September 3, 2015

Dear Parent:

During yesterday’s all-school Liturgy, we recognized the 2015 – 2016 Student Council and prayed with them as they pledged their commitment to our student community. Led by Student Council president, Kathryn Riddle, members of the council pledged their best efforts to work together to make St. Joseph School a place where the presence of Christ is evident in words and actions. Msgr. Metzger then challenged council members to put their lives at the service of others and through that service come closer to Christ. Students in grades one to eight promised their cooperation by reciting the Code of Conduct Pledge:

- As I begin this new school year, I promise to follow the St. Joseph School Code of Conduct.

- I understand that my school can be a safe and Christ-filled environment only if I do my part to treat all members of my school family with respect and caring.

- I will do my personal best to be a good listener, to be truthful, and to be trustworthy.

- In addition, I agree to behave appropriately and respectfully during inside or outside recess time.

- With my cooperation, this will be a successful year.

The Student Council members this year are: Kathryn Riddle, President; eighth grade representatives, Jake Eltschlager, Caleb Walker, and Ellie White; seventh grade representatives Reece DiSalle, Emma Hoyt, and Kelsey Leamy; sixth grade representatives Sammy Giordano, Mateo Gomez-Castro, Raphael Yazi; fifth grade representatives Alex Britt, Molly Pointinger, and Devyn Riley; and fourth grade representatives Anna Kelly, Vivian Palko, and Vasisht Ramineni.
Safety. All visitors to our school (Elementary and Middle School) must register at the school office. No visitor (parent or guest) is allowed to by-pass the office and go directly to any part of the school buildings. All staff members have been instructed to send “unauthorized visitors” back to the office. I realize that may feel harsh if you are a parent but, as I am sure you understand, our purpose is to provide a safe environment for your children as well as one that is free from interruption. If you accompany your child’s entry into either building because he or she is tardy, please stop at the school office. Mrs. Patti Bell (Elementary School) or Mrs. Shelley Perna (Middle School) will give you further instructions about checking your child into school.

Camp Storer. On Wednesday, September 9, our sixth graders, three teachers, and ten SJS parents will leave for Camp Store. Camp Storer provides an opportunity for students to study pollution, cold-blooded creatures (frogs, snakes, and other reptiles . . . ), and pioneer crafts. Group goal setting and challenges are also part of the program. A very special thank you to the parents (cabin leaders for the three days at camp) who will accompany our sixth graders. Students, teachers, and cabin leaders will return on Friday afternoon.

“Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God.” (Mt. 5: 3-10)
Our Prayers for Peace. As we approach the anniversary of September 11, 2001 we are reminded that on this day our hearts will ache for all who have suffered because of terrorist attacks. As Catholics, we draw upon our faith to make this anniversary a time to remember, a time to deepen our commitment to discipleship, and a time to strengthen our active participation in an effort to build a more just and peaceful world. True peacemaking can only become a reality in our world today if it is a first-matter in our hearts.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Koppinger
Principal
Want to meet other parents? Here is a fun way to get involved with St. Joseph School and meet some great moms and dads. Below is a list of PTO committees that need your help. You can give an hour or a day, volunteer at home or at school, bake muffins, or learn about saints. The opportunities are boundless!

Please check those committees you would like to assist with and you will be contacted. If you have any questions, contact the chairperson listed next to each committee or call Ann Riddle, PTO Volunteer Chairperson, at (419) 885-4994 or e-mail at a.riddle@bex.net. Please return this form in your Thursday Envelope Attention: “PTO Volunteer Sign-Up Form”, by Friday, September 18, 2015 or you can scan the form and email it to a.riddle@bex.net or even better sign up online by visiting the St. Joseph School website PTO page and clicking on the link for the PTO Volunteer Sign-Up Form.

