

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL**  
**NEWSLETTER #16**  
**January 5, 2012**

**WELCOME BACK...**We hope that your Christmas break was a good one for you and your family and you were able to spend quality time with each other. We wish you a blessed and healthy new year.

**BOARD OF TOTAL CATHOLIC FORMATION...**will meet on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**NO SCHOOL...**on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**BENGAL SPIRIT DAY...**Since the Bengals are in the playoffs this weekend, students are allowed to wear Bengal Wear (or anything orange and/or black) with their school uniform pants/slacks tomorrow to school.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK...**begins Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> and continues throughout the week. Open House and Book Fair will kick-off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Please tell your family and friends to stop by and check out what we have to offer here at St. Joseph School. Coffee, juice and doughnuts will be available. The theme this year is ***“Catholic Schools: Faith, Academics, Service”***.

This is just a heads up on some of the days that will involve you, as a parent.

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| Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup>    | – | Open House from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon  |
| Monday, January 30 <sup>th</sup>    | – | “Super Cereal Bowl” - Students are asked to bring in boxes of Hot or cold cereal for a food pantry through Thursday of this week  |
| Tuesday, January 31 <sup>st</sup>   | – | Book Fair during your child’s usual library time  |
|                                     | - | Future Career Dress Up Day  |
| Wednesday, February 1 <sup>st</sup> | – | Wacky Wednesday – Students may dress up “wacky”   |
| Thursday, February 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | – | Student Appreciation Day – Students may wear spirit wear or black and/or gold   |
|                                     | - | <b><u>Tentative:</u></b> students will eat at 11:00 a.m. and leave for Town & Country at 11:30 a.m. – we will need drivers to transport our students.   |
| Friday, February 3 <sup>rd</sup>    | – | Staff Appreciation – “Fast Food Friday”   |
|                                     | - | Lunch will be at 11:30 a.m. and parents are invited to bring “Fast Food” for their child(ren) and eat lunch with them. Otherwise a lunch needs to be sent with your child as no lunch will be served. |
|                                     | - | Early Dismissal at 12:00 noon   |

The complete list of events will be sent home in the Newsletter on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT...**will take place on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at St. Anne Convent in Melbourne. This retreat is essential for all those being confirmed. Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students received a permission slip in the mail and this slip is due back **Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup> along with \$12.00 for the retreat fee.** Please send this slip along with money back tomorrow. Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Church.

**CONFIRMATION...**The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class of our parish will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Roger Foys, Bishop of Covington, will be the celebrant as well as Rev. Gerald Twaddell as concelebrant, Rev. Daniel Schomaker as Master of Ceremonies and Deacon Tim Britt. Those who will be receiving this Sacrament are: Zachary A., Sam B., Simon B., Grant C., Jacob C., Emily O., Paul W., Taylor Y. and Summer Z. Let us keep these students in our prayers as they continue to learn about their Catholic faith and to live it as young adults.

There will be a reception held in the cafeteria after the Confirmation Mass, hosted by the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

**MASS AT CATHEDRAL...**Students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will be attending a Diocesan Mass at the Cathedral on Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

**CNOTIFY PHONE SYSTEM...**With the winter weather upon us, we want to make sure you are contacted in case of school closings and delays. Please make sure you share with us any changes in your phone numbers or email listed on file here.

**URGENT!!** Eyes On Art Contest: Our school is participating in an "Eyes On Art" Contest. We have been fortunate enough to be selected to participate in this pilot program. In today's newsletter you will see a flyer that explains the contest. They are conducting this contest to promote awareness of the importance of caring for eyes and vision. Also in your envelope you will find an Official Eyes on Art Entry Form. If you are willing to let your child participate in this program, I need to have this form filled out and **RETURNED IN YOUR FOLDER TOMORROW.** The back side of this form is where your child will draw their eye artwork and we will be working on this project in art class tomorrow. After we submit the students artwork, it will be uploaded to the contest website. We will then notify you so that you will have the opportunity for yourself and friends and family to go to the website and vote for your favorite drawing. After this approximate three week time frame, based on the votes, the contest will award 3 winners a Staples Gift Card. (The Parent Flyer says 3 winners per grade but this was designed for a large school setting.) They are making adjustments so that our entire school can participate in the contest. The contest was piloting for the older grades only until they met us! And finally, by participating in this contest, our school will receive \$500 to go towards art supplies.

**VIRTUS...**Just a reminder to keep up to date with your Virtus bulletins. There was a new bulletin sent to you on Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. You must be current with your bulletins to be able to volunteer at school as a cafeteria worker, driver field trips, coaches, etc.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE...** Bishop Foys has declared Monday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> as a Day of Prayer and Penance for Life in the Diocese of Covington to mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision legalizing abortion. Every church will remain open during the day to allow the faithful to pray for an end to abortion, to pray for all those affected by the tragedy of abortion and to pray for the 50 million children murdered by abortion. Every parish will also expose the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time on this day. Here at St. Joseph Parish adoration will take place from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Finally, Bishop Foys has designated 10 churches to host a Holy Hour for Life beginning at 7:00 p.m., all strongly encouraged to attend. The complete list can be found in the *Messenger*. We must all do our part to protect the dignity of the human person and ensure the inalienable right to life for all – especially the unborn. Students will have a prayer service at 9:00 a.m.

**2012 CALENDARS...** Don Wiedeman, a parishioner, sells a calendar each year for the upcoming year with pictures from the Camp Springs area. The calendars are \$6.00 and proceeds will benefit St. Joseph School. Please call the school office or send in \$6.00 in an envelope and we will send your calendar home to you. The remaining calendars will be returned to Don Wiedeman next weekend.

**MENU AND VOLUNTEERS**

Salad and dessert will be served daily

Friday, January 6  
Sheila Anderson

Monday, January 9  
Lisa Roetting

Tuesday, January 10  
Lisa Roetting

Pasta

Hot Ham & Cheese  
Tator Tots  
Carrots

Chicken Noodle Soup  
Grilled Cheese

Wednesday, January 11  
OPEN

Thursday, 12  
Missy Jo Hollingsworth

Turkey  
Mashed Potato/Gravy  
Green Beans

Cheeseburger  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Baked Beans