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# 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.*

*Do What Makes You ~~Happy~~ Holy*

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## Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

If you have not turned in the forms listed below, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you!

- **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 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> only
- **Handbook Acknowledgement:** (K-8<sup>th</sup> grades) Our handbook we be attached to the email, can be found on our website: [www.stjosephcougars.com](http://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. Participation is optional for those that would like to have a Mass part on a weekend Mass.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- 8/25-No School
- 8/26-Church Picnic
- 9/1-No School-Teacher PD
- 9/4-No School-Labor Day
- 9/6-StuCo Elections
- 9/7-9/10-Steam Engine Show
- 9/14-Mid-Quarter
- 9/18-No Bus Service
- 9/22-Grandparents Day/Early Out

## No School

School will not be in session tomorrow, Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for picnic prep, Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup> for teacher PD and Monday September 4<sup>th</sup> for Labor Day.

## Quarterly Virtue: Fortitude

This week we talked a lot about fortitude and exactly what it means and how we can put that to use. Fr. Mike Schmitz had a wonderful homily about it last weekend and described it as using the knowledge you have to do the right thing, even when it is hard! If you have a k-8<sup>th</sup> grade student, ask if they can tell you how it's related to McDonald's French fries!

## Yearbooks

Yearbooks from last year are being sent home today, they turned out great! A big thank you to all the businesses and individuals that took out ads for last year's yearbook! If you are interested in having an ad for this year's yearbook, please contact Joyce Lorenz at [jlorenz@stjosephcougars.com](mailto:jlorenz@stjosephcougars.com) or call the office.

## Blood Drive

St. Joseph School and the Knight of Columbus will be hosting a Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 12 from 1:00-6:00 at the Community Building. Please see the flyer in folders for more information on making an appt.

## Student Council

This year we will again be having a Student Council group. Right now, we are asking any students in grades 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> to fill out the form if they wish to run for Student Council. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> can run for an officer position. Speeches and elections will be held on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Forms are due back by Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.

## St. Joseph Picnic

The parish picnic will be Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The fried chicken and pulled pork dinner will be served from 4:30-8:00. We hope to see everyone there!

## House System

The students had their first house meeting today! They met and decided on what their Saint name would be and designed seals for their house. We will send a list home next week with each house's name and list of students in it. The students were very excited to be in the groups and be working together this year!

### Virtue of the Quarter: Fortitude

- Using knowledge to do the right thing.

**Saint of the Month: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

### Virtues for the Year:

- Faith-gift from God that allows us to believe in him
- Hope-allows us to trust in God's promise to share his life with us forever
- Love-greatest of all, allows us to love God and one another





