



March Newsletter 2010

St. Joseph School



Dates to Remember in March

- 3rd...SOS Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 4th...Kid's Critique on WBTA at 9:40 a.m.
- 4th... NJHS Induction at 7:00 p.m.
- 5th...First Friday Mass at 11:00 a.m. followed by Student of the Month Awards/Knights of Columbus Luncheon
- 10th... Advisory Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- 10th... Mobile Planetarium for grades Pre-K, K, 1, 2, and 8
- 11th...Grades 5-8 to NDHS to see Fiddler on the Roof at 1:00 p.m.
- 12th... 6/7/8 Grade Fun Night from 7:00-10:00
- 16th... Grade 8 to G.C.C. for Youth Leadership Conference
- 17th...Happy St. Patrick's Day
- 18th... Storytelling Festival at Pavilion School at 6:00 p.m.
- 19th...Happy St. Joseph Day
- 19th...NJHS Dress Down Day
- 20th... Penny Carnival
- 22nd...Confessions
- 23rd...Grades 5 & 6 Science Fair at 6:30 p.m.
- 24th...Band Exchange Program with Holy Family School
- 25th...Subway Day
- Easter Recess from March 29th-April 11th

Dear Families,

With Spring right around the corner, it can be hard to keep children focused on learning. What can you do to make school a top priority for your kids? Keep these simple ideas in mind—they're useful at any time of the year.

Make attendance job #1.

Let your children know that unless they are sick, they must go to school. Try to schedule routine dentist and doctor appointments after school hours. If possible, take family vacations during school breaks.

Show you care.

Want your children to know that you're interested in their learning? Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can. If homework and after-school activities conflict, speak up: "I know you have baseball practice this evening, but homework comes first. After you finish I'll take you to practice."

Keep it upbeat.

Try to set a positive example for your children, even when your own day has been difficult. If you show a positive attitude about your work, your children may feel better about their own.

Help with homework.

Do your children expect your help with their homework each night? Let them know you are around if they need you—but their schoolwork is their job. The benefit? They'll learn how to find answers themselves, as well as boost their skills.

Tackling test questions.

To help your children with tests, keep these tips in mind about the types of questions that often appear on them.

Multiple choice: Read all the answers before making your choice. Remember, your first instinct is usually best—so don't change your answer unless you are sure.

True/False: Look for words such as *never*,

always, all and none. They're usually in false answers. Words like *may* or *often* are generally found in true answers.

Essay: Read essay questions at least twice. Then, make a list of important thoughts, or key points, about each question before writing your essay. Read through the finished essay to be sure you've included all your key points. Check spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.

We recognize how busy everyone gets during springtime, but I encourage you to help your children stay focused and make school a top priority. As always, thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Mrs. Green

Principal



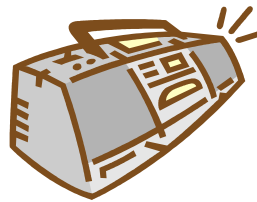


Registration

We are currently taking registrations for new students for the 2010-2011 school year. If you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about St. Joseph School, please encourage them to call the office for more information. Kindergarten registrations are now being taken, and must be in by June 1st to allow for the Kindergarten screening. **A copy of your child's immunizations and birth certificate will be required to enter kindergarten.** Pre-K registrations for both 3 and 4 years olds are also now being taken.

Kid's Critique

Be sure to tune-in on Thursday, March 11th at 9:40 a.m. to 1490 WBTA radio to hear some of our 4th grade students on TF Brown's Kid's Critique.



Health News

In September, 2009, the NYS Health Department required that all students entering 6th grade need a Pertussis Booster. This proof needs to be on file at school **prior** to the start of the school year. **Current 5th grade parents please take note.** Many children have already received this vaccine. Please have your health care provider send a copy to the school health office (Fax # 343-8911).



Knights of Columbus Scholarship

We have information and applications for scholarships and grants for students entering the 9th grade of a Catholic High School available in the school office. These are available to children, grandchildren, and legal wards of active members (living and deceased) of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Mrs.Green.



