

August, 2009

Dear Parents and Students,

Greetings as we prepare for our 2009-2010 school year. I hope and pray that you all had a great summer along with quality family time and relaxing, enjoyable moments.

We continue to register and welcome new families and look forward to everyone meeting and getting to know one another in our school community. Thank you for referring families and spreading the good news about Saint Joseph Regional School.

Monday, August 24th, Child Care will be available from 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Please call Andrea at 357-0339 if you would like your child/children to attend on that day.

Saint Joseph Regional School begins a full day of classes on **Tuesday, August 25th** for all students Pre K to Grade 8. Child Care will be open that day beginning at 7:00 a.m. Pre K parents are asked to bring their child into the Preschool Room and all other students, K-8 are asked to go to the playground between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

Important information as we begin the 2009-2010 school year on Tuesday, August 25th, at 8:30 a.m.:

- ✓ First Day of school this year is **Tuesday, August 25th**.
- ✓ Before and After School Program begins on the first day of school.
- ✓ Public School (First Student) Bus transportation begins on Wednesday, August 26th.
- ✓ All students K-8 will be outside and welcomed in at 8:30 a.m. Instructions will be given at that time to which door they will line up at with their teacher. Eighth Grade students will enter the Main Entrance on Wilson Street and be introduced as our school leaders beginning their final year as students in our school community. (You are all welcome to join us in the gym.)
- ✓ SNEAKERS for Gym. (Gym day and all special class schedules will be given out on the first day of school.)
- ✓ Milk is sold for student lunches Preschool-Grade 8. We ask that a \$5.00 payment be made at the beginning of each month if your child would like 2% milk for snack at \$5.00/month. If your child (Kindergarten-Grade 4) would like both snack and lunch milk, please send in \$10.00/month. Begins on the first day, 8/25/08. (Although we start with milk in August and go through to the end of school, we ask for 9 monthly payments- September-May.)
- ✓ Available for lunch:
 - Every Tuesday will be Sub Day! (Beginning in September TBA.)
 - Every Thursday will be Pizza Day! (Beginning in September TBA.)

Mrs. Anderson will continue handling all the ordering and paperwork for Sub and Pizza Days with the help of Mrs. Griesbach.

Thank You Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Griesbach!

Information will be given out the first week of school regarding Pre-ordering and Pre-paying each month. Parent volunteers in the lunchroom are welcomed!

A huge Thank You to Rose and Mel and Steve who are working so well and diligently to prepare for a great school year. Everything is being organized and shined! We are sorry that Steve will no longer be a part of SJRS as he is moving to Manchester. We wish him and his wife much happiness in their new home.

Congratulations and Thank You to Andrea MacMurray and staff for a successful and terrific Summer Adventure Program – that will end Friday, August 14, 2009. Andrea and her staff did a great job working around the weather to keep it adventurous for all.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Golf Tournament

August 12th at the Keene Country Club – not too late to sign up! Please call the office if you have questions or misplaced your sign-up sheet.

Back-to-School Mass

Saint Joseph Regional School will celebrate in prayer the new school year by attending Mass together, Friday, August 28, 2009 at 9:15 a.m. in Saint Bernard's Church. All are welcome to join us.

Back-to-School Nights

Back-to-School Night for parents with students in **Grades 5-8** will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd, and Back-to-School Night for parents with students in **Pre K – Grade 4** to be held on Wednesday, September 9th. Please hold these important dates that invites parents to learn specifics about their child's classroom, meet the teachers and Parent Group Leaders and learn more about the 2009-2010 school year at Saint Joseph Regional School. Specific times and procedures will be sent home in our first newsletter at the opening of school.

Back-to-School Coffee/Tea for parents on Tuesday, August 25th from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Back-to-School Picnic on Friday, September 11th, 2009 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the school grounds.

Families – Grs. 4-8 are asked to bring desserts.

Families – Preschool-Grade 3 are asked to bring salads.

Grilled hot dogs and rolls will be provided by the school and we will be sure to include a couple of packages of veggie dogs this year.

Pumpkin Festival Parking – Saturday, October 17, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. We will be looking for help with 2 or 3-hour shifts. Mr. Roy Bartlett was able to sign up SJRS to park cars in the downtown Timken Parking Lot with proceeds going to updating our playground equipment. More information will follow as school starts. Thank You, Roy!

UNIFORMS

Reminder to please check the Uniform Codes and monitor the correct choices your child makes in preparing to dress for school on regular days and gym uniform days. The colors are light blue and white shirts, blue pants, shorts, skirts, plaid jumpers in lower grades, plaid or blue skirts in Grades 2, 3 and 4, and in Grades 5-8 khaki pants, khaki shorts, khaki skirts and dark blue shirts may be added to the Middle School Uniform Codes. Navy blue sweaters and sweatshirts for all students in Grades K-8. In fairness to all, please make sure your child dresses within the guidelines and colors. Some like to add white sweaters, gray sweatshirts, etc., which puts pressure and added expenses on others. Thank You for your help in this matter of following school guidelines.

Uniform tables, (uniforms returned that no longer fit one child) have been set-up in the main hallway outside the office. Please feel free to stop by during our summer hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. of next week.

Please feel free to call the school (352-2720) or stop in if you have any questions.

In gratitude and prayers,

Sister Laura Della Santa, R.S.M.
Principal

Enclosed:

- Students' School Supply List (also located on our web site)
- 2009-2010 SJRS Calendar (also located on our web site)