

Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a faith-filled and safe environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

November 30, 2022

Dear Parents,

What a beautiful Thanksgiving weekend we had, thanking God for the many seen and unseen blessings we have received from Him as well as taking time to enjoy our families!

This week starts the beginning of the holy season of Advent as we prepare for the beautiful feast of Christmas! And so we pray, "Grant Your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen." May each and everyone have a holy and peaceful Advent. This can be difficult at times given the amount of commercialism of Christmas, but at least we can do our best.

A very warm "Welcome Back" to Sister Joan Marie who has not been in school due to chemotherapy sessions. We are delighted to have her back with us! Also, many thanks to Sister M. Kathleen who has substituted for Sister since August and who will be returning some time next week to Sacred Heart School in Taftville to begin her work there in their Learning Center.

We will schedule our next Parent group meeting for early in January. You will be given advanced notice. Due to the fact that neither the President or the Vice-President were able to conduct the November 29th meeting and the fact that the only item on the agenda was the Christmas Calendar raffle, the meeting was cancelled.

A big "Thank You" to all of you who have participated in our Christmas Calendar Raffle. To date, we made \$7880.00!!!!!!!!!!!!

We will have a food drive for Haiti which will consist of creamy peanut butter, Spam, or tuna fish. We would like all items to be in by Friday, December 9th. Thank you for your generosity.

Once again, we will be having our Annual Christmas Concert and Art Display on Saturday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m. All students are to be in St. Michael Center by 1:45 p.m.

The dress code for the girls is: modest dress or skirt and blouse (nothing tight, mini, or revealing) in any way), socks/stockings, dress shoes; Boys – dress shirt, dress pants, tie, socks, dress/school shoes. No one may wear boots. All students are to participate.

The eighth grade class will be holding a \$3.00 “Dress Down” day on Friday, December 16th, We ask that all of our students will support this fundraiser. The eighth grade class will also be having a bake sale at our Christmas Concert and Art Display on Saturday, December 10th, at 2:00 p.m.

Enclosed is the Hot Lunch menu for the month of December. Please note that the last week of school for December there is no hot lunch.

Also enclosed are the results of the vision screening that took place on November 18, 2022. There will be make-ups for those who were absent in the near future.

LOOKING AHEAD

Friday, December 2nd	First Friday Mass at 9:00 a.m. 12:30 dismissal NO HOT LUNCH NO AFTER CARE Pick up for Christmas wreaths
Thursday, December 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 9:00 a.m. (Holy Day of Obligation) All are invited to attend.
Friday, December 9th	All food for Haiti is due.
Saturday, December 10th	Christmas Concert and Art Display at 2:00 p.m. in St. Michael Center All students must be in SMC by 1:45 p.m.
Friday, December 16th	“\$3.00 Dress Down” for the eighth grade class

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SCMC
Principal