

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

A Ministry of St. Joseph Parish

5411 SOUTH MAIN STREET
SYLVANIA, OHIO 43560

March 16, 2017

Dear St. Joseph School Parents,

St. Joseph School. The schools of our diocese are called to assist parents in preparing their children to assume their Christian vocation. St. Joseph School enables young children to grow in knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to which they are called by Jesus Christ.

Catholic education at St. Joseph is intended to make students become people of faith who can experience – inside and outside the school setting – learning and living in the light of this faith commitment. Students are instructed in human knowledge and skills in order to best relate human culture to God's plan for evolving creation.

Religious education, i.e., instruction in truths and development of values, is of primary concern. Faith formation at St. Joseph School is not limited to a class period. It is a lived experience five days a weeks, six and one-half hours a day. St. Joseph School enables students to extend their personal faith commitment through prayer and by serving others. Together with faculty and staff, students participate in liturgical activities that foster community. Students explore ways to meet the challenges of tensions and conflicts that occur in community, especially in peacemaking and the achievement of justice. Gospel values impel students to a special concern for all who suffer any disadvantage. Students develop the ability to commit themselves to the public interest by developing the skills and talents needed to contribute to the life of our nation.

Power of the Pen. Power of the Pen is an interscholastic competition in the state of Ohio in creative writing for seventh and eighth grade students. Students compete in three tournaments: District, Regional, and State. The District Competition was held at Timberstone Junior High on January 14. On March 8, over 35 schools from Northwest Ohio with 220 students competed at Lourdes University in the Regional tournament. Students compete individually and as members of six-student teams – one team of seventh grade students and one team of eighth. Our seventh grade Regional qualifiers were Trip Floyd and Robin Johnston. Our eighth grade qualifiers were Maddie Piscopo, Amanda Pawlecki, Kelsey Leamy, Elizabeth Newsom, Grace Hoffman, and Sydney Heerden. Elizabeth Newsom place 10th overall and took a Best of the Best Award from the District Competition. Amanda Pawlecki placed 7th overall. The eighth grade team placed second out of 35 eighth grade teams. Amanda Pawlecki and Elizabeth Newsom both



qualify for the State Competition held in Wooster, Ohio in May. Congratulations to all of our student writers and their moderator-coaches, Mrs. Jessica Jones and Mrs. Molly Lindsley.

Third Quarter Ends. Thursday, March 16, marks the end of the third quarter of the school year. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, March 24. I thank you again for your continuing support of education at St. Joseph. You are wonderful partners and the children of St. Joseph School benefit from our ability to work together. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have questions or concerns about his or her progress. There is still a quarter of the year left and now is a very good time to review that progress and provide intervention if it is needed.

Daylight Savings Time. Please remember that with the return of Daylight Savings Time on Sunday, March 13, the mornings will remain darker longer. If you drive your children to school, please be watchful of students in the parking lot. They may be far less visible than they were just a few days ago.

Feast of St. Joseph. March 19, is the feast of our patron, St. Joseph. Throughout the next week teachers will take their classes to the church to share the story behind each of the beautiful stained glass windows depicting an event in the life of St. Joseph.

Transportation and Dismissal Reminders. The following are reminders of established policy and procedure for transportation and dismissal:

- **Middle School Students.** Drop-off and pick-up for middle school students must be in the official drop-off/pick-up area (east campus parking lot off Main Street). Do not drop off your student from a parking space and allow them to walk through the Main St. east campus parking lot.
- **Elementary Students.** Students in the elementary building, who are being picked-up after school, may not cross Main Street unless they are accompanied by a parent or parent-designated person.

Pets. I want to remind you that family pets, **especially dogs ...** (I like dogs. We have two - an English Springer Spaniel and a Jack Russell Terrier) may not be brought onto the school campus...not even on a leash. Please understand that this is for the safety of children.

Enjoy the long weekend!

