St JOSEPH Catholic School
Pilot Grove, Missouri

COUGAR TRACKS

Mission: Saint Joseph Catholic School Community is committed to all students to provide spiritual and personal growth, academic excellence, and service to others.

"Growing Together in Christ"

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Welcome Back!

Here we are starting a new year! We are so excited to welcome all our families back and welcome new families to the school! It is such a blessing to have 59 students in school this year to grow together in Christ!

Mass Schedule

Next week we will be having mass on Tuesday and Thursday. The 7th & 8th grade students will have mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

Website

Just a reminder about our school website, www.stjosephcougars.com. Here you can find Cougar Tracks, the school calendar, and a link to teacher's newsletters. There are also links to OptionC and Shopwithscrip.com. Check it out today!

Information Needed

In your Friday folder you will find several items that will need to be completed and returned. Please have forms returned by Monday, August 27th.

- **OptionC Update Form:** Please make sure that your information is correct so that you can receive text alerts and emails through OptionC.
- **Internet Policy Form:** All students and parents need to sign in order for the students to use the internet and computers at school.
- **Media Release Form:** This is so that we are able to send pictures to the newspaper, put pictures on our website or Facebook of students. Pictures that will be on the website/Facebook will not list names of students, only the event.
- **Permission Slip Form:** This will cover trips that are taken around town. Such as going to Katy Manor or walking to the public school for events. Please fill out and return as well.
- **Student Council-** This is for 1st-8th only. Please have your child fill out this form if they wish to run for Student Council. Speeches and elections will be held on Wednesday, September 5. Please see the form for more information.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

8/27-StuCO Info Due
8/31-No School-Picnic Prep
9/3-No School Labor Day
9/5-Student Council Speeches & Elections
9/12-School Pictures & Mid-Quarter
9/14-Progress Reports Home
9/21-Grandparents Day

Lunch Bills

Lunch bills for the year will be sent out in next week's Friday folders for K-8th students. You can pay weekly, monthly, quarterly, yearly, or whichever way works best for your family. If the balance on your account does not match the charge it is because you had a credit remaining from last year and it was applied to this year's balance. Throughout the year we will send bills with what is remaining on the account. If you have any questions, please contact us.

Donations

If anyone has any beef or pork that they would like to donate to the school, please let us know! These donations help our lunch program tremendously and help keep costs down for lunches.

Social Media

We now have a Facebook page, be sure to check it out for things going on at school or upcoming events! We are also now using the app Class Dojo to communicate with parents. Teachers can post pictures and message parents through this app. If you did not get a code for your student, please be sure to ask your child's teacher for it. We hope this will give parents a peek of what goes on at school during the day and offer another form of communication. As always, if you have questions don't hesitate to ask!

Information

If there is a day when you will be picking up or dropping off your child late please let both the classroom teacher and Donna know by either sending both an email or calling the office. Thanks!

Friday Folders

For those of you new to the Friday folder system every Friday (or the last day we are in session for the week) we send home a family folder with Cougar Tracks and other school information. These are then returned with the students on Monday. Any information that needs to be completed or go back to the office should be sent back in the Friday folder.

Contact Information

Included in folders is a roster with contact information for the staff, this also includes information for after school care staff.

Back to School BBQ

A huge thanks to all the parents that helped with the BBQ and the Knights of Columbus for donating items for the BBQ! It is always a great way to kick off the school year and get the kids excited for the start of school, this year was no different!

Pictures

School pictures will be on Wednesday, September 12th. More information will be sent home closer to time.

Thank You!

A big thank you to the School Board, Jaclyn and Billy Inskeep, Brian Hoff, Steve Hoff, Steve Schuster, and Norbie Schuster for their work around school this summer. Over the summer flower beds were cleaned out, rock put down for the dumpsters, the basketball court was cleaned up and new lines were painted, the boys' bathroom floor was resealed, our bike rack was repaired and painted, and a few other odds and ends were taken care of. Thanks to all that helped get these things taken care of over the summer!

We would also like to thank BTC bank for their generous donation towards new books for our library! We were able to purchase many new books for all ages for the library. BTC bank also made back to school bags for the kids that they will be bringing home today. We appreciate their support of the school!

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