

SEPTEMBER 2023 MONTHLY MESSENGER



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KNIGHTLY NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, we hope to focus on a virtue a month this year at school. To that end, our focus in September will be the virtue of faith. As Catholics, so much of what we believe and hold as true relies on this gift. We also trust and have to rely on faith at many times throughout our school year, in times of uncertainty and disappointment.

It is our job to foster this gift in the formation of our students, especially in difficult times, when learning doesn't come easily, and we must persevere and have faith in our Lord's help and protection. We also study those saints that epitomize the virtue of faith throughout the month.

We invite you to work with your child's teacher to reiterate and reinforce this virtue of faith in the coming month. We appreciate your faith in us as we celebrate the goodness of our benefactors during our Walk for Christ event in September as well as the many volunteer opportunities at St. Joe's in the coming weeks. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your family as we sojourn on, in the faith of our fathers.

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Ester Vera, a qualified Spanish teacher, whom we have used in the past as a long term sub, will again fill that position for us beginning second quarter through the end of the academic year. We are still in search of a qualified substitute for the remainder of 1st quarter and will keep looking for that special person. Thank you for your ongoing prayers as we continue that search as well as for our open resource position.

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal

BIST Tip:

"I can do something even if it's hard or I don't want to."

As one of our BIST Goals for Life, this one hits home with children and adults alike! We all have times that we don't want to do things, but we need to do them anyway. At school, when children are facing challenges, this is a helpful reminder that God gave us the power to choose to do what needs to be done. For children who are hesitant, this is a confidence builder. For children who get easily frustrated, this is a helpful reassurance. For children who get angry, this is a calming reminder. We suggest using this same language at home with your children when circumstances warrant. An effective way to do so is to use a calm voice to remind, then give a little space for the child to think about it. They might be surprised to hear it coming from you, but it will be a great tool to show them that, whether at home or in school, God gives us the tools to make good choices.

September Events

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| 1 Melodic Knights Mass
Mission Collection
BIST Consultant Visit | 18 Parish Holy Hour:
Cor ad Cor, 7:00 pm |
| 4 No School (Labor Day) | 20 8A Class Mass |
| 5 New Volunteer Orientation | 21 Youth Choir Class Mass
5th Grade Field Trip
to Boys Town |
| 8 6A Class Mass
Monthly School Rosary,
2:50 pm | 22 WALK FOR CHRIST DAY!! |
| 11 Student Confessions | 27 8B Class Mass
3rd Gr Field Trip
to Omaha Zoo |
| 13 5A Class Mass | 28 Melodic Knight Mass
Picture Retake Day,
8:00 am-12:30 pm |
| 14 4A Class Mass
Health Screenings
Preschool & Grades 1-4 | 29 6B Class Mass |
| 15 Melodic Knights Mass
1:00 Dismissal (Fac. Mtg) | |

VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION 2023-2024

All NEW volunteers are invited to an orientation meeting on **September 5 at 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Library. You will fill out the application form, learn how to access the training videos, receive a Volunteer Handbook, and learn where and how to sign up for volunteer opportunities in your school. You will learn about Recess Volunteer Duties, Field Trip Volunteer Duties, and Safety Procedures. Even if you are not a new volunteer, but feel you need a refresher, you are invited to attend. If you were unable to make the meeting on August 14, you are invited to attend the NEW Volunteer Orientation meeting on September 5 at 6:30 pm in the Library. Also, the information below can get you started. If you have any questions please contact Gloria Jundt at 402-489-0341 or Gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net.

Create an Account and Access Training

Log on to Catholic Mutual Group (CMG) to create an account and to access the training videos. <https://lincoln.cmgconnect.org>

Requirements for Volunteers

Safe Environment Training

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

Must be done every 5 years. Log on to your account to see when it expires. NEW volunteers complete the Required Training.* All others complete the Back Ground Check ONLY.

**The Required Training combines the Safe Environment Training AND a Back Ground Check. Complete this training only if you need BOTH the SE and BGC. Be sure to finish all the way to the end and submit payment. If you need only the SE- do the SE Videos only. If you need just the BGC- do the BGC Only.*

Requirements for Field Trip Drivers

Safe Environment Training and a Back-Ground Check

See above.