Notre Dame Thanks

Dr. Joseph Scanlan, Principal at Notre Dame High School, would like to thank all of the 7th and 8th grade students and parents who attended the informational night which focused on the benefits of pursuing Notre Dame as an educational choice for St. Joe's graduates. Parents of 7th and 8th graders who are still interested in meeting with Dr. Scanlan and receiving information about NDHS are welcome to contact him in order to set up a meeting and/or

receive a tour of the school at any time. He may be contacted by calling 343-2783 ext. 2 or by email at: Joseph.Scanlan@ndhsbatavia.com. 8th graders who are considering ND as a high school choice, and who have not yet had a chance to shadow a 9th grader during the school day, are encouraged to do so by contacting Mr. Michael Rapone, ND Assistant Principal, at 343-2783 ext. 3.



Lenten Sacrifices

Please continue to send in food and personal hygiene products for those less fortunate than us (shampoo, conditioner, tooth-paste, long-cooking rice, instant coffee, cereal, etc.)



Heifer International

We were able to send a check for \$200 to Heifer International. With this money we were able to purchase a flock of chicks, a rabbit, and a pig. This program works with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth. Thank you to all the families who answered God's call to serve the poor in his name.

Lenten Services

Mrs. Caprio's 8th grade homeroom will be preparing The Stations of the Cross for the entire school on Friday, March 12th at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Volpe's class will be preparing a Lenten Prayer Service for Friday, March 19th at 1:00 p.m. The Drama Club will perform a "live" Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 26th at 1:00 p.m.





Science Fair

Students in grades 5 & 6 will be busy working on Science Fair projects. These will be on display in the cafeteria the evening of Tuesday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Please come and recognize the hard work these students have shown in completing their projects.



January Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students who received Student of the Month Awards for January:

- K: Camden King
- 1: Annie Kochmanski
- 2: Sarah Adams
- 3: Jack Shadders and Carly Majors
- 4: Natalie Thornton
- 5: Rachel Salvador
- 6: Nichol Salvador

- 7: Lindsey Bender
- 8: Sydney Rose and Kristy Gallo

- Art: Isabella Gibbs
- Gym: Jace Rademacker
- Spanish: Lynese Castro
- Computers: Skye Colantonio



National Junior Honor Society



The Candy Gram sale was another BIG success! What a nice Valentine's Day activity! NJHS sold almost 700 candy grams. Thank you again to everyone who participated in this fun event.

There will be a dress down day for all students on March 19th. For a \$1 donation a student may dress-down on this day. All proceeds will

be donated to the Paliative Care for terminally ill children.

Congratulations to the following 7th and 8th grade students who will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

- Class of 2011:
Patrick Caprio, Janelle Fancher, Olivia Marchese, Paige Misiti
- Class of 2010:
Arielle Ashton, Elizabeth Barcomb, Kristy Gallo, Alex Kolberg, Madelyn Mancuso, Ryan Shormann, Jarrod Wall, Bailee Welker

Catholic Elementary School Tuition Aid Program

The Catholic Elementary School Tuition Aid Program (CTAP) was developed to provide needs-based tuition aid for Catholic and non-Catholic students registered at a parish-affiliated or regional Catholic school in the Diocese of Buffalo. Approximately \$250,000 is available each academic year to provide awards to families of up to \$500 per child that apply and meet

eligibility requirements. Families must **re-apply** each year to be considered for a CTAP award since awards are based on a formula ranking the overall financial needs of a given year. All applications and information will be kept confidential and used only for evaluation purposes. Applications have been included in this month's family envelope and will also available in the

school office and need to be postmarked by May 1, 2010.



82% of our students made the Second Quarter Honor Roll



First Honors: 94.0-100

- Grade 3: Sammy Bowman, Mary Lea Caprio, Emily English, Faith Falkowski, Sandra Fanton, Mary Kochmanski, Carly Majors, Bella March, Clarice Misiak, Spencer Misiti, Meghan Stella, Vincent Strollo, Katrina Tarapacki
- Grade 4: Ethan Conrad, Natalie Thornton, Nicholas Ventola, Moira Werner
- Grade 5: Fiona Beck, Stephen Ognibene, Reid Rademacker, Rachel Salvador, Julia Streeter
- Grade 6: Jessica Bukowski, Emily Fischer, Madeline Gibbs, Jacob Hale, Tyler Hale, Nichol Salvador, Emily Sherman
- Grade 7: Lindsey Bender, Janelle Fancher, Olivia Marchese, Paige Misiti
- Grade 8: Tyler Barrett, Samantha Calla, Laura Call, Ryan Fuller, Hannah Green, Jason Hart, Alex Kolberg, Madelyn Mancuso, Louis Reynolds, Sydney Rose, Trent Schrader, Bailee Welker

