

May 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.

- Please refer to the PlusPortals calendar for the **schedule of masses and many other activities** this month.
- **IMPORTANT END OF YEAR DATES:**
 - Class Trips** Please refer to the May calendar for class trips and special events
 - May 3rd** May Crowning Mass – 8:10 a.m. in gym (1st grade sponsors)
 - May 9th** Art Show 3:30-5:30 p.m. in library; Band Spring Concert – 6:00 p.m. in gym
 - May 10th** First Communion Mass – 8:10 a.m. in gym (2nd grade sponsors)
 - May 16th** Pre-K Closing Program – 8:30 a.m. in gym
 - May 17th** Kindergarten Graduation Mass – 8:10 a.m. in gym (only KN & 7th grade attend)
 - May 20th** 7th Grade Awards Program – 1:00 p.m. in gym
 - May 21st** 7th Grade Closing Mass at St. Joseph Co-Cathedral – 7:00 p.m.
 - May 24th** Final Day of School (**NO BUS TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE**)– Awards Programs – 1st & 2nd 8:15; 3rd & 4th 9:15; 5th & 6th 10:15 (**All students must be signed out from their classroom immediately following their awards program.**)
- Our **P.T.C. Board will meet** on Tuesday, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the library. Special thanks to all of our P.T.C. Officers and Board members for their willingness to share their time and talents for the benefit of our school and we look forward to working with the new members.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10.** We are fortunate and blessed to have outstanding teachers to work with our students each day of the year. This week is set aside to recognize and thank them for all that they do to make our school special. Our P.T.C. will sponsor a variety of special treats throughout the week.
- Our **Consultative School Board will hold its monthly meeting** on Thursday, May 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Special thanks to all of our board members for their willingness to share their time and talents in these leadership positions.
- A reminder that all current year **Tuition Loans with Synergy Bank must be paid in full by May 3rd** (no new loans will be processed until existing loans have been paid off and closed). All **Prepaid Tuition for next year must be paid by Friday, May 3rd**. Late fees will be assessed after this time. **School supply fees** for next year must be **paid directly to the School House** by **Monday, May 13th**.
- **Friday, May 24th is the final day of the school year** – Awards Programs will be held for 1st thru 6th grade on this last day according to the following schedule: 1st & 2nd grade at 8:15 a.m.; 3rd & 4th grade at 9:15 a.m.; 5th & 6th grade at 10:15 a.m. Parents are asked to sign students out from their classroom immediately following the awards program.
- **Promotion/Retention** – please refer to **page 6 of our Handbook of Policies** for the guidelines on promotion/retention of students.
- **Before and After Care End of Year Information** – The **last day for After Care will be Thursday, May 23rd**. **Before Care will end on the last day of school which Friday, May 24th**. Fees for both programs must be paid in full by Wednesday, May 15th (**in the case of Pre-K, Kindergarten, and 7th graders, all fees must be paid in full prior to their last day of school**). If you plan to send your child the last week of

school, you are expected to add \$2.00 a day for Before Care and \$5.00 a day for After Care to your total payment. Any last minute decisions for the week of May 15-24 must be paid on a daily basis. **For Before Care**, payment must be sent with your child on the day they attend and **After Care** payment should be made when you sign your child out on a daily basis. Please be accurate with payments as no refunds will be made. **Please remember that report cards cannot be issued until all fees are paid in full.**

- **Before and After Care Registration for the 2019-20 School Year – all families are expected to register every year for the program. You are not automatically included for the next school year. You may send registration in for the next three weeks. If you do not register during this time you can come to school on the following date:**

* **Thursday, July 25th – 4:00-6:00 p.m.** – in the faculty lounge

A parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the registration form. A fee of \$10.00 per family is due at the time of registration. If you are not going to be available on the above date, you may come by the school office during summer hours to obtain a registration form. Please be accurate with the information on the form as no changes will be made to ledger cards during the first week of school. Only people you designate when registering your child will be allowed to sign them out. * **Any child not registered by the above time will not be allowed to begin Before/After Care the first week of school. Also, a late registration fee of \$20.00 per family will be assessed after July 25th.**

- **Congratulations to our 7th grade students and teachers** on two awesome performances of “A Walk with Jesus”! Their hard work, preparation, and attention to detail were very evident in the final product.

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things. – Robert Brault

**HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL OF OUR MOMS!
HOPE YOUR SPECIAL DAY IS A GREAT ONE!**