___ CHRISTMAS STORE - ALL HANDS ON DECK...we need help making handmade crafts for the Santa Shop! No crafting experience necessary!! You can join us at our scheduled crafting sessions, work from home, or maybe you have a great idea for a gift that you would like to share! This committee asks for 3-15 hours of volunteer time over the months of September – December. It is a wonderful event that helps teach our children the importance of giving!! We need your help to make this year’s Santa Shop a success! The Thursday Envelope will provide a list in the near future of crafting session dates and times. Any questions please feel free to contact: Eileen Gemerchak (419) 290-9894/email ebgemerchak@bex.net or Megan Salameh (419) 704-9015/email megan_salameh@hotmail.com

___ Looking for a parent or two to mentor chairs for Christmas Store for this year

___ DONUTS WITH DAD: Volunteers needed to help serve donuts to dads and students. Contact Sukh O’Loughlin (419) 356-2136 or email sukh@midwestpkg.com

___ Elementary School on Friday, October 2
___ Middle School on Friday, April 15

___ FALL FUNDRAISER: Volunteers needed to assist with sorting orders in the morning and order pick up Tuesday, October 13 from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM in the Father Wurzel Center. Contact Sandy Gilley (419) 841-0626 or email sandygilley@hotmail.com or Cherie Pelok (419) 841-1823 or email abcpelok@bex.net

___ GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT: Volunteers needed to bake some fun items for event. Contact Heather Moore at (419) 841-5118 or email hmmoore@bex.net or Amy Ziegler at (419) 824-5350 or email ttilegirl@yahoo.com

___ HOSPITALITY: Volunteers are needed to welcome new families to SJS. Responsibilities include reaching out to an assigned new family throughout the year. Contact Rita Hayes (419) 308-6412 or e-mail mailto:ritakchess@hotmail.com or Juli Snyder (419) 262-0044/email mailto:julisnyder@bex.net
____ ROOM MOMS OR DADS: Volunteers needed to be the room parents for homerooms in grades K-5... (Middle school was sent separately.) Room parents are responsible for coordinating classroom parties, with teacher guidance, (snack donations and workers) or other events, as needed. Please see attachment. Contact Meredith Reinhart (419) 509-0797 or email Meredith.Reinhart@rockets.utoledo.edu

____ SAINTS ALIVE: 12-15 committee members are needed. Your donation of time is spent learning about the Saints from materials we provide, and then sharing your knowledge & faith by presenting to individual classrooms at a time you schedule. This is a great opportunity to get involved with your child’s class. The colorful presentations are in PowerPoint format and available on the SmartBoard... (Teachers are there to help!) Two to three separate presentations are scheduled usually in the months of January, February and March. You may participate in one or more, or in all three months’ presentations. Contact Susan Suwinski (419) 787-6650 or email susan_suwinski@yahoo.com

____ ITALIAN DINNER: Monday, November 9, 2015 to coincide with our Scholastic Book Fair... Contact Julie Walker (419) 843-7702 or email jwalker@bex.net or Cathi Dooley (419)-882-3972.
  _____ Volunteers needed to make desserts to be delivered to Banquet Hall
  _____ Volunteers needed to decorate and set up hall for dinner. (1:30 to 3:00 PM)
  _____ Volunteers needed to serve at dinner; first shift (4:15 to 6:15 PM)
  _____ Volunteers needed to serve at dinner; second shift (6:00 to 8:00 PM)
  _____ Volunteers needed to clean up (7:30 to 8:30 PM)
  _____ WILL SHADOW ONE OF THE CHAIRS FOR FUTURE LEADERSHIP ROLE

____ SPIRIT WEAR: Volunteers needed to sort and distribute spirit wear. Contact Tracy Pizza via e-mail tracypizza@hotmail.com or Amy Mathias via e-mail alb628@yahoo.com.

____ TEACHER APPRECIATION: Volunteers needed to do lots of great things for our teachers and staff... Contact Shelly Piscopo (419) 843-7357, (419) 304-6632 or email at shel2875@aol.com and Denise Brown (419) 841-1312 or email at cleveland6.brown@icloud.com
  _____ Donate fruit, yogurt, or assorted baked goods for faculty and staff for Morning Muffins
  _____ Provide a salad, a dessert, bread, etc. for monthly faculty luncheons.

Watch the St. Joseph School website  http://www.stjosephschoolsylvania.org/about/parent-teacher-organization
ROOM PARENTS ROCK!