Defensive Driver Training

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

Volunteer Driver Form

- Can be obtained from Gloria Jundt.**
- Must be filled out every 3 years for driving on field trips
- Must include a copy of front and back of Driver's License, a copy of your current Vehicle Registration, and a copy of 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-Jundt@cdolinc.net to get a Volunteer Driver Form or to ask any questions that you might have.*

Notes From the Nurse

Health Requirements

Preschool:

Up-to-date immunizations

Kindergarteners:

Physical with up-to-date immunizations

7th Graders: ALL 7TH GRADERS NEED A PHYSICAL with up-to-date immunizations.

Sports:

Sports physicals are **required for 8th Grade students participating in school organized sports.**

Please turn in all paperwork as soon as possible if it has not been turned in yet. The forms can be dropped off at school, faxed to 402-489-3260, or emailed to christina-wahlmeier@cdolinc.net. Thank you for all of your help!

Health screenings will take place September 14. Screenings will include height, weight, vision, and hearing. If your child wears glasses, please be sure he/she has them at school. Required grades for health screenings include Preschool/Pre-K and 1st-4th Grades. Due to the Preschool/Pre-K schedule, some students may be screened on a different date.

Bark for Schools

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 the [LETTER](#) from Mr. Naumann about Bark for Schools.

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! (See THE [ORDER FORM](#)! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416.

Mission Collections!

May the peace of Christ the King be yours! **Tomorrow, Friday, September 1** is our First Friday Mission Collection for the Missionary Childhood Association. Below is more information on the Missionary Childhood Association.

Missionary Childhood Association:

**Children Helping Children
Around the World,
Children Praying for Children
Around the World**

The Missionary Childhood Association was founded by Bishop Charles Forbin-Janson, in 1843. Pauline Jaricot suggested he ask children to help children around the world.

Today more than 174 years have past and MCA continues to depend solely on the prayers and donations of school age children to provide for the poor children in the mission countries. Through knowledge and motivation, our young people respond generously and bring the gift of hope to their peers in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America by helping them to know Christ and experience His love and care. The money is sent to missionaries to spread the Good News of Jesus and His love for the poor children in the mission countries. It is used to build schools, hospitals, and orphanages, to develop water projects, and to provide medical care, food, and clothing.

MEALS FOR THE SISTERS

Dear School Families,

The past few years we have been blessed with the opportunity to provide weekly meals for the School Sisters of Christ the King who teach in our schools. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to sign up to participate in this very important ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Cara Matthes: 402-477-8266 or

caramatthes@neb.rr.com

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 first one being **September 8, Mary's Birthday!** Most of the times will be at 2:50 pm so family members can join us. 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!

Weekend Pet Adoption?



If you haven't already heard, Mr. Naumann has added a couple of friends to the office! Meet our hamsters Nibbles and Harriet! Both are available to "adopt" for the weekends. They can be taken home Friday after

school and be brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Nibbles or Harriet 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! Both hamsters are available starting with this upcoming weekend.

ST. JOSEPH GIRL SCOUTS

We will begin meeting in September. We currently have troops for Juniors (grades 4-5) and Cadettes (grades 6-8) that meet on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm, and would love to start a troop for Daisies (K-1) and Brownies (2-3). If your daughter might be interested in scouting, please contact Michele at 402-613-9269, or email

Michele.chambers8@gmail.com for more information.

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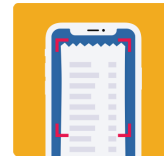
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RECEIPT**

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ABOUT BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfecom.com).**

Father-Daughter Day Retreat

The Marian Sisters of the Diocese of Lincoln invite girls in 2nd-5th grades and their dads to a Father-Daughter Day Retreat on Saturday, September 9 from 8:30 am-2:00 pm at 6765 N. 112th St., Waverly. Come for games, faith formation, and time with the Sisters! Wear appropriate clothing and shoes for outdoor games, and bring a sack lunch and water bottle. **RSVP by Wednesday,**

September 6 to Justin Johnson at

justinericjohnson@gmail.com or text 402-580-7888.

Please see the [FLYER](#) for more information.

