



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## SUMMER 2022 NEWSLETTER

### *Dear Parents,*

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying summer. Thankfully, you still have several weeks to take in the season's goodness before we come back to school. I would like to take a few minutes to let you know of an initiative of our diocese, and subsequently our parish and school, and how that will affect our mission for our students going forward. Religious and laity across the diocese have been asked to consider the positions outlined in the book, "From Christendom to Apostolic Mission" put out by the publishing house, Prime Matters. The book articulates well an obvious reality that we have experienced in the U.S. over the past several decades. There was a time when Christendom ordered daily life in western culture and the tenets of the Church were reinforced in the norms of general society. This is no longer the case, as we see general ambivalence or, sadly, increasing hostility toward the Church and the Christian tenets that mark our worldview. (See this short [VIDEO](#) explanation.)

To this end, we will be working with you and our teachers to re-evaluate those practices and policies that are perhaps efficient or expedient but may not be fully aligned with our Catholic worldview. We would like to look at how we can be more intentional in seeking the good, true, and beautiful in the world, and working to bring that more and more into our school. Additionally, how we catechize our students and try to create a desire to change the world for the sake of the Kingdom has to look different as well. Simply learning the doctrines, prayers, and precepts of the Church, and expecting that to sustain our young, is no longer effective in the secular culture. It seems many of our youth lose their faith after leaving Pius and grow either apathetic towards the Faith or are lured into other belief systems that appeal to the emotional needs of our young people. In short, do we emphasize the personal relationship with our Lord and Savior and

what that fire of love looks like on a daily basis in addition to the practice and cognitive learning that our Faith requires?

One hope of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program, which you read about in the bulletin, is to instill a hunger and self-reflection in our young children so that they connect with the Holy Mass and other aspects of our Faith in a genuine and tactile way. This is only one manifestation of this effort, of course. These dual efforts of looking for the good, true, and beautiful, and finding ways for our children to develop the personal relationship with our Lord, may and will require us to step into uncharted territory at times, and may challenge some traditions and ways of doing business that our school has used for many years. This is not to say they are bad or unworthy, but only that their effectiveness has waned in light of the changing climate in our society. There will be errors and growing pains as we incrementally work on this vision, to keep our young on the path of holiness and to keep Holy Church vibrant and relevant in a world that needs Her influence, as much as it did during the Roman times, when we last lived in this dynamic of apostolic mission. Sister and I hope to meet with you, as you are able, to share our vision and that of our local church, and, moving forward in this vein, we rely on your vibrant witness and creative ideas as well.

It will take all of us working together and relying on the Holy Spirit, just as it took all of the first apostles in the early church. Thank you for your time, and may God bless you.

***Yours in Christ,***

***Kevin L. Naumann  
Principal, St. Joseph School***

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### AUGUST

- 8:** -New Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 pm
- 11:** -School Pictures, 2:00-6:30pm  
-Back to School Ice Cream Social, 6:00-8:00 pm
- 15:** -Assumption of Mary
- 16:** -First Day of School (K-8)  
-Noon Dismissal  
-Preschool Open House, 11:00-12:00 pm
- 17:** -First Day of Pre-K for MWF & M-F/STEM
- 18:** -First Day of Preschool for T/Th
- 23:** -Back to School Night for K, 3rd, 4th, 6th
- 25:** -Back to School Night for 1st, 2nd, 5th, JH

### SEPTEMBER

- 5:** -No School (Labor Day)
- 16:** -1:00 Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)



### WEDNESDAYS

8:00 am-Noon

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

The most recent version of the [2022-2023 School Calendar](#) can be found on the St. Joseph School website.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Each family must fill out an [Emergency Contact Form](#) for the school. This form is **due by July 29**. You can mail the completed form to the school at 1940 S. 77th St., Lincoln, 68506, or bring it into the school office during Summer office hours. If you have any questions please contact Emily Klein at [Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net](mailto:Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net).

## TECHNOLOGY POLICY:

All technology devices enable students to connect to countless resources, greatly expanding available learning tools and providing opportunities for interactive projects. In that spirit, iPads and computers are provided to students for use at school for educational purposes. Students will use mobile devices to improve learning through expanded and enhanced educational opportunities under the direction of prepared educators. 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.***

Use this [FORM](#) for ALL students.

