



St. Joseph School Newsletter

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Coming Events

Friday, February 27

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Saturday, February 28

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Sunday, March 1

Friday, March 6

Saturday, March 7

Monday-Wednesday, March 9-11

Tuesday, March 10

Trash Free Friday

Grade 3 field trip to Centre East

Summer by the Shore Auction

First Reconciliation (11 am)

Eucharistic Adoration (2-8 PM)

Reconciliation for grades 5 (room 200), 6, 7, and 8

First Reconciliation (11 AM)

Parish Mission (7:30 PM)

Stations of the Cross (**2:15 PM**) **NOTE**

TIME!! Mass uniforms required!

POP (Parents on Patrol)

This is a friendly reminder from POP! **Please refer to your schedule to see if next week is YOUR week for POP duty.** There is a full schedule in the back of your directory or at www.stjosephwilmette.com/pop.htm . If you are unable to work the week you were assigned, please find a sub! Let's keep our parking lot safe for all of our children!

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

This is to notify all parents that the next school board meeting on **March 2** will **NOT** be open to the public because the board will be interviewing one or more candidates for the principal position.

TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT

The **Transportation Reimbursement form for the State of Illinois** is now available for signing in the office. In order to qualify, you must live at least 1 ½ miles from school or else live less than that but have a safety hazard that you cross on the way to school. In order to qualify for the safety hazard, you must already have sent the state the required form. **The form we have in the office must be signed by the end of the school year.**

REGISTRATION FOR 2009/2010

If you are a **current family** and have paid your registration fee for the coming year for a student(s) in grades K-8, please know that your registration has been accepted and your child has been enrolled. Also, if you are a **current family** and you paid a registration fee for either the 2 year old or preschool program, your registration has been accepted unless you have heard from us. We will not send a formal notification to current families. **New families have been sent notification of enrollment through the mail.**



Support **St. Joseph School**
8th Grade AND be Green! See
flyer at the end of the newsletter!

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have Eucharistic Adoration this first Sunday of Lent, **March 1** from 2-8pm in the Church. The Men's Rosary league invites everyone to come at 5pm to pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. Enjoy some quiet time in Adoration as part of your Lenten journey to Easter. All are welcome!

"Come, let us worship the Lord. Let us bow down in the presence of our maker, for he is the Lord our God."

---Psalm 95:6-7---

Summer By The Shore
Auction and Dinner Benefit
THIS SATURDAY!

The **Summer By The Shore Auction Guide** is now available online. You can access it at <http://sage.forest.net/fmi/iwp/cgi?-db=summer.fp7&-startsession>. Under account name, type in "stjoseph". There is no password needed. Be sure to check out all the fantastic auction items for this year's big event!

Be sure to arrive early to take full advantage of the night's activities. Check-in will be from 6:00 to 7:00pm on the night of the Auction. Valet parking and coat check are complimentary!

This year the Check-In Table is located on the South Porch. Remember to check the Event Map provided in the Auction Guide. You will receive your bidding number and Auction Addendum at Check-In.

Can't attend? Ask a friend to bid on a special auction item for you (using their bidding number) or form a bidding syndicate with friends who will be attending in order to win that one-of-a-kind big ticket item. Plus, don't forget to sign up for the No Bid Parties.

Among auction items listed in the Addendum are: two beautiful paintings by Sister Henrica Buchert, a photo session with Megan Floyd, dinner for 2 courtesy of Wildfire, more fabulous Cubs tickets, as well as an autographed picture of Cubs short stop Ryan Theriot. Second graders will love the bowling outing with Mrs. H. and Mrs. B. Parents of teens and 'tweens, watch for the autographed photo of the Jonas Brothers, who were just featured as guests on the Barbara Walter's Oscar Special.

IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE
ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL BOARD

The St. Joseph School Board is accepting **applications for three openings** on the Board for a three year term commencing with the 2009-10 school year. The School Board acts as a key advisor to the school Administration and is responsible for developing policies that enable the school to fulfill its mission. If you are interested in receiving more information, please see the School Board section of our website. You may also contact either of the Chairpersons of the Nominating Committee: (Colleen Driscoll or Gary Delaney). Applications are available on the school's website (www.stjosephwilmette.com) or the school office.

SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to all of our students on another successful science fair! There were many projects deserving of recognition due to their originality and scientific merit. It was a challenge to select this year's winners! They include...

6th grade:

Gold: Will F.- Acid Rain

Silver: AJ T.- What Type of Water Makes Plants Grow the Most

Bronze: Elizabeth C.- Material Absorbency

7th grade:

Gold: Meg W. – Gender Differences X Memory

Silver: Jim S. – Coke Vs. Diet Coke, Which Is Denser

Bronze: Carmen M. – Worms Make a Difference

8th grade:

Gold: Eva M. – the Chromatic Effect

Silver: Emma K. – Which Is the Best Gluten-Free Cookie

Bronze: Pat B. – Temperature's Effect on the Rusting Process

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

The St. Joseph Parish St. Patrick's party originally scheduled for March 14 has been **CANCELED** because we were not able to find anyone to run the event.

