Dear Parent:

**Parent Teacher Conferences.** We are looking forward to seeing you on Monday and Tuesday, November 3rd and 4th and value the opportunity this gives all of us to collaborate on educational issues. I encourage you to write down any questions you may have before you come to the conference. It helps to keep the meeting focused and allows you to have some of your concerns addressed. Be prepared to take notes especially about recommendations or suggestions the teacher makes. Since the conferences are scheduled back-to-back, it is important that you arrive on time. I encourage you to knock on the classroom door when it is your conference time. If the teacher does not respond within a very few minutes, please knock again, more insistently. Don’t be timid! This helps the teachers stay on schedule and they really do appreciate your help. If you and your child’s teacher find that you need more than the scheduled 15 minutes, please arrange for a follow-up conference at later date.

**Christian Service.** Students at St. Joseph School are encouraged to witness and integrate the message and mission of Jesus, especially through service. To BE an influence in the world is to accept, to proclaim, the Catholic Social Teaching principle of solidarity – that we are, indeed, our brothers’ and sisters’ keepers. Plans for supporting families at Thanksgiving and Christmas are underway. In addition to our traditional outreach at holidays, we support diocesan central city schools with our annual Ohio State/Michigan Day. Or is it Ohio State/Michigan Day. This year’s date is November 25th. The game will be played on November 29th. On November 25th, students may dress down and wear their favorite team colors. Students then make a donation to one of the decorated Team Collection Jars. (Somewhere Notre Dame slipped in with a Collection Jar a few years ago. It’s okay. That money just adds to what we are able to send to Central City Catholic Schools.)

**Congratulations** to students in sixth, seventh, and eighth grade on their achievement of honors for the first quarter of this school year. A copy of the Honor Roll is included in every Thursday Envelope.
Congratulations to our fifth and sixth grade football team coached by Mr. Leslie, Mr. Lichtenberg, Mr. Harshman, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Szykowny. After a tremendous season, they will move on to the Toy Bowl this Sunday to play St. Joan of Arc Gold at Central Catholic High School, 4:30 pm. Go Jaguars! Good luck boys!

Congratulations to our fifth grade girls’ volleyball team coached by Mrs. Schnorberger and Mrs. Zoldowski. They had an awesome season and won the CYO Tournament.

Save the Dates. The annual Christmas Programs in December are coming up quickly.

- Grades 3, 4, and 5 perform at the Franciscan Center at 7:00 pm on December 18.
- Grades 1 and 2 Songfest of Joyful Christmas Carols on December 12, at 9:00 am, in the church.

Middle School Open House. November 16, 11:30 to 1:30. Area high school principals used these words to describe SJS graduates: “Well-Prepared”, “High Academic Achievers”, “Confident Leaders”, “Active in Community Service”, “Christian Gentlemen”, “Empowered Young Women”, “Competent”, and “Compassionate”. We are proud of our middle school students and encourage our fifth graders to come and visit with their families. Come find out what SJS has to offer your middle school student.

Did we fill the truck? You bet we filled the truck! Three times!! The Easter Seal Fundraiser for our Playground that took place in a two-day period the first part of October raised almost $3000. Easter Seals extended the drive through October 31st. Can’t wait to see what the 29 other days took in. Plans for the playground will be on display November 9th at the Color Dash and on November 17th at Pasta for the Playground Italian Dinner. A world of thanks to Shelly Piccolo and Denise Brown!

Lost and Found
Lost and Found items are once again overflowing. These items can be claimed at any time from the clinic on the West Campus or the office on the East Campus. Please take the opportunity during Parent Teacher Conferences to claim lost items. All unclaimed items will be donated after November 4th, 2014.

Sincerely,

Sally A. Koppinger
Principal