The Technology Policy is **due by July 29**. You can mail the completed form to the school at 1940 S. 77th St., Lincoln, 68506, or bring it into the school office during Summer office hours. If you have any questions please contact Emily Klein at [Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net](mailto:Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net).

## KINDNESS PLEDGE:

Each year every St. Joseph student needs to fill out our Kindness Pledge.

For students **K-2nd grade**, use this [form](#).

For students **3rd-8th grade**, use this [form](#).

These forms are **due by July 29**. You can mail the completed form to the school at 1940 S. 77th St., Lincoln, 68506, or bring it into the school office during Summer office hours. If you have any questions please contact Emily Klein at [Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net](mailto:Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net).



## SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST:

A supply list for the 2022-2023 school year can be found at this [LINK](#).



# HEALTH NOTES

## STUDENTS ENTERING KINDERGARTEN AND 7TH GRADE

need to submit Physical Exam and Vaccination Records.

**ALL STUDENTS**  
Please turn in a record of your dental exams.

**VACCINATE!**  
Summer is the time to catch up on vaccinations.

**MEDICAL FORMS**  
Medical forms can be found on our website or by clicking this link: [Medical Forms](#). We have a form for students who receive prescription medication and also one for non-prescription medication. By completing the latter form, you give us permission to give students non-prescription medication for minor things such as headaches, painful braces, etc. Please print, complete, and return these forms to school.

**VOLUNTEER INFORMATION**  
If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Gloria Jundt at [Gloria-Jundt@cdolinc.net](mailto:Gloria-Jundt@cdolinc.net) with your information and she will get back to you after August 1.

## PARENT HANDBOOK:

Please look over our [2022-2023 Parent Handbook](#) and email [JHEL-Info@cdolinc.net](mailto:JHEL-Info@cdolinc.net) to confirm you have read and agree to the school handbook. We need a response from every parent/guardian.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Come join our school family as we celebrate the new school year at our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on **Thursday, August 11 from 6:00-8:00 pm!** Sundaes will be served in the school cafeteria. That same night, you can sign up students for Walk For Christ t-shirts in the library, check out your classrooms, and talk to your teachers! See the attached [FLYER](#) for more information.



## SCHOOL PICTURES

School Pictures will be taking place before school starts this year! On **Thursday, August 11 from 2:00-6:30 pm** pictures will be taken in Resurrection Hall. Sign up [HERE](#) to reserve/revise your time. **Please** be sure your child comes on this day as we only have one retake date and want to make sure every child's photo is in our class directory. Also, it would be good to review the [Dress Code guidelines](#) for non-uniform days when picking out your child's outfit.

## CLASS PLACEMENT

Class lists with homeroom assignments will be posted after all Masses the weekend of **July 30 & 31** for Preschool through Eighth Grade. Please make sure your Tuition Agreement and registration is complete so your child(ren) will be included on the lists.



## BEYOND THE BELL

Registration is now open for the Beyond the Bell (BTB) After School Program for 2022-2023 for **PreK-6th Grade**. Applications need to be in by **August 1** by emailing the completed form to [cinda-hicks@cdolinc.net](mailto:cinda-hicks@cdolinc.net) or sending the form to school to the attention of Cinda Hicks at BTB. Please see the [Application](#) link to register.

## UNIFORMS

A copy of the [Dress Code](#) policy is linked here and is in the parent handbook. Please be sure to read it carefully as you prepare uniform clothing for next year. Parents of girls: please make sure that jumpers/skirts are long enough at the beginning of the year to allow for your daughter's growth. See the linked [flyer](#) for detailed online fitting/ordering information. For uniform questions, please contact Dennis Uniform (402-496-9911) or check their website at [www.dennisuniform.com](http://www.dennisuniform.com). As a reminder, you are also welcome to shop our used uniform supply at school. All items are available for a free-will donation. **\*Also, remember to have your child's hair color and style fit the dress code by Picture Day, August 11.**

## LUNCH PRICES

Student hot lunch prices for the coming year are **\$3.25/child**. MySchoolBucks credit/debit card payment fees increase to \$2.75 per transaction ([see attachment](#)). Salad Bar will be available as an entrée for 5th-8th grades and adults. Online payment for lunches is at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com).

1. Register for a free account\*.
2. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with a link to activate your account.
3. Add your student(s) using their school's name (St. Joseph Catholic School-Diocese of Lincoln) and student birthdate.

**\*For more information, see page 37 of the Parent Handbook.**