February 19, 2016

Dear Parents,

WEATHER. Last year at this time we had accumulated 52.5 hours of school delays and closures. In the year prior to that, our final “snow day” count was 93+ hours. That is over 17 days. Students, teachers, and parents were experiencing the side effects of this incredibly cold and snowy winter. This year we have accumulated 7.5 hours of weather related delays and closures. Students have been able to go outside at morning and lunch recess on a regular basis. With the daffodils at the elementary school entrance already breaking ground, we want to believe that winter may be over. Every day when we announce that it will be an outside recess rather than inside, we hear cheers coming from classrooms through the building. And…we offer a prayer of thanksgiving. There may still be some very chilly days ahead of us so don’t let up on warm jackets, hats, and gloves. Without these items we will not send children out to play no matter how much they engage in the familiar chant, “…but I’m not cold, really” and that is distressing to them and us as they watch their friends play and run off some of the morning’s pent up energy.

SERVICE. Thank you for helping your children participate in recent service projects.

Mom’s House. Kindergarten through fifth grade students celebrated the 100th day of school with many creative activities. Part of that event included the annual collection of jars of baby food and baby items for Mom’s House. Administration from Mom’s House tell us that our outreach to them supplies the house with enough baby food for a year and that they happily join with us in celebrating the 100th day of school!

Spare a Square. The second service project was sponsored by the Sylvania Franciscan Village. They engage in an annual event that assists local pantries in restocking their shelves. This year the “Have a Heart Restock Drive” requested that our families “spare a square” or donate a hygiene item. They invited us to again join with them in this outreach and with a resounding "Yes" from our community the overall goal of 1500 rolls was easily met.
Letters from Sixth Grade. The students in Mrs. Theresa Kulka’s sixth grade classroom write notes to our home bound parishioners. With the assistance of Mrs. Laurie Neary, St. Joseph Parish Nurse, students are each given the name of a home bound parish member. The student writes to that person all year long. They write on a weekly basis and from the responses received by students, by Mrs. Kulka, by Msgr. Metzger and Fr. Ritter, and by myself, we know the students are making graced connections. This is a wonderful service ministry between some of our youngest and oldest parishioners. Students and parents offer support by providing stamps for this weekly service project.

In my many years at St. Joseph, I have each year asked you for help with local and sometimes global service projects. I cannot recall even a single time when you said no. Your “yes”, your generosity, not only assists those in need but sends a message to your children, our students, that you do truly believe that we are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. For our students learning to practice the virtue of solidarity means learning that “loving our neighbor” has a global dimension. On behalf of all the teachers, we are truly grateful!

Registration for the 2016 – 2017 School Year. Have you turned in your Registration Form? Please try to get it to us tomorrow. Our kindergarten registrations continue to build. We have a number of families who have asked about a Readiness Kindergarten. It is an initiative we may want to consider. However, it very much depends upon the need.

Enjoy the weekend!

Sincerely,

Sally A. Koppinger
Principal
2016-2017 School Calendar

First Quarter

Monday/Tuesday: August 15/16 - Faculty/Staff Orientation, Professional Development Day
Wednesday: August 17 - First Day of School for Students
Monday: September 5 - Labor Day - No School
Friday: September 16 - Diocesan Professional Development Day, No School for Students
Friday: October 14 - First Quarter Ends
Monday: October 17 - Records Day for Teachers, No School for Students

October 17 - 21

Intersession Week – No School

Second Quarter

Monday: October 24 - Second Quarter Begins. School Resumes
Thursday/Friday: November 3/4 - Parent/Teacher Conference Days – No School for Students
Wed/Thurs/Fri: November 23/24/25 - Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
Wednesday: December 21 - Second Quarter Ends

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2

Christmas Vacation – No School

Third Quarter

Tuesday: January 3 - Third Quarter Begins. School Resumes
Monday: January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Monday: February 20 - Presidents’ Day – No School
Thursday: March 16 - Third Quarter Ends
Friday: March 17 - Records Day for Teachers – No School for Students

Fourth Quarter

Monday: March 20 - Fourth Quarter Begins. School Resumes
Friday: April 14 - Good Friday – No School
Monday – Friday: April 17-April 21 - Easter Vacation
Monday: April 24 - School Resumes
Monday: May 29 - Memorial Day – No School
Friday: June 2 - Fourth Quarter Ends

Last Day of School for Students

Monday: June 5 - Records Day for Teachers

*St. Joseph School Plan for Calamity Days: (see reverse side)

February 17, 2016
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL PLAN FOR CALAMITY DAYS

As of July 1, 2014, Ohio law (O.R.C. 3313.48) replaces the minimum number of days in a school year with a minimum number of hours, depending on grade level. House Bill 59 changes the minimum school year from 182 days to 455 hours for half-day Kindergarten, 910 hours for all-day kindergarten and grades 1-6, and 1,001 hours for grades 7-12. The total hours calculation is based on the hours a school is “open for instruction.” The superintendents of the Ohio Catholic Conference have determined this includes scheduled classes (including religion), supervised educational activities (including religious services), and approved education options which includes the following:

- up to two equivalent school days for individualized parent-teacher conferences and reporting periods,
- up to two equivalent days for professional meetings, and
- two recess periods (morning and afternoon) of up to 15 minutes each for grades K-6.

The hour requirement excludes lunch and breakfast periods. The minimum number of hours per day according to Ohio Law and OCSAA (Ohio Catholic School Accrediting Association) for St. Joseph School is 5.5.

