see the attached <u>LINK</u>. If you are unsure if you have turned one in please email Emily Klein, <u>Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net</u>.

SEPTEMBER 2022 EVENTS

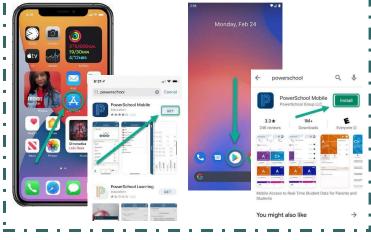
- 2 Melodic Knights Mission Collection
- 5 LABOR DAY—NO SCHOOL
- 6 BIST Consultant Visit New Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 pm, Library
- 8 8C Class Mass
- 12 Student Confessions
- 14 7A Class Mass
- 15 7B Class Mass
- 16 Melodic Knights 1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)
- 21 Youth Choir
- 23 7C Class Mass Walk for Christ Day!
- 27 6B Class Mass Mission Club 3:20-4:30 pm
- 28 Picture Retake Day
- 29 6C Class Mass 2nd Grade Field Trip to Nebraska City
- **30** Melodic Knights 3rd Grade Field Trip to Omaha Zoo

Emergency Contact

Each family must fill out an Emergency Contact Form for the school. The Emergency Contact form was due a couple of weeks ago. If you know you have not filled one out and turned it in please see the attached LINK. If you are unsure whether you have turned one in, please email Emily Klein at Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

PowerSchool Mobile App

PowerSchool has a mobile app! If you haven't downloaded the app yet or need help setting up your account please see this LINK for how. Available for iOS and Android.



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Notes from the Nurse's Desk

We would like to keep all students and staff as healthy as possible this year and maintain in-school learning. However, if your child is sick, please keep them home and **notify the school** of their type of illness. The school is required to report certain illnesses to the state (such as strep, COVID, influenza, chicken pox). Please review the school <u>handbook</u> for guidelines on illnesses and when to keep your child home. The latest COVID policy can be found <u>here</u> (at the bottom of the page). Please also notify the office of any major health changes.

ALL students: up-to-date immunizations (includes preschool), dental exam verification annually. NEW OUT-OF-STATE: up to date immunizations, physical

within 6 months of the first day of school.

Kindergarteners: physical within 6 months of the first day of school, up-to-date immunizations, eye exam within 6 months of starting school (may be completed by pediatrician).

7th Graders: physical within 6 months of the first day of school, up to date immunizations.

Sports: sports physicals are required for **ALL** students participating in school organized sports. Most 7th grade physicals will count towards this.

ASTHMA/ALLERGY students: asthma/allergy action <u>plan</u> and self-administering form if applicable.

Medications: For those students taking daily medication, please <u>click here</u> to fill out the form and return to the office. All prescription medication must come to school in its original container. Forms for non-prescription medications can also be found <u>here</u>.

Please turn in all paperwork as soon as possible. The forms can be dropped off, faxed to 402-489-3260, or emailed to **christina-wahlmeier@cdolinc.net**. Thank you so far for all of your help.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me either by school phone 402-489-3260 or e-mail.

SFA All Parent Meeting Update

Our first SFA All Parent Meeting will be held on <u>October</u> <u>18th!</u> Please note the time has been changed to **6:45** instead of 7:00 like it has been in the past. Keep an eye out for more information in future emails!

<u>Bark</u>

When schools give students access to devices and online accounts, an incredible world of learning opportunities opens up—as well as potential dangers. Digital safety is critically important to St. Joseph School,



which is why we are now using **Bark for Schools** to help us protect our students both online and in real life. Please see this <u>letter</u> from Mr. Naumann about Bark for Schools.

Dress for Success

As part of the St. Joseph School family, we rely on all parents to be familiar with items like the school handbook and the dress code policy to help their children be successful. With that in mind, we are putting reminders in our first few newsletters to help everyone follow the same guidelines. Most students thus far are within dress code guidelines, but we do see some who need adjustments. Particular items to note include:

1. Grades K-3: colored socks, light-up shoes, fingernail polish

2. Grades 4-8: boys' hair length, jumper/skirt length If you are uncertain about your child, please review this <u>dress code</u> link, especially noting the visuals on the PowerPoint. If you still have questions, feel free to contact your child's teacher. After this coming weekend, teachers may be reaching out to you if they see a need for a dress code item to be addressed. Thank you so much for those who already have made adjustments. We are grateful for your ongoing partnership!

Spirit Wear Shop is OPEN!

The St. Joseph Spirit Wear store is officially **open now through September 15**! Shop the online store <u>HERE</u> to order both uniform approved and non-uniform approved apparel.



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Earn Cash for Our School with BoxTops!

Together, we can make a BIG difference!

For over 25 years, BoxTops for Education has given families an easy way to earn for schools with products they already buy. Today, you can find thousands of participating products throughout the store—and all you need is the Box Tops app!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: S Ø BOX TOPS YOUR CASH FOR PRODUCTS RECEIPT SCHOOLS Earn for schools with the Use the Box Tops app to Box Tops products are identified and earnings are brands vou love submit your receipt within 14 days of purchase. credited online

Online Shoppers can earn with Box Tops too!

Whether you order groceries for delivery or pickup, shop through your store's app, or request an email receipt at checkout, you can earn for your school no matter where you shop.

SEE PRODUCTS & LEARN MORE ABOUT THE BOX TOPS APP AT **<u>BTFE.COM</u>**.

SCIP: Suicide Prevention Resources for Parents

Do you have questions about suicide prevention? SCIP has a collection of links is available <u>HERE</u>. The Nebraska Department of Education offers a guide to suicide prevention, which can be found <u>HERE</u>.

St. Joseph Cub Scouts

Boys from Kindergarten to 5th grade are eligible to sign up for Cub Scouts. Find out more at Back-to-School night tonight or after all Masses this upcoming weekend. Please see this **flyer** for more information

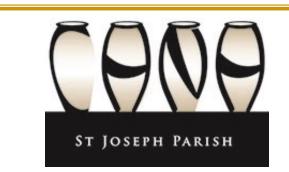


Fall Back into SCRIP!

Start the school year off with getting back into you Scrip

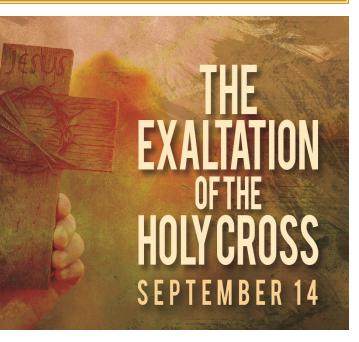
routine! Start slow-just gas and groceries! Scrip has all your needs! Send your order with your student in the morning and we will return it with them the same day! (See <u>attached</u> order form!) Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.





URGENT! CANA 2023 Chairperson Informational Meeting

Our Parish is in great need of parishioners to attend an informative meeting about the CANA Chair position this coming Tuesday, August 30, at 7:00 pm in the Heritage Room. It would be great to have a future chairperson committed before the next CANA preparations start! Please contact Jeanne Johnson if interested. Call or text 402-617-7940 or email <u>stjosephcana@yahoo.com</u>.



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