Sally A. Koppinger

Principal

POSITIVE DIRECTION - T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

At the beginning of this school year, a competition was held among 7th and 8th grade students to design a t-shirt for this year's Positive Direction program. Designs were then voted on and a winner chosen. This year's winning t-shirt was designed by Lauren O'Brien. T-shirts were then ordered and given to the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to wear to each of their monthly speakers, as well as on Friday, May 12, which will be the conclusion of this year's Positive Direction program. On this day, all 7th and 8th grade students will participate in the Positive Direction 3K/5K Best Foot Forward Challenge. This event is supported and cheered on by the entire school, parents, grandparents, etc. All 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students as well as many faculty members will be wearing their Positive Direction t-shirts to this event.

These t-shirts are now available to purchase for siblings, parents, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, etc. There is a picture of the winning t-shirt on the bottom right of this order form. The t-shirt will also be on display in the west campus school office and in the commons area in the middle school. (The t-shirt is navy blue with royal blue and yellow print.)

If you would like to purchase a t-shirt(s), please complete and return this order form with your check made payable to **St. Joseph Positive Direction**. The price per t-shirt is **\$10**. You will receive your t-shirt(s) prior to the Positive Direction 3K/5K Best Foot Forward Challenge and students may wear them to school on Friday, May 12 to show their support for the run.

Please remember: You do not need to purchase a t-shirt for your middle school student. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students received their t-shirts in October.

T-shirt orders are due on or before **March 31, 2017**.

Name: _____ Class: _____ Phone: _____

Youth Sizes:

Small (6-8) _____
Medium (10-12) _____
Large (14-16) _____
X-Large (18-20) _____

**youth sizes tend to run small!*

Adult Sizes:

Small _____
Medium _____
Large _____
X-Large _____
XX-Large _____



Total t-shirts ordered _____

x \$10

Total amount enclosed _____

Family Fun **IS** Rocket Science!

All SJS Preschool,

Elementary & Middle School Families

Please come to a

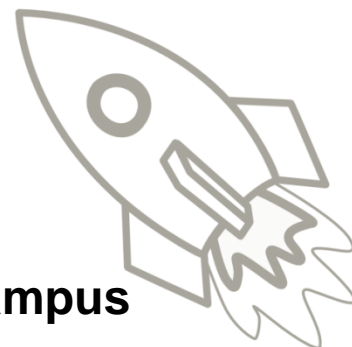
SJS Family Science Night & Ice Cream Social



Friday, April 7

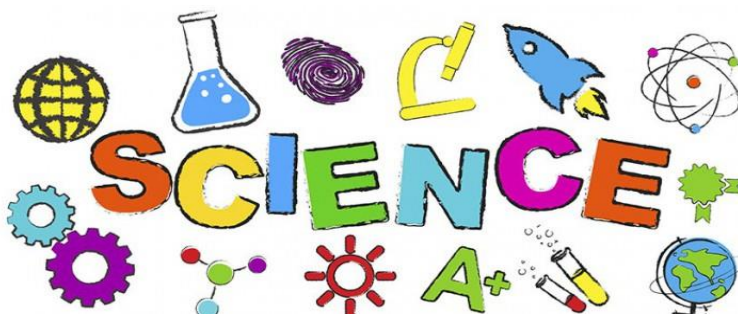
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Fr. Wurzel Family Center – East Campus



Hands-on activities presented by:

Imagination Station, Lourdes University, St. John's Jesuit,
St. Francis de Sales, St. Ursula Academy, Notre Dame Academy,
The Toledo Zoo, Toledo Botanical Gardens,
Sylvania Stem Center, and more!



Please RSVP by March 31 to

Mrs. Juli Snyder at jsnyder@stjoesylvania.org.



Thank You!!

A huge thank you for all of you who were able to participate in the recent City Barbeque fundraiser.

St. Joseph School PTO will be receiving a check in the amount of

\$1250!