While the state guidelines are defined as minimums, the Diocese of Toledo Catholic Schools Office requires and supports the maximizing of instructional time and teacher development directly related to student achievement. To this end, **the school calendar should show 182 instructional days or more (which could include 2 PD days and 2 P/T Conference days.)**

St. Joseph School has a six hour instructional day. The minimum number of hours required by Ohio law and OCSAA is 5.5. Excess hours that may be accumulated are 0.5 per day. (182 days x 0.5 hours per day = 91 hours.) The 91 hours is subject to adjustment for non-educational activity that may take place during the instructional day. (This is very rare.) Consequently, the excess time is equivalent to 16.5 calamity days.
Dear Families of St. Joseph:

Again, this year, St. Joseph School is going to have a yearbook. The yearbook will contain each student’s picture, team and group pictures, and much more. **ALL** yearbook pictures will be in color!

Now is the time to reserve your yearbook. To order, complete the form below and return it with $14.00 in an envelope, to your child’s teacher, by Thursday, March 24. (Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph School.)

We rely on **SUPER SPONSORS** for financial support of this project. If you, or someone you know, would like to support St. Joseph in this regard, complete the information on the enclosed sheet. A free yearbook comes with the **SUPER SPONSOR** donation.

If you have any questions, please contact us. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

The Yearbook Committee

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SUPER SPONSOR  $30.00 (Includes one free yearbook)

SOLD BY: ___________________________   GRADE__________

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NAME TO APPEAR IN THE YEARBOOK:

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YEARBOOK 2015-2016

ATTENTION:
COACHES & SCOUT LEADERS

Each year the St. Joseph Yearbook has a section featuring our school players from each team and members of each scout troop/organization. A professional photographer takes all sport team pictures and sends them to us. If your team’s picture was not taken by a professional photographer, you may submit another team picture. The students should be in their uniforms.

Scout leaders need to submit a scout troop picture also. *Pictures should be e-mailed.* Please e-mail to Kelly O’Brien @ yearbook@stjoesylvania.org. Be sure all students’ faces are recognizable in group pictures. (The picture can be no larger than 4 inches by 6 inches.) Please send only ONE photo per group as our space is limited. Please identify the group/team (e.g. Girl Scouts, grade 5).

Pictures will not be returned because we cannot guarantee the return of our proof pages.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The Yearbook Committee
Join us for an Easter Seals “Fill a Truck” fundraiser to raise proceeds to benefit

Addysen Tabb on her quest for a Diabetic Alert Dog

We will be collecting bags of clothes, coats, hats, gloves, scarves, shoes, purses, book bags, linens, towels, rags, blankets and other cloth items on

Friday February 19 from 3-6 pm &

Saturday February 20 from 10-4 pm

There will be an Easter Seals Truck in the parking lot of Kahler Pharmacy, located at 1941 Airport Hwy (Airport Hwy and Fearing)

Easter Seals will be donating by the pound to Addysen and her service dog. Addysen is 8 years old and has type 1 diabetes, an autoimmune disease that destroys the cells of the pancreas that produce insulin. This requires Addysen to test her blood sugar 8-15 times a day and she wears an insulin pump that infuses insulin 24 hours a day. We would like to fill as many bags as possible. Please ask family, friends and neighbors to help too!

Questions? Call or text Kari at 419-509-9827
Know! What in the World is DABBIN’

If you have teenagers or if you're a fan of pro-sports, you've more than likely heard of “The Dab,” or at least have seen it in action (whether you realized it or not). On one hand, there’s “dabbin',” a super-popular dance where a person drops their head into their elbow as if to sneeze, while extending the other arm straight out. Pro-athletes like Cam Newton and LeBron James are dabbin’, and your teens and their friends are likely dabbin’ too. No harm, no foul, just having fun.

On the other hand, there is "dabbing," an activity of a completely different kind, far from harmless. In this case, dabbing is drug use. A dab is a highly concentrated form of marijuana, also known as butane hash oil (BHO), often called honey oil, budder or earwax, due to its appearance. The BHO is usually inhaled through a water or oil pipe, using a butane torch as the heating element. Another common method of intake involves the e-cigarette vaporizer.

According to the U.S. DEA, marijuana concentrates are extremely dangerous and contain extraordinarily high THC levels that can range from 40 to 80% - that is four times stronger than high grade or top shelf marijuana, which normally measures around 20% THC.

The long term effects of dabbing are not yet fully known, however due its extreme potency, experts say the effects may be even more psychologically and physically intense than traditional plant marijuana.

In plant marijuana use, effects are known to include:

- damage to the developing adolescent brain
- paranoia
- anxiety
- panic attacks
- hallucinations
- increased heart rate
- withdrawal
- addiction

Unlike traditional marijuana use however, there have been reports of people using concentrates to the point of passing out, which can lead to a host of additional health and safety concerns.
Another dangerous aspect of dabbing is the process of creating the oil, in which butane fluid is forced through a tube or pipe packed with dried marijuana trimmings and then torched to extract the THC. Because the extraction process is not real complicated, requires few resources and is the subject of countless how-to videos online, many people have tried making it for themselves, resulting in fires, severe burns and violent home explosions throughout the country.

You may be wondering if the Dab Dance has anything to do with the Dab drug? Some people, including Rapper Bow Wow, believe the dab dance is a direct reference to drug use, and that dropping your head into your elbow represents a cough after hitting some “marijuana.” However, the creators of the song and dance say that dabbin’ has no connection to dabbing. In any case, this is an ideal opportunity to bring up the subject with your children, ask them what they know or have heard on the topic and then provide them with some facts on the dangers and risks of dabbing. And if you really want to get their attention, just show them your dab dance moves. Then you can start talking, once they stop laughing.