

## Letter from the Principal

Hello Parents,

We are off to a great start to the school year. It is wonderful to have your children back in our school building. I am very grateful and I appreciate how all of the teachers and staff have worked so hard to work through all of the daily routines in offering a safe environment for all of our students, while offering a great educational experience. Not everything has gone perfectly but we are working through all of the logistics and our plans continue to improve each day.

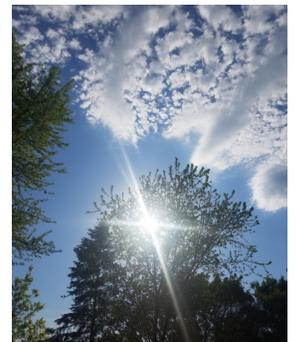
Parent Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9th. Typically Parent Night would entail parents/guardians gathering at the school, hearing about our mission/values, learning about our phenomenal curriculum, and meeting our amazing staff. Parent Night would also allow new families to meet other school families and see staff that they did not meet at Supply Day. Due to Covid, many things have needed to be altered, including Parent Night. Most of our established students/families have had the opportunity to meet their teachers and have the Parent Night experience. The majority of our new families are in the K4 and K5 grades, and as such, we will be doing an in-person parent night for those grades. In doing so, we will be abiding by social distancing guidelines as indicated by the school and the CDC/Waukesha County Health Department. For the remainder of the school, Parent Night will be conducted by your child/children's teacher via an alternative method (virtual via Zoom, slide show or e-mail). Your child/children's teacher(s) will be reaching out in the next few days to let you know how your Parent Night will be done. Music, Art, and Physical Education will be e-mailed to you next Wednesday.

Other topics typically covered at Parent Night are an introduction to our Home & School Association and School Advisory Committee. Home & School is a committee of St. Joseph family members who work on current activities, plan new ones, organize fundraisers, and cultivate new ideas which will positively impact the St. Joseph School Community. They also work as an advisory body, along with the School Advisory Committee, to provide input to the principal. New members are always welcome! Home & School meetings typically occur the first Tuesday of the month. H&S is a fantastic way to make a positive impact at our school, and if you are a new family, a great way to meet people!

If you are a new family, please know how much we value the opportunity to meet you and help you experience the culture and sense of community we have here at St. Joes. Beyond our curriculum that exceeds all state expectations, we have a wonderful staff who are able to provide ample one-on-one instruction time with your student(s), and foster an environment of love, respect, and most importantly, with our Catholic faith. Thank you for all of your continued support as we move forward to make this a great rest of the school year.

Sincerely,

Jeff Van Rixel  
Principal



## Dates to Remember

Friday, September 4th - No School - Teacher In-Service

Monday, September 7th - No School - Labor Day

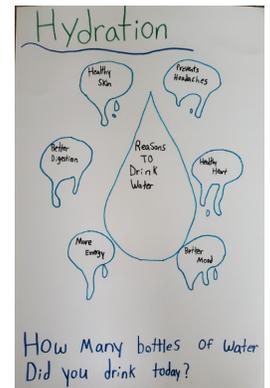
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## Tuition

All August quarterly payments and single payments are now due in the school office. If you have not yet made your payment, please do so by September 10th.

## Girl Scout Troop 9315

Girl Scout Troop 9315 is promoting Healthy Minds-Healthy Bodies. Make a Healthy Community at St. Joe's with 6 different themes. September's theme is Hydration. Staying Hydrated gives you more energy, puts you in a better mood, prevents headaches, produces better digestion, plus gives you healthy skin and heart. See how many times you can fill your water bottle in one day with our awesome school bubblers!



## Grandparents Day Update

We want to let you know that we are working on an alternate, but still special, plan for Grandparents Day. We aren't able to safely invite all the Grandparents to one mass, but we will hold special masses for Grandparents that families can sign up for. More details will be coming soon, but for now the Grandparents Event on October 2nd is cancelled.

## Parent Breakfast Mass Schedule

October 13	Grade 8
October 20	Grade 7
November 17	Grade 6
December 15	Grade 5
January 19	Grade 4
February 23	Grade 3
March 23	Grade 2
April 27	Grade 1
May 18	Grade K5
May 25	Grade K4



Our K4 and K5 teachers decorated their bulletin boards outside their classroom.



