



January Knightwriter 2017

Catholic Schools Week 2017—January 28 - February 3, 2017

We are gearing up for Catholic Schools Week, a week of faith, fun, and showing the world what our school is all about—In Christ, As Christ, and For Christ!

This Knightwriter edition is dedicated to the activities and events that will be happening during Catholic Schools Week. Please read the information carefully and join us for as many activities as you can. Don't forget to RSVP for the events that require one.

Some activities require volunteers. We still need parents to teach our students classes during **Fun Friday** on February 3rd. Please get your registration on page 9 to the school office or contact us with any questions.

We need student readers at all weekend masses, kitchen help, and parents to make and bring in lunch for our staff & volunteers. Please follow the instructions below to volunteer through SignUp.com. Thank you for helping us make this an awesome week!

Please sign up for volunteering during Catholic Schools Week 2017!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click the link** to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/yp4hD4>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact the school office and we will sign you up manually.

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St. Joseph Staff

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Kindergarten Open House

Do you know a family with a child going into Kindergarten next year?

If you said yes, please tell them about St. Joseph Parish School. All parishioners with a child entering Kindergarten in 2017-18 received Open House information in the mail, and all 4K students will receive a mailer from their 4K center. We have been advertising in the Prescott Journal as well as our Parish Bulletin.

Don't forget, you will receive \$100 off your Fund-raising Obligation when you refer a family and they attend our school in 2017-18.

Please help us spread the word about our wonderful school and invite families to learn more about us at **Kindergarten Open House** on Friday, February 3rd from 6-7:30 p.m. Plan to stay and play at our Family Fun Night from 7:30-8:30. We will have family friendly activities including two bouncy houses!

Calendar Raffle Tickets

Please turn in all Calendar Raffle Tickets to the school office by Friday, January 29th. Our first drawing for \$75 will be on Monday, February 1st. All winners will be sent their check by mail.

Good luck, everyone!

2016 Tuition Tax Forms

are coming home on Friday, January 27th with your youngest child. They will be in a sealed envelope and marked **Confidential**. Please check your child's backpack.

We're Proud Of...



Our St. Joseph Parish School Staff and parents for their work preparing for Catholic Schools Week and our 2nd annual Hawaiian Knights Gala which will kick off the festivities. It takes a lot of planning and preparation to make this week a special one for everyone. We are proud to show our contribution to the world!



Our 4th-6th grade students who participated in the 2017 Geography Bee: **Detrich Eich, Claire Hince, Ashley Keller, Nina Jones, Reese Ptacek, Tessa Schmidt, Brady Block, Alex Eich, Owen Wiltermuth, Charlie Huppert, and Isabelle Matzek.** Pictured is our runner up, **Brady Block**, and our 2017 Geography Bee winner, **Alex Eich.** Alex will take a test that will determine if he qualifies for the Wisconsin State Geography Bee. Good luck, Alex!

Our K-6 students for creating beautiful class projects to be auctioned at our 2nd annual Hawaiian Knights Gala. Our **4th Grade** will be selling their homemade rings and bracelets before school all next week for \$5.00 an item. They make great Valentines gifts!

*****Help us fill this section each month! Please email Principal Meshak with happenings, like sporting events, special honors, and other accomplishments that we may not otherwise know about. So many of our students and alumni are doing great things outside of the school day, and we want to recognize them and share the good news. Thank you!**

St. Joseph Parish—Home—School Connections



School Office	715-262-5912	School Fax	715-262-5901
Parish Office	715-262-5310	Parish Fax	715-262-4543

St. Joseph's Home & School Officers

Co-Chair
Co-Chair
Secretary
Treasurer



If you can volunteer as a Home & School Officer, please contact the school office.

Education Committee Members

Trevor Shearen
Patricia Rynda
Tom Budworth
Katie Block



Finance Committee

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Tricia Shearen
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Pastoral Council

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St. Joseph Parish School Catholic Schools Week Itinerary - 2017



Saturday, January 28th:

- **Mass @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish** – 4:00 p.m. Our school children will participate as lectors and cantors.
- **Hawaiian Knights Gala** - 6:00 p.m. - Everyone is invited to our annual school fundraiser! We will have a silent & live auction, DJ entertainment, and cash bar. Tickets may be purchased through the school office for \$30 and include admission, food, & entertainment. Proceeds from the Gala event go to support a library redesign, teacher grants, and computer lab updates.

Sunday, January 29th:

- **Mass @ St. Joseph Catholic Parish** – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Our school children will participate as lectors, cantors, and as the choir during the 10:00 mass. Please sign up for lectoring on SignUp.com.

Monday, January 30th: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School is a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service to our students.** Dress – **Class Cheer Theme**

- **Classroom CSW Cheers** @ 8:15 a.m. in the gymnasium– Parents, parishioners, & the community welcome
- **Ice Cream Sundaes** served @ lunch
- **CLIMB Theatre Presents *Obie Tucker Takes Control*** @ 1:00 p.m in the gymnasium. - Parents, parishioners, & the community welcome

Tuesday, January 31st: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School is a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service with our families.** Dress – **PJ Day**

- **Books & Breakfast** – 7:30-8:00 a.m. Come and have breakfast and read books together as a family! Students in grades 4K-6 and their parents in are invited.
- **St. Joseph School Spelling Bee** @ 9:45 a.m. in the gymnasium – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome
- **K & 4K service activity:** mentor St. Joseph 4K students

Wednesday, February 1st: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School brings Faith, Knowledge, and Service to the Prescott Community** Dress – **School Pride – Uniforms**

- **Mass** @ 8:15 a.m. at St. Joseph Parish Church – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome
- **Community members are invited to visit and tour our school.** Come for a tour, get all your questions answered, or see if St. Joseph Parish School is the right place for your child. If you'd like to come for lunch, please RSVP to our school office by Thursday, January 26th. Lunch is served from 10:50-11:30 a.m. and is \$3.80 for adults. You can call at 715-262-5912 or email school.office@stjosephprescott.com.
- **4th, 5th, & 6th grade service activity:** sing-along & gathering at Prescott Nursing & Rehabilitation Center.

