



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.

“Share Your Gifts”

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Welcome Back

We are so excited to have the students back and to get the new school year started! We have 92 smiling faces we get to work with every day, such a huge blessing! We had a great kick off to the school year at our Back to School BBQ and Open House. We thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us, we are so fortunate to have such a great school family!



Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday with the 7th & 8th grade having mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!

Safe Environment

Just a reminder that the dioceses has set a new requirement for parents to complete the Safe Environment Training and background check. All registration and training may be completed online at <https://diojeffcity.org/safe-environment>. Check the steps on the right-hand side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Watring.

Items Needed:

There are many forms that need to be returned in this folder! Please sign, read, and return the forms listed below. If you have any questions, please let us know!

- **Media Release Form:** This form allows us to submit pictures of students to the newspaper or put them on our website or Facebook page.
- **Internet Policy:** This form is for students in K-8 and their parents to sign. It reviews the school's expectations for using technology at school.
- **Permission Slip Form:** This permission slip will cover trips that are taken around town. Such as walking to the public school for events or other places in town.
- **Student Council:** Students
- **Handbook Acknowledgement:** (K-8th grades) Our handbook can be found on our website: www.stjosephcougars.com and a printed copy can be requested. Please take the time to read the handbook and then sign and return the form.
- **All School Masses:** This school year we will be having four All School weekend Masses. If your child would like to have a part, please fill out and return the form.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/26-Early Out @ 12:00
8/27-Church Picnic
9/2-No School
9/5-No School-Labor Day
9/7-StuCo Elections
9/8-111-Steam Engine Show
9/13-Blood Drive
9/16-Mid-Quarter
9/24-Grandparents Day/Early Out
(more info to follow)
9/26-No Bus Service

Steam Engine Show

Included in folders this week is the work list for the Steam Engine Show and gate passes. Please be sure to read the letter from the committee as it contains important information.

Early Out

Next Friday, August 26 we will dismiss at 12:00 to allow the picnic committee to begin set-up. There will be no bus service in the afternoon.

Friday Folders

For those that are new to the Friday folder system, every Friday (or the last day school is in session) we send home a family folder with the oldest students. This folder includes the Cougar Tracks along with any other school information. These are then returned to school on Monday with the students. Any completed information that needs to be completed or be sent to the office should be sent back in the Friday folder. Cougar Tracks will also be emailed to all school families and be posted on our website, www.stjosephcougars.com.

Blood Drive

St. Joseph School and the Knight of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 13th from 1:00-6:00pm at the Community Building. The Red Cross will be giving our school a goal of units donated, if we reach that goal, they will be providing a pizza party for the school! Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter StJosephPilotGrove to schedule an appointment.

Student Council

This year we will again be having a Student Council group. Right now we are asking any students in grades 1st-8th to fill out the form if they wish to run for Student Council. Students in 7th & 8th can run for an officer position. Speeches and elections will be held on Tuesday, September 7th.

St. Joseph Picnic

The parish picnic will be Saturday, August 27th. The fried chicken and pulled pork dinner will be served from 4:30-8:00. We hope to see everyone there!

Share Your Gifts

Our theme for this school year is Share Your Gifts. We talked with the students about all the gifts God gives to us and how all our gifts are different, and the best ways to use our gifts. We will be doing several things throughout the school year to go with our theme. Some of the things we will be doing will be a Manner Monday where we will introduce a new manner every Monday and work on it all week. We will also have a Saint of the Month that we will learn more about a certain saint all month. These will be listed in Cougar Tracks each week so you can help reinforce at home as well!

Manner Monday: Be Humble

- Encourage your child not to brag when they receive a compliment. Instead turn it into a moment where they seek to praise others

Saint of the Month: TBA