# Virtual Soles Walk

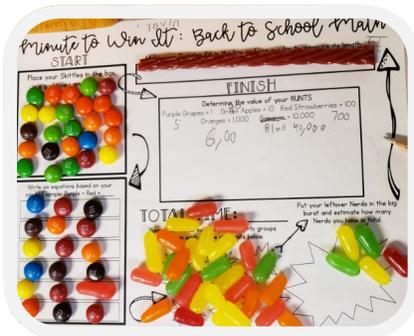
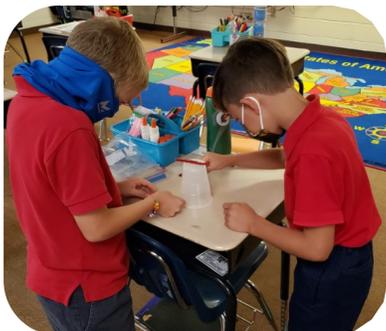
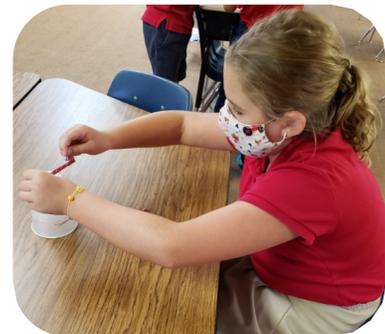
Virtual Soles Walk is Saturday October 17! Where? Wherever you want to walk! Just go to [catholicschoolswalk.org](http://catholicschoolswalk.org) and sign up. Just click the button "Register to Walk" and register your entire family. Be sure to list St. Joseph Big Bend as your school. This year there's no worry about remembering old passwords, just enter your information. New this year is an opportunity to donate via text! More details will be coming soon.

All the money raised will stay right here and support our great school! Super exciting news - Thanks to the generosity of the Walk Sponsors, like Ascension, Cousins and more, whatever we raise here will be matched, up to \$5000!

So get signed up, ask your friends and family to support our great school and gather up those gently used shoes to donate to those in need. We will be collecting shoes again this year - look for more details soon!

## 4th Grade

The 4th graders worked on their first science experiment of Saving Fred. They had a blast trying to complete this experiment! They also played Minute to Win It for Math! It was a great way to start thinking about how to solve math problems!!



A huge THANK YOU to Mrs. Richardson for doing an AWESOME job on our theme sign.



# Campus Ministry

## Be the Light!

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in Heaven.”

As we begin a new school year, our Campus Ministry team is excited for our 2020-21 Theme – Be the Light!

The children received mini flashlights in their desks this week as a gift from Campus Ministry to remind them that in a world full of darkness and chaos, we can Be the Light of Christ, shining our light through the darkness.

This year our Parish and School are participating in a fun program through the Archdiocese of Milwaukee called the Holy Habits Challenge. Each family will receive a Mass card each month with a new habit and specific ways that the families can grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. For each habit, there is a Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced suggestion for practicing the habit – like on a ski slope!

Each family will receive their Mass card each month, either at school or at weekend Mass. Look for it on the first Sunday or Monday each month.

The Holy Habit for September is Labor for the Lord



The Campus Ministry Student Representatives were busy making posters and chalk drawings to welcome back the teachers and students.



Students went outside to do sidewalk drawings for Art Class. Watch for more in future issues.



WELCOME  
BACK





# Home & School NEWS



## ★ YOUR OFFICERS--2020-2021 ★

- 🍏 Alicia Kelch—President
- 🍏 Elizabeth Baron—Vice President
- 🍏 Shannon Elmer—Treasurer
- 🍏 Wendy Veldboom—Secretary

## What is our mission?

- 🍏 Raise Money (fundraise)
- 🍏 Recruit new families and students.
- 🍏 Retain our awesome families and students!
- 🍏 Support our GREAT school!

## We LOVE our Teachers and Staff!

As a way to wish our teachers and staff well for the new school year—Home and School put together a fun little gift for our staff that included a "St. Joseph Strong" t-shirt, a monetary gift to use in their classrooms and other yummy goodies! Thanks for all you do for the students of St. Joe's!



