
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.

“Stand Firm in the Faith”

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Welcome Back

It is so great to see 96 smiling faces at St. Joseph School this year!! We had a great start to our school year at our open house and BBQ thank you to all that helped in any way and all that were able to attend! We are looking forward to a good year! We thank you for sharing your kiddos with us this year, we are truly blessed to have such an amazing 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:

This is the folder with all the forms needed in it! Please read, sign, and return the forms listed below. If you have any questions, please let us know!

- **Media Release Form:** This is so that we can 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.
- **Internet Policy:** This form is for our students(K-8) and parents to sign that reviews the school's expectations when using technology at school.
- **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. Please see the form for more information.
- **Handbook Acknowledgement-** This is the link to the handbook <http://www.stjosephcougars.com/handbook.html> and it can also be found on the school website. Please take the time to read it and then sign and return the form. There is a lot of important information in our handbook.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8/23-No Bus Service
8/27-Early Release at 12:00
8/28-Church Picnic
9/1-School Pictures
9/1-StuCo Elections
9/3-No School
9/6-No School-Labor Day
9/9-12-Steam Engine Show
9/14-Blood Drive
9/16-Mid-Quarter
9/17-No School-Teacher PD
9/22-Family Night @ Book Fair
9/24-Grandparents Day/Early Out
9/27-No Bus Service

Friday Folders

For those of you that are 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. Cougar Tracks will also be emailed on Fridays and can be found on our school website, www.stjosephcougars.com.

St. Joseph Picnic

The parish picnic will be Saturday, August 28th. There will be a fried chicken and pulled pork dinner served from 4:30-8:00 and games for all ages! We hope to see everyone there!

FACTS

Included in folders is an information sheet about how to login to FACTS. FACTS is our student information system. Through this system parents will receive parent alerts and can check grades for students in grades 3-8. If you have any questions or you are not receiving the emails or text alerts, please contact Mrs. Watring.

Blood Drive

St. Joseph School and the Knight of Columbus will be hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, September 14th from 1:00-6:00pm at the Community Building. Please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit REdCrossBlood.org and enter StJosephPilotGrove to schedule and appointment.

Early Out

Next Friday, August 27th we will have an early release at noon to allow the picnic committee to begin to prepare for the picnic on Saturday. There will be no bus service in the afternoon.

School Pictures

School pictures will be on Wednesday, September 1st. This will be a free dress, but please keep in mind that it is picture day and dress accordingly. If you have a preschool student that does not attend on Wednesdays, please contact Mrs. Waller to make arrangements for getting their picture taken that day. The retake day will be Friday, November 5th. You may order online at inter-state.com/order and use order cod 60151EB. If you would like a form to fill out please call the office to request one.