Thank you for helping to make this such a successful restaurant fundraiser.





St. Joe's Pack 87



Pack 87 Families,

I hope that everyone had a great time at the Blue & Gold banquet. It marks my 1 year anniversary leading the Pack and I'm very grateful to have such a fantastic group of families contributing to our success. There may be bigger Packs, but we have the MOST fun!

Our upcoming March Pack meeting will serve as the 'graduation' of our Arrow of Light scouts – the last official meeting with these boys as they cross over to the Boy Scout Troop. It is the highest level of Cub Scouting and the only Cub rank that carries into Boy Scouts and Adult leaders. It's a bittersweet moment but reinforces the purpose of Scouting which is to turn our boys into men of character!

– Cubmaster Harrison

Scout Law Theme for March – Thrifty

Being thrifty can carry with it negative connotations and, to the uninformed, is characterized as being cheap. Thriftiness is more than just pinching pennies, it's about being resourceful and eliminating waste. Opportunities to live this value daily exist at home, work and school. Whether it's recycling a pop bottle, using both sides of a piece of paper or checking a book out at the library before committing to an Amazon Prime purchase, these are all ways that we can reinforce the this aspect of the Scout Law with our families.

Toledo Metroparks Programs

Did you realize that the Toledo Metroparks offer programs for kids, adults and families...some of which are FREE?!?!? Between their flagship locations (Wildwood, Oak Openings, Swan Creek, Secor) and the less frequented sites (Farnsworth, Wiregrass Lake, Blue Creek) there are programs offered nearly every day of the week. Their calendar is currently planned out through June and includes courses in fishing, camping, birding, canoeing, bouldering..and much much more. If you are a parent that wants to do more OUTSIDE with the family but have limited experience, this is one of the BEST resources around.

Our April Pack meeting is planned at Wildwood and the Metroparks staff will lead our Tigers/Wolves in a Skins, Skulls and Skills activity while the Bears/Webelos build a wigwam (weather permitting). We haven't participated in this type of activity before but I've heard great things.



Upcoming Events

Mar 21st | 7PM

Pack Meeting – East Campus Family Center

Apr 2nd | 1-3PM

Scouting for Food (flyers) – Old Orchard Neighborhood

Apr 8th | 10AM-12PM

Scouting for Food (collection) – Old Orchard Neighborhood

Apr 25th | 6:30PM

Pack Meeting – Wildwood Metropark Ward Pavilion

Apr 29th | 9-11AM

Butterfly Garden Planting – Owens Corning (Downtown Toledo)

Friends of Scouting

Each year our Pack participates in the Friends of Scouting program. The intent of the program is to raise funds to help defray the cost of Scouting within the council and provide opportunities for families in need. We will have a brief presentation at the March Pack meeting to hear more about the program.

More Important News

February Pack Meeting & Activities

Everyone got a kick (and a punch) out of our February Pack meeting! Thanks to Sensei Tom of Kenpo Martial Arts for giving a great talk and karate demo.



Partners for Clean Streams Workshop

We had Cubs of all ranks (and even a few Daisies/Brownies) participate in the Partners for Clean Streams workshop. The Scouts learned all about the importance of our Great Lakes, clean waterways and they even got to help decorate a rain barrel.



March Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following Scouts:

Kyle Parker (Mar 8th)
Gryphon Debord (Mar 26th)
Sean Macy (Mar 31st)

Nova STEM Award

There is tremendous value in learning and having fun at the same time. The Boy Scouts of America developed the Nova Awards program to excite and expand a sense of wonder in our Scouts. By working with an adult counselor, the various modules allow them to explore the basic principles of STEM and discover how fun and fascinating STEM can be.

The Nova STEM program is open to Wolf, Bear and Webelos Scouts. Similar to the religious emblems program, the activities are primarily self-study/do at home with a short review with a counselor. The program incorporates watching a science video/reading a science article, completing an elective adventure and a few additional STEM activities. Upon completion, Scouts are awarded a very cool patch (and recognition pin if earned multiple years).

