



Dear Parents,

June 8, 2010

A big thank you to Jackie VanDiver and John Rich, Physical Education teachers, Liz Georgantones, volunteer coordinator and all the parents who are helping plan tomorrow's **Fitness Fun Day/Luncheon**. Thank you to the Home and School Association for covering the cost of lunch. We hope the weather cooperates and the students have a great time.

School yearbooks were passed out yesterday to students (K-6) who placed orders. We do have a limited supply of extra yearbooks for sale for \$15.00. Congratulations and thanks to Mrs. Monahan, yearbook editor.

Our **last day for kindergartners** is Wednesday, June 9. **Grades 1-7** will have their last day of school on Thursday, June 10. Students will be dismissed at their regular dismissal time of 3:35 pm with district transportation provided. We encourage all students to take the bus home as the parking lot is usually very congested.

We will **dismiss car riders in three shifts**. Families with last names A-G should pick up at 3:20 pm, letters H-R should pick up at 3:30 pm and letters S-Z at 3:40 pm. I know parents like to stand and visit on the last day, however, to help with efficiency and safety, I ask that you be on time to pick up your child(ren) and that you leave the lot immediately to make room for the next set of drivers. Please take care entering and leaving the parking lot. In their excitement, students may not be attentive. Parents who are picking up their children should enter the parking lot via Butler Ave, park in the back rows. We ask that parents get out of their vehicle and come forward to escort your child through the traffic. Faculty and staff members will be on duty to assist. Please exit via Orme St. Larger vehicles are asked to park in the far back, providing clearer vision line for our students. Your patience and cooperation will ensure a safe dismissal.

Third trimester report cards will be mailed home the week of June 14th. You can find some important calendar dates for next year on the back of this letter. Please note that our first day of school will be before Labor Day on Tuesday, August 31. **We will not have district transportation or hot/bag lunches available August 31, September 1 & 2 as these are not District school days.** More details will be available in the family packets, August 7 & 8.

We wish the best to those **students and families who are not returning** to St. Joseph's in the fall. Due to declining enrollment and budget challenges, we have had to reduce our workforce and make several teaching assignment changes. We send our prayers, best wishes and heartfelt appreciation to those teachers who will be leaving St. Joseph's - Angela Salzman (currently on family leave) and Mary Knezovich, gr. 6, as well as part-time aides - Lisa Schleif, Jane O'Neill, and Laura Dolan. These teachers will have new teaching assignments in the fall - Mary Rose, Gr. 3 to part-time Gr. 4-6 aide, Carol Day, Gr. 1 to Gr. 2, Jill Rotvold, Gr. 2 to Gr. 4 and Theresa Mette, Gr. 5 to Gr. 6. Carolyn Pilney and Lisa O'Neill will go from full-time to part-time aides in Kindergarten.

A **supply list for 2010-2011** is coming home today to help with your summer shopping. We ask that you purchase only those items on the list. (Supplies often go to waste because they are not needed or do not meet the teacher's criteria.)

The school's **lost and found** items will be on tables outside the school office for the next two weeks. Please check for any items you may be missing at home. Items will be donated to a clothing shelf after two weeks.

Congratulations to our Boy's 8th Grade "A" Baseball team and their coach Dave Vierling and assistant coach Rob Thompson on last week's CAA victory over Nativity of St. Paul. This past Friday, they beat St. Charles Borromeo of St. Anthony to become the Twin Cities Champs! Way to go boys!!

Fall Sports Registration packets for soccer, volleyball and football (for incoming 6-8th grades) will be mailed out with report cards the week of June 14th. Please watch for this packet. Sports registration may be mailed in or dropped off at the office at any time before July 21st. July 21st will be the deadline for all fall sport's registration.

Weeding through your **bookshelves** this summer? Keep an eye out for lost library books. Also, our **library** is always open to donations. If you bring in any book donations, please leave your name so Mrs. McNamara may acknowledge your donation.

If you **move over the summer**, please contact the school office so we may inform the District Transportation Dept. Our summer office hours are 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. There may be days when the office is closed, but we will be checking messages. If your child will not be returning to St. Joseph's in the fall, we would appreciate a courtesy call to assist us with classroom planning.

It's hard to believe this is the **last parent letter** of the year. We've had a great year and I would like to thank each of you for your help and support. Have a safe summer - See you August 31st!

Please join us for our **last school mass** on Thursday, June 10th at 9:00 am.

We have **openings in most grades**, please mention our school to new neighbors, work colleagues, etc.

God bless you and your family. Have a wonderful summer!

Jane E. Nordin, Principal

2010-2011 IMPORTANT SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Wednesday, July 21	Fall Sport's Registration 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, school office. Sport's registration for 6, 7, 8 grade will be mailed out with report cards the 2nd week of June. Registrations may also be mailed in. Registration deadline is July 21
Friday, August 6	Used Uniform Sale, 12:00 Noon - 6:00 pm
Saturday, August 7 & Sunday, August 8	School Family Packets are available before and after all masses in the link. After August 15, packets may then be picked up on a table outside the school office.
Wednesday, August 25	New Family Orientation 7:00 pm, Parish Great Room
Thursday, August 26	Open House 1:30 pm - New Families 2:00 pm - Current Families
Tuesday, August 31	School begins / No Busses / No District Lunch
Friday, September 3 - Monday, September 6	No School - Labor Day Break
Thursday, September 16	Home & School Meeting/Open House 7:00 pm, gym
Saturday, October 2	Nonpublic School Marathon 9:30-11:00 am
Thursday, October 21 - Friday, October 22	M.E.A. (Minnesota Education Association) - No School
Saturday, November 20	J.A.G. Quest - Auction/Dance
Wednesday, November 24 - Friday, November 26	Thanksgiving Vacation - No School
Monday, December 20 - Friday, December 31	Christmas Vacation - No School
Monday, March 21- Friday, March 25	Spring Break - No School
Thursday, June 9	Last Day of School - 3:35 dismissal