



# January 2019 Newsletter



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**Mission Statement:** With Jesus as our role model, St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School exists to educate the youth of the area spiritually, morally, academically, and socially in a safe, Catholic, Christ-centered environment.

- **School Masses** – please refer to our January calendar for the schedule of masses. Our Parish School Liturgy this month will be held at the Co-Cathedral on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the 9:30 a.m. mass. This special liturgy which marks the beginning of our National Catholic Schools Week celebration is sponsored by our parents. The Catholic Schools Week theme this year is “**Catholic Schools: Learn.Serve.Lead.Succeed**”. We ask all of our families to join us for this special mass – this year’s St. Joseph Distinguished Graduate will also be honored at this mass. As always, we invite everyone to join us for all of our school liturgies.
- Our **basketball and soccer seasons** are in full swing – please refer to the school calendar for the schedule of games.
- Our **P.T.C. Board** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; **Consultative School Board** will hold its meeting on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held in the school library.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> nine weeks **Report Cards** will be issued on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The **finals of our Geography Bee Competition** will be held on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the gym – our 4<sup>th</sup> thru 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will attend.
- Our **Scholastic Book Fair** will be held in the library the week of January 14-18. Everyone is invited to stop by and browse the wonderful selection of books available for purchase. A **Family Evening at the Book Fair** will be held from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Our **5<sup>th</sup> grade D.A.R.E. Graduation** will be held on Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.
- **School will be closed** on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**.
- **Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** is a professional development day for faculty members – there is **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS** this day.
- Our **2<sup>nd</sup> grade Grandparent Lunch** will be held on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> in the cafeteria – 2A & 2B at 11:10 a.m.; 2C at noon. Please be reminded that only 2<sup>nd</sup> graders eat lunch in the cafeteria on this day.
- We will have a **Spirit Shirt Day** on Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup> – this year’s spirit shirt or one from past years may be worn in place of the uniform blouse or shirt. St. Joseph clubs/sports team shirts may also be worn.
- **Catholic Schools Week**, the annual celebration of Catholic education, will take place nationwide the week of January 27 – February 2. **This year’s national theme “Catholic Schools: Learn.Serve.Lead.Succeed.”** embodies what our Catholic schools strive to achieve. As part of their effort to educate the whole child, Catholic schools instill in students and oftentimes in families a lifelong commitment to serving others. Our school theme for Catholic Schools Week this year is “Building God’s Kingdom One Day at a Time”. As mentioned earlier, we will begin this week with a special mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Co-Cathedral – our parents are sponsors of this mass. In addition, special activities will take place during the week. At Friday’s school mass this year’s Distinguished Graduate will be honored.
- **Student of the Year Selected:** Each year the Louisiana Department of Education sponsors a Student of the Year Program in grades 5, 8, and 12. All schools in the State are eligible to participate and students are selected based on their overall GPA (3.5 minimum), Standardized Test Scores, leadership, participation in clubs, citizenship, service involvement, awards received, writing ability, and ability to express themselves in an interview. **We congratulate 5A**

**student Matthew Plaisance** on his selection as our St. Joseph 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Student of the Year. We know he will do an outstanding job of representing our school at the Diocesan level.

- Our annual **St. Joseph “Jag Swag”** will be held at the Thibodaux Regional Wellness Center on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-12:00 p.m. There will be a live and silent auction along with a cash bar. We hope you will join us for what is sure to be a great night and lots of fun. Tickets are still available through the office – please see PlusPortals under the school announcement section for details. All proceeds will benefit our school and students.

- **CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!**

1. We congratulate our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students and teachers along with Ms. Hannah Arceneaux, on their outstanding performances of the Christmas pageant. Their hard work and preparation was evident and the pageant helped remind us of the true reason for the season.

2. **Congratulations to our band** on their outstanding Christmas Concerts! Thanks to Mr. Tommy Baudoin for his excellent work rehearsing and preparing the students for their performance.

- **REMINDERS:**

1. **Cold Weather Uniform** - Please refer to our Handbook of Policies for uniform regulations during cold weather. Students should wear uniform sweaters/sweatshirts/fleeces first – if additional protection is needed, they are allowed to wear heavy coats over uniform wear, however the heavy coats cannot be worn inside the buildings. **No logos (other than the official St. Joseph logo) are allowed on cold weather wear.**

2. **Walker/Rider** – we ask your continued cooperation in adhering to the school procedures in place for the safety of all. Please do not park your car and walk to take your child from the rider area – the reasons for this are twofold – One, duty teachers do not know all of the parents or other persons who may come to take a child out of the car line and two, it is unfair to those who have waited in the car line. **We ask you not to park on nearby streets and have your child walk to meet you.** Also, please be considerate of those who have waited in car line by not cutting into the line from adjacent streets along the way. **Safety is of utmost concern.**

3. Remember that posted **school zones around campus are by law designated “Hands Free” areas.** Cell phone use of any kind is prohibited.

4. **Annual Fund** – if you have not returned your Annual Fund envelope, please try to do so as soon as possible. If you are unable to assist at this time with a monetary contribution, please return the envelope with your gift of prayerful support. Thanks to all who have participated in the Annual Fund Drive so far – your support of our school is truly appreciated!

**PRAYER LINE** - Please pray for the intentions mentioned on our Prayer Line. Send your intentions to [hannah.arceneaux@htdiocese.org](mailto:hannah.arceneaux@htdiocese.org).

**THOUGHT OF THE MONTH:** “Motivation is when your dreams put on work clothes.” - Parkes Robinson

