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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Mass Schedule

Next week we will be having mass on Thursday. Students in 5th-8th grade will be attending a funeral mass on Tuesday. The 5th & 6th grade students will have mass parts on Thursday. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!

Fall Field Trip

We have our fall field trip scheduled! A note with more information about the day and the permission slip has been sent home. We will be touring KMIZ 17 news studio and going to Rock Bridge State Park on October 12th. Please return permission slips by Monday, October 1st. If you have any questions, please let us know!

Blood Drive

Thanks to all of those that made it to give blood and endured the wait! We had a total of 60 units donated which could help up to 180 people!

Grandparent's Day

Tomorrow is grandparent's day! Mass will begin at 9:30 and we ask that grandparents meet the students in front of church beginning at 9:15. Entertainment and lunch will follow mass and then dismissal no later than 12:30.

No Bus Service

Just a reminder that there is no bus service tomorrow, morning or afternoon and that student will be dismissed with grandparents.

Free Dress

This year we will again be having free dress days on the last Friday we are in session for the month. Our first will be on Friday, September 28th.

Calendar Change

There is a slight change in the calendar that was sent home at the beginning of the year. Monday, November 12th was a day that school was not in session because of a diocesan wide professional development day. That day has been moved to Monday, November 5th. Sorry for any problems this may cause.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9/26-Committee Chair Meeting
9/28-Free Dress
9/30-All School Mass
10/1-10/5-Testing Week 1-8 grades
10/12-End of Quarter
10/18-Parent Teacher Conferences
10/20-Home & School Auction

Parent Teacher Conferences

It doesn't seem possible that we are near the end of the first quarter! Parent teacher conferences for the first quarter will be held on Thursday, October 18th from 1:00-7:00. You will once again sign up for your conference time on OptionC. Once you login onto OptionC you will see a box that says conferences are available. From there you can choose times for your conferences. Mrs. Lorenz and Mrs. Wirths are available for conferences also if you wish to have one with them, but it is not required. If you are not available on the 18th for a conference, please contact your child's teacher to set up a different time. If you need assistance in signing up, please contact the office and we will be happy to help!

In Need Of

Mrs. Lorenz is in need of large plastic coffee containers for art. If you have any, please send them to school or drop them off at the office. Thank you!

Testing Week

The 1st-8th grade will be taking the Iowa Assessments the week of October 1st. Please try to avoid scheduling doctor appointments during this week. We generally try to test in the mornings and the students will have a snack in the morning during testing. We will again be rewarding all students that show significant growth on their test from last year with a trip to the movies! The tests are important for us to see what skills need to be focused on for the remainder of the school year.

Self-Study

This year we will be going through part of the accreditation process of a self-study. There are 11 standards that are reviewed as part of this self-study. We will need the help of all our school parents to help with this process. Yvonne Kammerich has agreed to take on the role of the Steering Committee chairperson with the school board making up the Steering Committee. All other parents will be part of the committees for the 11 standards. Included in folders is a list of the committees, chairperson, and Steering Committee member for each committee. We will have a meeting for all chairpersons next week on Wednesday the 26th at 7:00 in the church basement and after that members will be contacted by their chairperson to set up a time to meet and begin work on their standards. The end of the process will be on March 11-13 when a visiting team will be at the school to review our findings. This is a great thing for our school where we can let others see the great things that are happening here at St. Joe!

All School Masses

All school masses have been set for:

- Sunday, September 30th @9:00
- Saturday, November 10th @ 4:00
- Sunday, January 27th @ 9:00 (CSW Mass)
- Sunday, March 24th @ 9:00 (Open House to follow)

If you did not return your form but would like your child(ren) to have a mass part, please return it to school as soon as possible or let me know. Every student will have a mass part at, at least one of the masses if not more. Mass parts for Sunday, September 30th are below.

Servers: Weston Rentel and Aiden Wessing

Song Leader: Catherine Schuster

1st Reading: Ava Hoff

Response: Cloey Tavenner

2nd Reading: Elaina Wirths

Petitions: Halea Hoff, Wyatt Weber, Tyson Martin, Audrey Wolfe, and Miles Schuster,

Baskets: Tate Rentel, Evie Stark, Britta Hoff, Ean Wessing

Offertory: Karlie Root, Marina Wirths, and Willa Wolfe

If you will be unable to make it to mass on September 30th and you have a part, please let us know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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