If you are interested in being a K - 5 Room Parent for the 2015-2016 school year, here's your chance!

FAQ's:

What does a room parent do?
Room parents are responsible for organizing parties and other classroom events throughout the year. Some responsibilities might include sending out volunteer requests, emailing other volunteers to remind them about upcoming activities, and making sure that the classroom has all of the necessary materials for celebrations (i.e., Halloween, Christmas, Festirama).

How much effort does this require?
Honestly, it depends on you! Some room parents want to have a hands-on role in all of the classroom events. They may choose to attend all of the parties, send in special treats, and plan the games/crafts for each event. Other room parents prefer to take a more supervisory role, sending out email reminders before each event to the volunteers that sign up. That’s what’s so great about being the room parent! You decide what works best for you and your family.

I’m new to this whole room parent thing. Will someone help me if I need it?
Each classroom has 2 room parents, so you are not alone. In addition, the K-5 Room Parent Coordinator, Meredith Reinhart, is more than happy to help you out, too! At the beginning of each year, we hold a “kick-off” where you will receive all of the information you need for your classroom (i.e., sample volunteer sign-up sheets, class lists, helpful tips, etc.) Before each event, you will also receive an email reminder...so you can remind your classroom’s volunteers about their responsibilities.

If this sounds like something that you might be interested in doing, please contact Meredith at: meredith.reinhart@utoledo.edu or 419-509-0797. In your message, please include your name, email, phone, and class/classes (in order of preference) for which you prefer to be a room parent.

Please send your message NO LATER THAN SEPT. 8th.
Thank you so much for your help!
**Last Chance to Sign Up!**  
*(for lessons starting 9/10)*  

**St. Joseph School Chess Club**  
Open to K Through 8th Grade

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<td><strong>What:</strong></td>
<td>Instructional Lessons provided by Chess Master Ryan Clayton and Parent Volunteer Sonja Droll (Ryan is the highest rated chess player in NW Ohio!)</td>
<td>4 Competitive Chess Matches organized by Great Lakes Chess, LLC</td>
<td>Awards Ceremony at Final Match - Medallions given to all participants &amp; Trophies to Top Players &amp; Schools. St. Joe’s won 2nd place last year and several students won trophies!</td>
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<td><strong>Where:</strong></td>
<td>Lessons at St. Joseph School West Campus Banquet Hall</td>
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**Register Now for any combo of the following options**

| Option 1: | 5 Lessons Part 1 | 9/10, 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8 | $40 |
| Option 2: | 5 Lessons Part 2 | 10/15, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 | $40 |
| Option 3: | 4 Matches at Local Schools | In Nov/Dec, Dates TBD | Transportation is Not Provided | $35 |

You will be offered additional opportunities to register for Options 2 and 3 – watch the Thursday Envelope

Registration Form is located at:  
[https://sites.google.com/site/stjosephschoolchessclub](https://sites.google.com/site/stjosephschoolchessclub)

If unable to access the site, email TriciaMSeddon@gmail.com

Registrations must be completed by Monday 9/7/2015

**All coaches and assistants are required to complete BCI/FBI Fingerprinting at the Catholic Schools office on Spielbusch Ave ($50 fee with a parish reimbursement of $35) and the Protecting Youth online class at [www.sheildthevulnerable.com](http://www.sheildthevulnerable.com).**
All Middle Schoolers (grades 6-8) are invited to come to the AMPLIFY kick-off! **September 25** from 6-9 in the Banquet Hall located on the west campus! Join Mary and other youth for a high energy night full of games, praise and worship, discussion, dinner and more!! Hope to see you there!

St. Joseph Youth Ministry

5411 Main Street
Sylvania, OH 43560

Phone:
419-885-2181 ext: 415

Email:
morley@stjoesylvania.org

Mary Orley
Mary Orley invites you and your family to a family potluck, September 13th after 5:00 Mass.!

Come and meet Mary, youth and other families in the parish for fellowship and a great meal!

The family potluck will take place in the Family Center on the east campus.