NEWS

School Job Opportunities

St. Joseph Catholic School has been seeking faith-filled, dynamic individuals to fill recent openings below:

Special Education Resource Teacher

Applicant must have a current Nebraska teaching certificate with appropriate endorsements. Responsibilities include maximizing the learning experience of students with needs in academics, interpersonal skills, behaviors, and/or activities of daily living. This person would be primarily responsible for all grades 6-8 resource students. Strong communication skills are essential. The ideal applicant will be Christ-centered, student-focused and team-oriented. Please send resume and references from supervisors to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

Spanish Long-term Substitute Teacher

Excellent classroom instruction, strong collaboration, and experience with diverse learning needs are key qualities desired. Dates: September-mid-October. Salary based on educational background and experience. Please email kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net or call the school office (402-489-0341) if interested.

Please join us in this [Prayer for Hiring](#) we found that is modified from a website. This, or any prayer for candidates and for the ongoing hiring process, would be much appreciated.

CK Sisters Outdoor Fall Workday

Saturday, September 30, 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@cdolinc.net 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 also welcome.)

Men's Day of Reflection

All men of St. Joseph Parish are welcome to attend a Day of Reflection with Fr. Brian Kane on **October 7**. The day will consist of a series of talks, as well as the opportunity for personal prayer, Mass, spiritual direction, Adoration, and confessions. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Please invite others, including those attending other parishes, to come with you. Scan the QR code on the flyer below or visit <https://bit.ly/StJoe-MensReflection-Oct2023> to register. For any questions, please contact benraun8@gmail.com or gracieraun8@gmail.com.

PX CHEER PRESENTS:

FALL 2023 JR CHEER CLINIC

PreSchool (age 4) through 5th grade
Saturday, September 16
1:00-4:00pm

Location: Pius X High School - Commons

Register Online
at the Pius X High School Website

EARLY REGISTRATION: AUG 28-SEPT 8
\$30 PER ATHLETE
\$25 FOR PIUS TEACHER/STAFF

DAY OF REGISTRATION: SEPT 16
\$35 PER ATHLETE
\$30 FOR PIUS TEACHER/STAFF

JR CHEER CLINIC GAME: SEPT 22
REPORT TIME: 6:30PM

Contact Coach Hays with Questions:
caycee.hays@piusx.net



CALENDARS

September Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>THE ROSARY IS THE "WEAPON" FOR THESE TIMES. ST. PADRE PIO</p>					1 Melodic Knights Mass Mission Collection BIST Consultant Day 2	2
3	4 NO SCHOOL (LABOR DAY)	5 Day 3	6 Day 4	7 Day 5	8 6A Class Mass Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm Day 1	9
10	11 Student Confessions Day 2	12 Day 3	13 5A Class Mass Day 4	14 4A Class Mass Preschool-4th Grade Health Screenings Day 5	15 Melodic Knights Mass 1:00 PM Dismissal (Faculty Meeting) Day 1	16
	18 Day 2	19 Day 3	20 6A Class Mass Day 4	21 Youth Choir Class Mass 5th Grade Field Trip—Boys' Town Day 5	22 WALK FOR CHRIST DAY Day 1	23
24	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 8B Class Mass 3rd Grade Field Trip, Omaha Zoo Day 4	28 Melodic Knights Mass Picture Retake Day, 8:00 am-12:30 pm Day 5	29 6B Class Mass Day 1	

September Lunches

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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11 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk	12 Egg, Sausage, & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	13 Beef Nachos Corn and Bean Salsa Churro Fruit Choice Milk	14 Meal-In-A-Bowl! Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn & WG Roll Fruit Choice Milk	15 1:00 DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting) Cheese Pizza Green Beans, Fruit Choice Milk
18 Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans Chips Fruit Choice Milk	19 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Peppers & Onions Confetti Cake Fruit Choice Milk	20 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick, Peas Fruit Choice Milk	21 Chicken Tenders Fries, WG Roll Fruit Choice Milk	22 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Fruit Choice Milk
25 Chicken Parmesan on WG bun Peas Fruit Choice Milk	26 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	27 Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Peach Cobbler Fruit Choice Milk	28 Mexican Chili Cinnamon Rolls Fruit Choice Milk	29 Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk

*Student lunch \$3.25 *Milk \$0.40
 *Adult lunch \$4.60 *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