## ★ Out of Uniform Pass (It's not too late!) ★

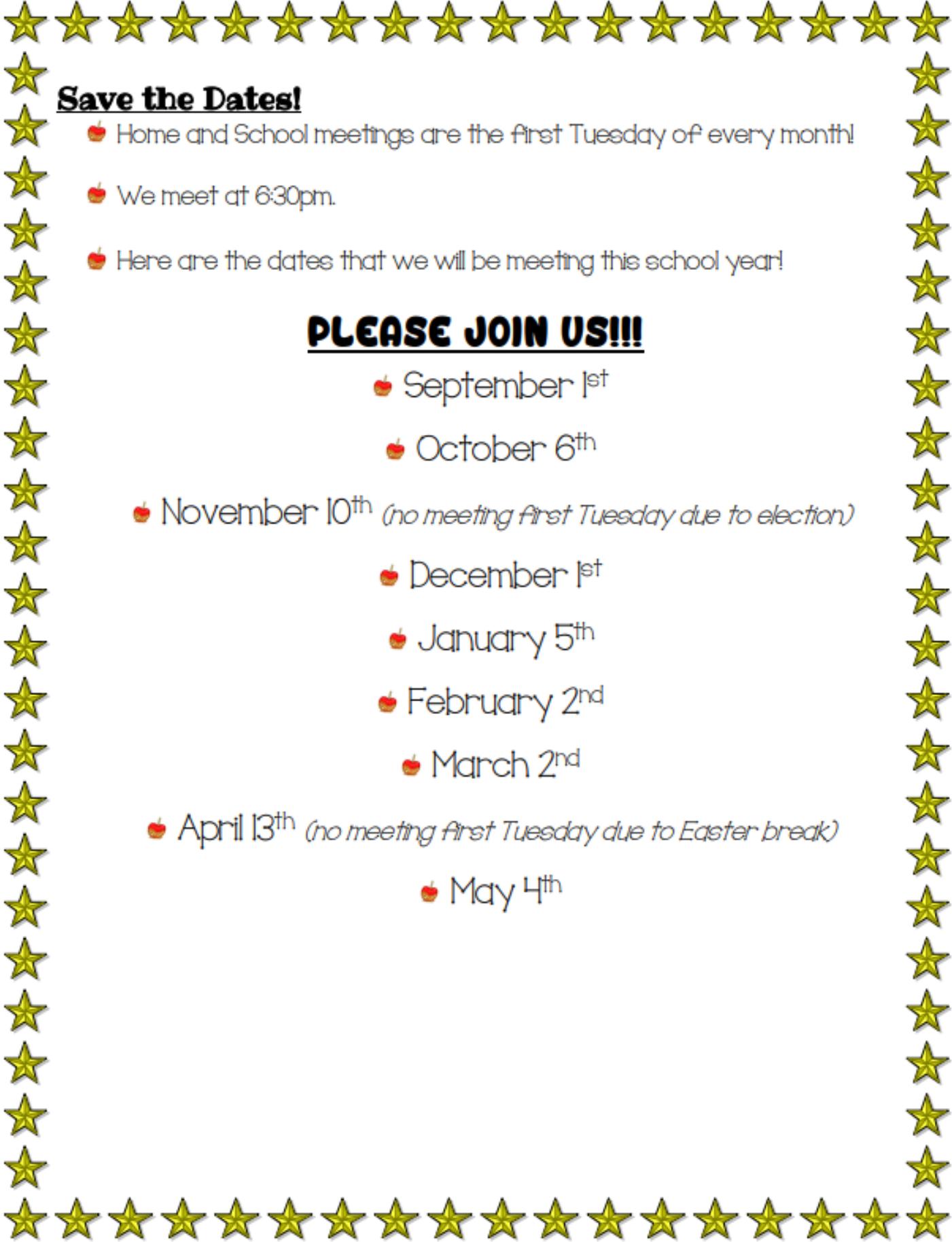
- 🍏 On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month, students are allowed to dress out of uniform with a "dress down pass."
- 🍏 The pass costs \$10 per student and supports our awesome Home and School! If you are interested in having your child(ren) participate, please follow the steps below:
  - 🌟 Write a check/cash to St. Joseph Home and School for the appropriate amount.
  - 🌟 Please label your envelope "Dress Down Pass" and write your family name on the envelope and give to the office.

## Fundraising Ideas!

- 🍏 Since this year is a very unique year where many of our fundraisers are not able to be held in its traditional manner, we are looking for NEW ideas!
- 🍏 If you have ideas, please share with your H&S officers. (You do not have to be apart of Home & School to help or be apart of the committee.)

## CLASS LIASONS:

- 🍏 If you are interested in becoming a class liaison for your son/daughter's classroom, please contact us! It is a fun and easy way to be apart of your child's classroom.



## **Save the Dates!**

- 🍏 Home and School meetings are the first Tuesday of every month!
- 🍏 We meet at 6:30pm.
- 🍏 Here are the dates that we will be meeting this school year!