Second Honors: 89.0-93.9

- Grade 3: Matthew Adams, Emma Cirillo, David Doan, Tyler Fuller, Isabella Gibbs, Madysen Henault, Nathan Moore, Daniel Nickerson, Maya Rademacker, Devyn Reigle, Jack Shadders, Mary Stefani
- Grade 4: Olivia Berne, Thomas Betters, Ethan Fischer, Jordyn Johnson, Joseph Kaus, Hunter Mazur, Sophia Stuart
- Grade 5: Evan Bender, John Betters, Lynese Castro, Jacob Cryer, Alexis Hackmer, Bradley Misiak, Samantha Nickerson, Nicholas Rosone, Peter Saxman, Kyra Stella, Jimmy Zickl
- Grade 6: Grant Beyer, James Farmer, Anthony Haitz, Peter Koziol, Connor Logsdon, Shea Norton, Alexandra Reigle, Christopher Suozzi
- Grade 7: Elizabeth Adams, Patrick Caprio, Joseph Falkowski, Katie Fischer, Rosemary Flumerfeldt, Emma Francis, Joshua Johnson, Joseph Zickl
- Grade 8: Arielle Ashton, Elizabeth Barcomb, Stacey Castro, Nicholas DiFilippo, Kristy Gallo, Alison Jones, Bradley Paserk, Ryan Shormann, Derrick Smigelski, Jarrod Wall

Merit Honors: 85.0-88.9

- Grade 3: Gabrielle Crespo, Mitchell Hassett, Tori Perl
- Grade 4: Stephanie Hoy, Philip Koziol, Brigid McCormack, Brian Seweryniak
- Grade 5: Jonathan Adams
- Grade 6: Casey Midwick
- Grade 7: Ava Haitz, Summer Moore
- Grade 8: Nina DiFante

A BIG to...

- Mrs. Cindy Francis, Mrs. Ann Hart and Mrs. Julie Mancuso for co-chairing the 6/7/8 grade Fun Night on Friday, March 12th. This event will be from 7:00-10:00 p.m.
- Mr. and Mrs. Paserk and the parents who helped organize or work at the Sports Banquet on Thursday, February 25th. A big thank you to the following coaches for volunteering their time with our students: Tim Paserk, Alvi Castro, Tina Rosone, Vinny Misiti, Rick Fischer, Dwight Thornton, Chris Suozzi, Ronny Beyer, Carolyn Babcock, Eric Geitner, Jeffrey Pero, and John Borelli. Congratulations to all of the students who received awards that night.
- Mrs. Peirick, the teacher advisor for our National Junior Honor Society, for helping to plan and organize the induction ceremony on Thursday, March 4th and to the faculty council (Mrs. Caprio, Ms. Tamfer, Mr. Romanotto, Mrs. Volpe, and Mr. Volpe) for their time and support of this program.
- Mrs. Jill Kratz, Mrs. Amy Chmielowiec, Mrs. Yvonne Freeman, Mrs. Trish Pero, and Mrs. Doreen Shormann for all of their work on the Penny Carnival. It is sure to be another huge success on Saturday, March 20th from 10:00-4:00. The money raised from this event will go to Catholic Charities and to our S.O.S. treasury to provide special activities and events for our children.
- Mrs. Amy Chmielowiec and Mrs. Flo Ventola for their help in coordinating our thank-you luncheons for the Ladies of Sodality and Knights of Columbus. A BIG thank you for their continued support of our school. Also— thank you to Mr. John Kratz and Bob Evans Restaurant for their help in providing such wonderful lunches for both of these events.
- Our Advisory Council and S.O.S members for their dedication and “never-ending” work to our school.
- Mrs. Volpe for the numerous evenings she has spent in Buffalo reviewing English text books for approval in the 2010-1011 school year.
- Mrs. Kathy Stefani for all of her work on the Mammoth Garage Sale.
- The Catholic Identity Committee would like to take an opportunity to thank the Knights of Columbus for their support and generosity to St. Joseph School. This wonderful group of people will be attending a luncheon in our cafeteria on March 5th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please extend a warm hello to our friends on that day!

Thank you to everyone for sharing your time and talents!