If you are interested in the program please contact Cubmaster Harrison for additional information.





Preparations for **Festirama 2017** are in full swing! This year's festivities will be held on May 19, 20 & 21. Festirama is the first church festival of the season and your participation gives you an opportunity to **expose your business to thousands of neighbors for three full days!** We offer diverse opportunities to promote your business to the St. Joseph Parish community as well as the community at large. **Thank you for your consideration of sponsoring our Festirama 2017.**

2017 Items available for sponsorship

Apparel Sponsor: T-shirts & Sweatshirts

*****FILLED*****

Individual Sponsorship: full back – \$2,500

Primary Sponsorship: larger print area – \$625 (4 sponsors required)

Secondary Sponsorship: smaller print area – \$325 (8 sponsors required)

100 Short sleeve t-shirts & 25 sweatshirts with Festirama 2017 logo on full front and sponsor logo on back. T-shirts are worn by Festirama directors, chairpersons, parish staff and volunteers. Sponsor will receive 2 T-shirts.

Gate Sponsorship - \$1,500 (2 sponsorships requested)

***** 1 FILLED *****

Includes: 2 – 4' x 4' full color vinyl banners on front and back of two-sided sign at one of two gates. Highest traffic areas. Main Street Gate or Harroun Park Parking Lot Gate.

Area Sponsorship (4 sponsorships requested)

***** 2 FILLED *****

Entertainment - \$1,250

Includes: 1 – 3' x 8' full color vinyl banner hung in the tent of your choice; Entertainment, Food or Beer. Your logo screen to be printed on 1,000 drink koozies, to be distributed Friday and Saturday nights. And increased advertisement in print media, social media and the St. Joseph Parish website and bulletin.

Water Bottles – \$1,000 (1 sponsorship)

*****FILLED*****

50 cases of 16.9 fl. oz. bottles of water sold in St. Joe's Boy Scout Coke trucks. Label is printed with sponsor logo & Festirama 2017 logo.

Banners

Vinyl with grommets Full color imprint – hung on fencing visible from Main St.

Large – 3' x 8' = \$600

Discounts available to previous sponsors.

Small – 3' x 5' = \$300

Placemat Ad – \$150

Disposable placemat 11" x 17" – business card size ad – used at all parish sponsored dinners

*****Act Fast ~ All Sponsorships Are Sold On A First Come First Serve Basis. *****

See the attached confirmation form to reserve your sponsorship.

Questions? Contact Kim Koesters at kkoesters@stjoesylvania.org or 419.885.5791 ext. 240.



2017 Sponsorship Confirmation Form

Available Sponsorships	Rate	How many available
Apparel Sponsor—T-shirts/Sweatshirts	\$2,500 Ind./\$625 Pri./\$325 Sec.	***FILLED***
Gate Sponsor	\$1,500	2 ***1 FILLED***
Entertainment Sponsor	\$1,250	4 ***2 FILLED***
Water Bottles	\$1,000	***FILLED***
Banners: Large or Small	\$600 for Large, \$300 for small	Unlimited
Placemat Advertisement	\$150	16

****See the attachment for details on each sponsorship***

Sponsorship Chosen: _____ Amount Due \$ _____

Name/Business: _____

Contact person: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Checks payable to St. Joseph Sylvania

Return to: Kim Koesters
St. Joseph Church
5373 Main St.
Sylvania, OH 43560
Fax: 419-882-5235

Sponsor Signature: _____ Date: _____

****CONFIRMATION FORM & PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2017****

Electronic artwork should be sent as a .JPG, .JPEG, .EPS FILE to kkoesters@stjoesylvania.org as soon as possible. Artwork questions should be directed to Kim Koesters 419.885.5791 ext. 240. All sponsorships will be sold on a first come first serve basis.