## **PLEASE JOIN US!!!**

- 🍏 September 1<sup>st</sup>
- 🍏 October 6<sup>th</sup>
- 🍏 November 10<sup>th</sup> *(no meeting first Tuesday due to election)*
- 🍏 December 1<sup>st</sup>
- 🍏 January 5<sup>th</sup>
- 🍏 February 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 🍏 March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 🍏 April 13<sup>th</sup> *(no meeting first Tuesday due to Easter break)*
- 🍏 May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Our next SAC Meeting is Tuesday September 15 from 6pm - 7:30. We will meet in the Mark Room. All are invited to join for the first portion of the meeting (see below). Please email our SAC Chairperson, Carrie Schanen, at [carrie@schanen.net](mailto:carrie@schanen.net) if you would like to be added to the agenda.**

*Who can join the School Advisory Committee? Members are selected by discernment of the St. Joseph Catholic Faith Community who participate on the committee. Majority membership must be baptized, practicing Catholics and registered members of St. Joseph Catholic Faith Community. Non-Catholic or non-parishioner parents are eligible for membership.*

*How can I bring an idea, suggestion, or concern to the School Advisory Committee? All regular meetings begin with a thirty (30) minute "open" period for parents/guardians, members of the parish, and all others with an interest in the school. The person or persons interested in attending the "open" portion of the meeting shall ask one (1) week prior to the meeting to be added to the agenda via emailing [school@stjoesbb.com](mailto:school@stjoesbb.com). Of course, SAC members are available to speak with you individually, even if you are unable to attend a meeting!*

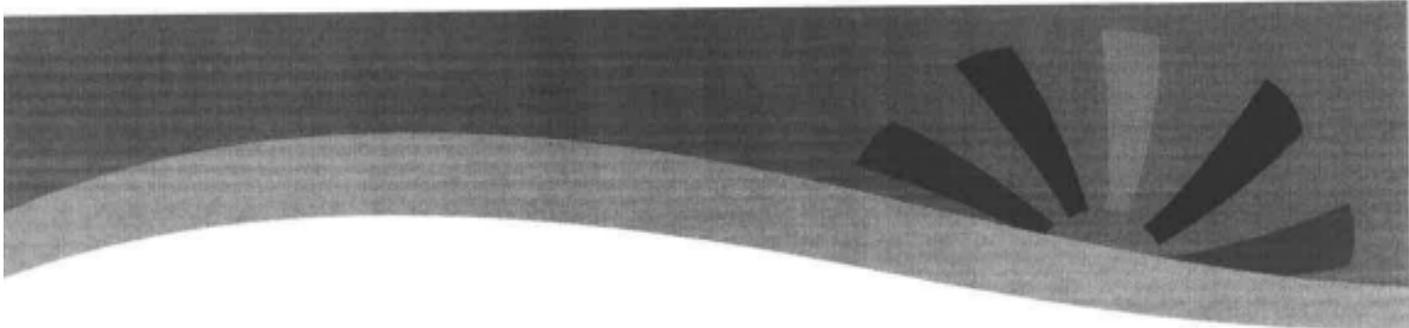
#### **Before School Kids**

**After School Kids (ASK) and Before School Kids (BSK) care are up and running!** If you would like to add this care for your child(ren), please email the school office at [school@stjoesbb.com](mailto:school@stjoesbb.com) to request the paperwork and fee information.

**Technology Volunteers are needed!** Do you enjoy working with technology, websites, troubleshooting computer issues? **If so, St. Joseph School needs you!** Help is needed to support our existing technology, assess what we have and determine future needs. Contact Principal Jeff Van Rixel at [jvanrixel@stjoesbb.com](mailto:jvanrixel@stjoesbb.com) if you are interested in this opportunity.

**Thank you to the Prayer Shawl Committee for making masks for our children.** If your child forgets their mask or needs a new one, we have several options here to pick from. Children were also offered lanyards to help keep their mask handy when taking it off for lunch, recess or taking a drink.

**Father Andy and all of our School and Parish Community look forward to seeing you at Mass.** We have Weekend Masses offered 4pm Saturdays, 8am Sundays and 10:30am Sundays. Weekday morning Mass is offered Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8am, as well as Wednesday evening Mass at 6pm. Mass volunteers are needed before and after each weekend Mass and you can sign up here - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b094caaaf22a0fe3-mass>. We thank you for your help in keeping our community safe.



# Band 2020 Update

This is an unprecedented start to a new school year. I hope you are all well.

Due to continued concerns with COVID-19, the band program will remain virtual for the time being.

\* It is simply safer to "play at home".

Initial details are as follows:

- Band lessons provided for Grades 4-8 Monday through Friday beginning the week of September 14. **New students are welcome!**
- One 30-minute group lesson per week organized by instrument and player level (beginner/intermediate).
- Weekly lessons occur after school beginning at 3:00 P.M. each day.

**Space is limited. Register Now!**

**Registration closes on Monday, September 7th.**

**Mr. Hudy, Director of Bands**  
**[hudyr@archmil.org](mailto:hudyr@archmil.org)**



# St. Joseph School End of Day Pick-up Procedures

You will be notified if you are in Group A or Group B before the start of the school year.