ART NEWS

Doodle4Google Contest is underway! **Google** is having a contest to redesign their logo for a day with the chance to win some great prizes. This year's theme is "What I Wish for the World." We have been working on these entries in class in grades 3-8, but if you have a K-2 student interested in entering, they are more than welcome to join the competition. Schools are allowed 6 entries total, so we will have an in-house judging to determine which students will continue. Consent forms are required if your child wishes to participate. Many of the students in grades 3-8 have brought home reminder flyers regarding the consent forms. Please go to <http://www.google.com/doodle4google/> and click on "Info for Schools" and download *Consent form*. Templates of the logo can also be downloaded if students would like to work at home. **Please return consent forms by February 28th** for your child's work to be considered. The students have great ideas so far, and I look forward to the finals!

Family Awareness Network (FAN) - check this out!

March 1-7, TV Tune Out Week, sponsored by the Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood - Go green, Turn off the Screen!

The snow may be blowing but the green isn't far behind! Lift your spirits this winter with thoughts of TV Tune Out. The theme of this year is "Go Green, Turn Off the Screen!" Help save the planet by turning off your screens and visiting participating merchants and organizations for exciting, entertaining, educational and environmental activities.

- The Jesse White Tumblers will kick off the Week on Sunday, March 1 at 3:30 PM at the Washburne School gym, 515 Hibbard Rd., Winnetka, 60093.
- KidWorks will close the Week with a performance entitled "Global Warming -- What's a Kid to Do?" on Saturday, March 7 at 3:30 in the Washburne Little Theater, same address.

ST. JOSEPH GREEN TEAM

We held another successful Trash Free Friday. A very special thank you to Whole Foods in Evanston for supplying prizes and supporting our efforts. Please continue to use re-usable or at least recyclable containers when packing lunches and snacks. Pre-cycle and avoid buying costly convenience sized food and snacks. Instead, buy in bulk and use re-usable containers, saving money and the earth. We still have Wrap-n-Mats for sale.

Are you interested in helping make our school look more beautiful? Do you think a school garden is a great educational opportunity for students of all ages? Interested in a healthier hot lunch for our students? These are all topics being discussed at Green Team meetings. Please join us in the cafeteria on **Thursday, March 5** at 9:00 for our next meeting.

TIP: The average American throws away about 68 pounds of clothing and textiles per year. There are numerous charities that will pick up your unwanted clothing and other household items. Please consider what you toss in the trash. One person's trash is another person's treasure.

SUMMER CAMP

Our 6th and 7th graders have had the opportunity to spend time at **YMCA Camp MacLean** in Burlington, Wisconsin as part of an outdoor education program. They are always gracious hosts. They run a summer camp for children and teens ages 7-16 that is well attended and are holding some informational meetings for those who might be interested in summer camp. On Wednesday, March 11 at 7 PM they will be at the Park

Ridge Library at 20 S. Prospect Ave. On Wednesday, April 22 they will be at the High Ridge YMCA at 2424 W. Touhy Avenue in Chicago. Additional information (including registration) is also available online at www.campmaclean.com.

ATTACHMENTS

Answer Key – Green Team Quiz

Preschool Post

March Calendar of Events

St. Joseph Mission

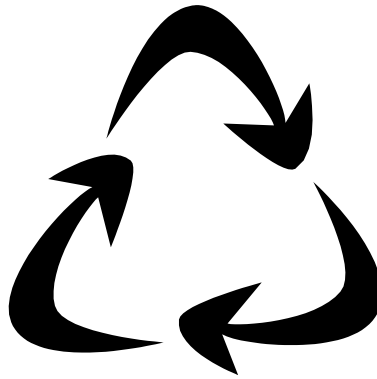
Josselyn Center

8th Grade Recycling

Name _____

Teacher _____

**RESPECT OUR EARTH
REDUCE. RE-USE. RECYCLE.**



The St. Joseph Green Team needs your help. We all need to do our part to protect and respect this beautiful earth that God made. We hope this worksheet gets you thinking about more ways to reduce, re-use and recycle and we want you to think about why it is so important to take these steps.

Please complete this worksheet and bring it to school on Friday, February 27th for Trash Free Day. Students who complete their worksheets will be eligible for a variety of prizes.

1. We use the term carbon footprint a lot—do you know what we are talking about?
 - a. The square footage of your home
 - b. How much gasoline your car uses
 - c. A person or organizations contribution to greenhouse gases in the atmosphere**

2. What is the correct definition of vampire power?
 - a. The standby energy electronics consume even when not in use**
 - b. The ambient light from parking lots
 - c. The excess power that is generated by the grid at night but not used

3. What does “photovoltaic” refer to?
 - a. Cameras that monitor the machinery in solar power plants
 - b. The field of research that involves solar-power technology**
 - c. The amount of energy it takes to power a device using the sun’s energy

4. Choose the correct meaning of daylighting
 - a. Keeping lamps on all day, even when it's sunny
 - b. Using stored solar power to illuminate a room at night
 - c. Designing a building to take maximum advantage of sunlight and reduce dependence on artificial light**

