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# ST. JOSEPH NEWS

*St. Joseph Catholic School assists parents in developing good stewards  
who are both spiritually and academically prepared to live their lives in honor of God.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT. JAN. 19	First Reconciliation @ 9:00
MON. JAN. 21	No School- Teacher Retreat
SAT. JAN. 26	WINTER CARNIVAL! 6:30-8:30
JAN. 26- FEB. 3	CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK! -see activities attached in email or on back of last week's newsletter!
SUN. JAN. 27	Confirmation
WED. JAN. 30	Grandparents Day- Mass @ 10:00
THURS. FEB. 7	Body Venture at CSMS Gym

## LUNCH MENU

- MON NO SCHOOL
- TUES Beef & Bean Burrito
- WED Stromboli
- THURS Turkey & Cheese
- FRI Country Beef Pattie

## BOX TOPS!

One great way to help our school is by clipping Box Tops for Education from various products and turning them in to our school office. This week at Hired Man's, there is a special on page 2 of their weekly ad where you can earn FIFTY bonus Box Top when you buy five products with Box Tops. Thank you to Jordan Hollis for volunteering to manage this program for our school!

## Mr. Arnold's Message

I write today to ask you for prayers for three groups of people. First, **please pray for our 2nd graders** as they receive their First Reconciliation this Saturday-they are feeling a mixture of excitement and nervousness! Second, **please pray for our teens** as they receive Confirmation later this month, that they will open their hearts to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I remember my Confirmation well, but it wasn't till a few months after that sacrament that the Holy Spirit really made his presence known in my life. That was when I went on a retreat called Teens Encounter Christ. It truly changed my heart and helped me to see my faith in a new way. When you go on retreat and take time away from your usual schedule, God can reveal powerful things to you and renew your soul in ways you didn't think possible. But if there is one thing I know about retreats, it is that it makes a HUGE difference when you have people praying for you that you will have a good retreat! So finally, **will you please pray for our staff** on Monday as we go on retreat? Please take some time with your children this weekend to pray for their teachers by name and ask God to abundantly bless them with His virtues! Thank you!

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

This year, our Grandparents Day activities will begin with a special Mass for Grandparents at 10:00. Grandparents (or adopted grandparents) can pick up grandkids from the gym at 9:50 and head over to church to sit together. After Mass, the children will give you a tour of the school and then you can eat a sack lunch together in the gym. Some families bring families, pizza, or a crock pot and bowls to share together. Lunch will be followed by playing any card or board games you bring! We love this tradition!

## UNIFORMS

For several months, the Student Council has been persistent in requesting we make an addition to our school uniform policy. After discussing it with Father, the teachers, and our School Council, we announced at this week's PTO meeting that starting this March, we will be adding shorts to the uniform policy. Knee-length navy blue dress shorts can be worn during the first and last quarters of the school year. They should not be the baggy cargo style. These shorts can be found at many retail and online stores. Schoolbelles will be updating our school order page (code **S2826**) in the upcoming weeks, and we will also have used shorts available for sale at our Open House on Feb. 3. Please email if you have any questions!

## VBRD

We had a great presentation and discussion at Parent University about Virtue Based Restorative Discipline. This is a program that our school will be implementing gradually over the next several years. In Year 1, we have been working on educating the staff and students to identify virtue in our daily lives. We have done this through our Virtue of the Month, our Virtue Families, and Positive Office Referrals.

Some of you have already had your child come home with a Positive Office Referral, a bright green sheet that explains how we noticed the child practicing virtue in a wonderful way! We want to highlight to our whole student body what virtue looks like and how it makes our school a happier, healthier, more harmonious school!

As we enter into our second semester of implementing VBRD, we will begin to use circles more with the students. In a circle, a "talking piece" is handed around, and each student has a chance to share or they can pass. So far, in our Virtue Families we have used circles to get to know one another and to discuss different stories we've read together. Now, we will begin to use circles within the classrooms as a way to celebrate, plan, and solve problems.

We hope you enjoy the photos of our Virtue Families on the back!



