

# ***NEWSLETTER FOR SEPTEMBER 3, 2009***

*St. Joseph, Pray for Us!*

**Back-To-School-Dance:** All school families are invited to our St. Joseph Parents' Club Dance this Friday evening, September 4, 2009. The dance begins at 6:30 p.m. We will have a D.J. and a wonderful time! I hope to see you there!

**We are off to a great beginning...**I thank all parents, guardians, faculty, and staff for forming "Team St. Joseph." We are off to a great start: Several Jr. High students arrive each morning after their advanced classes at Marian Catholic...Fifth graders are learning how to carry "tons" of books and change classes. Our 16 little Pre-Schoolers are adjusting to school life, our new computer teacher, **Mrs. Kate Harding**, is learning students' names, etc. Our eighth graders will lead us in prayer during our opening Mass on September 8, the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**TEAMWORK:** Pastoral Staff, Parents' Club, School Advisory Committee, Athletic Association, Maintenance Crew, Extended Day Supervisors, Faculty and Staff +Students and Families = Team St. Joseph!

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL-NIGHT:** On Thursday, September 10, we ask all parents/guardians to meet in our school gym for Introductions, Important Presentations, and Information Sharing. Teachers will then present an overview of the Curriculum and answer questions. We hope to see *every* family represented at this important event....Remember, **Teamwork! We will begin at 7:00 p.m.**

**Gift Wrap Sale:** Please try to sell Gift Wrap/Candy Products. You will receive the information with this newsletter. Mrs. Lisa Brooks is chairing this fundraiser for our Parents' Club. New carpeting was purchased by last year's Parents' Club donation, so every bit helps! **Market Day:** Mrs. Kathy Webster will chair this fundraiser this year. Watch for information in your Family Envelopes.

**Second Tuition Payments are due September 10 – Kindly leave the Tuition Envelope un-sealed, since it will be used every month. Thank you.**

**Flu, etc.** We have all heard the warnings about the spread of the H1N1 Virus. The best advice we can share is: Wash hands, Wash hands, Wash hands! Please remind you child to always flush the toilet after using it and to **WASH HANDS** after each bathroom use. Please give your child a small pack of disinfecting wipes to use while waiting in the lunch line....Remind the children to cough "into their sleeves" rather than onto their hands. Make sure we have your home, work, and cell phone numbers.

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If a child gets sick in school or has a fever, ***we must isolate that child and send him/her home.*** Let us know when your child is home sick and keep the child home ***for twenty-four hours after a fever breaks.***

We will not close school if there is a flu outbreak, but will ask everyone to follow all normal safety precautions.

***Safety First:*** Please read all the medical information contained in today's Family Envelope. Sign all pertinent forms and return them to school as soon as possible. Review the Parking Lot directives so we always keep our children safe before/after school.

**LUNCHROOM VOLUNTEERS:** Thank you to all who have returned volunteer sheets for the Lunchroom. Enclosed with this Newsletter is a calendar for those who have volunteered. If you volunteered and did not receive a Lunchroom Calendar, you will be scheduled beginning in October. There is never such a thing as "too many" helpers.

God bless you and your loved ones,

Natalie Lamoureux  
Principal