5. You've heard of recycling, but do you know what pre-cycling is?
 - a. Recycling an item before you use it
 - b. A way for towns to begin recycling municipal waste
 - c. Making purchasing decisions based on choices that will help prevent waste**

6. What does the term locavore mean?
 - a. Someone who likes crazy, unusual foods
 - b. Buying foods sourced locally**

7. Approximately how much more water does it take to manufacture the water contained in a 1 liter bottle of bottled water
 - a. 5 times more
 - b. 7 times more**
 - c. 6 times more
 - d. 4 times more

8. Globally, approximately how much oil is required to make all of the bottles used by the bottled water industry
 - a. 2.25 million barrels/year
 - b. 3 million barrels/year
 - c. 1.5 million barrels/year**
 - d. 1.0 million barrels/year

9. True or **False**: Bottled water has more stringent federal quality control regulations than tap water

10. How much more gasoline per year does an average American use than an average Canadian
 - a. 50 gallons
 - b. 190 gallons
 - c. 350 gallons
 - d. 1100 gallons**

A special thank you to Whole Foods in Evanston for donating prizes to SJS Trash Free Friday.



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The auction is approaching and I hope you can sign your child up for Movie Night. This is what the preschool teachers auction off: The children come in pajamas, bring something to cuddle with in the T. R. C. and watch a movie.

Here are the new activities:

- One hundred board; the children place the numbers 1-100 on a board using a guide.
- The Counters game; the children place numerals 1-10 onto a mat. They then place small red discs under the corresponding number. We point out that some numbers have a partner and they are even. The others are odd numbers.
- Atrium; another gesture was introduced, the gesture of "peace be with you."
- The kindergarten groups worked on a ditto sheet with Miss Jones. They had to follow directions.
- Art shelf; making a Dr. Kit.
- The P.M. class auction items are in the classroom for you to see and purchase. The photos are priceless and your child decorated the frame.
- Please discourage your child from bringing toys to school as they get distracted.

Miss Jones

Mrs. Cavoto

Calendar of Events March 2009

Flower of the Month: Jonquil
Birthstone: Aquamarine

March 1-31

- American Red Cross Month
- Honor Society Awareness Month
- Music in Our Schools Month
- National March to Literacy Month
- National Women's History Month

March 2

- NEA's Read Across America Day

March 2-6

- Newspaper in Education Week

March 6

- World Day of Prayer

March 7

- Genealogy Day

March 8

- Daylight Saving Time Begins

March 15-21

- National Poison Prevention Week

March 16

- Freedom of Information Day

March 17

- Saint Patrick's Day

March 20

- First Day of Spring

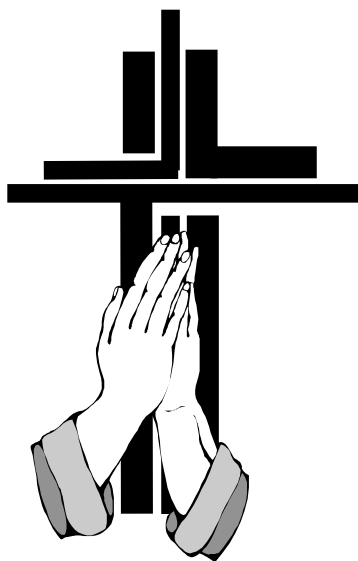
March 27

- Education and Sharing Day

“BE YOU PERFECT
AS YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER
IS PERFECT”

Presented by
Father Patrick Boyle, S.J.

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH MISSION 2009
March 9-11, 2009, 7:30 p.m.



TOPICS

Monday, March 9th – The Eucharist

Tuesday, March 10th – The Sacraments

Wednesday, March 11th – Prayer

Please invite your friends and family to attend our Lenten Mission, which will take place in St. Joseph's church; all are welcome!

B.O.Y.S. Build On Your Strengths



This ongoing and interactive group for boys age 10-13 is intended to help boys who regularly struggle with feelings of frustration, a hard time controlling their emotions, low self esteem, or difficulty connecting with peers.

Meets Mondays from 6:00 to 7:30 pm

At The Josselyn Center

405 Central Ave. Northfield, IL. 60093

Contact: Intake Dept. (847) 441-5600 x 156

Group is free for Josselyn clients. \$15 for the public.

Support St. Joseph School 8th Grade AND be Green!



During February and March, the 8th grade is collecting the following items[∞] for recycling:

- Printer cartridges (inkjet and laser)
- Cell phones (working* or not)
- Digital Cameras/Video Cameras (working* or not)
- Laptop or notebook computers+ (working* or not)
- MP3 Players/iPods (working* or not)
- Handheld Game Systems (working* or not)

Labeled drop boxes located in the school vestibule and outside the community room.

What is recyclable? Check www.stjosephwilmette.com or call Danielle at 847.256.7866.

The proceeds will support the 8th grade class trips, and reduce landfill waste.

[∞]No accessories please! We cannot recycle these and will be charged a fee.

*Working items must have batteries.

+All computers will have hard drives removed and destroyed, or owner may remove them. We cannot accept desktop or tower computers and monitors.