Thursday, February 2nd: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School Staff & Volunteers are a community of Faith, Knowledge, and service.** Dress – **Topsy-Turvy Thursday**

- **Staff & Volunteer Luncheon** @ 10:50 a.m. – All St. Joseph Parish & School Staff and school volunteers welcome
- **Quiz Bowl Competition** @ 1:00 p.m. in the gymnasium – Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome

Friday, February 3rd: Theme – **St. Joseph Parish School is a Community of Faith, Knowledge, and Service to the World** Dress – **Support Your Team!**

- **Fun Friday** classes from 12:45-3:00 p.m.
- **Family Fun Night** @ 6-8:30 p.m. in the gymnasium - Parents, parishioners, and the community welcome to play together. Parents are required to stay to play with and supervise their children. We will have inflatable bouncy houses to add to the fun of this family night!
- **Kindergarten Open House 6:00-8:30 p.m.** – All 2017-2018 Kindergarten parents and children are invited to explore and learn about the Kindergarten experience and a Christian education at St. Joseph Parish School. Meet with Mrs. Ironside and Principal. Meshak for fun and information from 6:00-7:30 and play together at our Family Fun Night event from 7:30-8:30.



HAWAIIAN KNIGHTS

St. Joseph Parish School Gala



Saturday, January 28, 2017

6:00 p.m.

Silent & Live Auction

DJ Entertainment * Cash bar

St. Joseph Parish School Gym

Tickets: \$30 in advance / \$40 at the door

Ticket price includes: Admission, food & entertainment

Tickets may be purchased through the school office

Proceeds from the event go to
support teacher grants, classroom
initiatives and a library redesign





Weekend Masses – January 28th & 29th

As a kick off for Catholic Schools Week, we are having our students participate in the Mass parts at all weekend Masses during Catholic Schools Week. We need students in grades 3-6 to volunteer for reading the 1st Reading, 2nd Reading, and Petitions. You may sign your child up through the SignUp.com link on page 1 of the Knightwriter. Once you have signed up, your child will receive the readings from their classroom teacher to practice at home.

No matter which mass you attend, please have your child/ren wear their St. Joseph Parish School uniforms shirt and/or sweatshirt to show our presence to the parish. School jumpers, skirts, or pants can be worn, but jeans are acceptable as well.

Mrs. Laust will be directing a special children's choir, grades K-6. I would love to see many of our children singing in the choir space for this mass. Let's raise the roof in song! If your child can participate, please sign the permission slip and return to Mrs. Laust or email her by Wednesday, January 25th. Mrs. Laust will personally be asking students to cantor at the 4:00 Saturday and 8:00 Sunday masses. The choir will only be at the 10:00 mass.

Please fill out the bottom portion of this slip and return it to Mrs. Laust or email her by Wednesday, January 25th. Don't forget to sign up your child for reading through SignUp.com. We hope to see everyone there and show our strong presence to the parish.

Thank you!

Yes, my child/ren, _____, will sing
in the Children's Choir during our Catholic Schools Week mass at 10:00 a.m. on
Sunday, January 29th. Grade(s) _____

Parent Signature _____

(Please return to Mrs. Laust by Wednesday, January 25th! Thank you!)

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Family Edition

A newsletter for families with children seeing a performance of CLIMB's Theatre's *Obie Tucker Takes Control*



About CLIMB Theatre

CLIMB Theatre, located in Inver Grove Heights, MN, is a nationally recognized non-profit company that has provided programming to K-12 schools for 40 years. CLIMB's theatre artists write, produce and present plays and drama classes on topics like bullying, self-control, respect, and the environment.

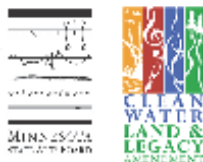
CLIMB's work is not only entertaining, it is educational. Independent research done on our programs shows that young people learn, and change their thinking and even their behavior because of us.

CLIMB reaches between 200,000-300,000 students and teachers annually primarily in MN but also in WI, IA, IL, ND and SD.

CLIMB's programs cost us more to do than we charge schools. Money we receive from our contributors and from our charitable gaming activities cover the difference.

We gratefully recognize the following: Allianz Life Corporate Giving Program, Hugh J. Andersen Foundation, Target, Xcel Energy, Mendon F. Schutt Family Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation, Marbrook Foundation, SCORE grants, Wells Fargo Foundation MN, Individual Contributions, and the Minnesota State Arts Board.

This activity is made possible in by the voters of Minnesota through a Minnesota State Arts Board Operating Support grant, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.



About the Play

In the year 1704, Captain Molly Sharpe's pirate ship sank--and Sharpe was never seen again. Three hundred years later, while on a field trip to the New Metropolitan Maritime Museum, pirate aficionado and sixth-grader, Obie Tucker, discovers that she and Sharpe lack the same virtue: self-control. Just when Obie is about to be sent home from the only field trip she's ever been interested in, an eccentric museum curator presents Obie with a gift from Molly Sharpe herself!

Learning Objectives

1. To help students understand how their actions impact themselves, each other, and the environment.
2. To show the difference between instant and delayed gratification.
3. To provide strategies students can use when self-control is needed.
4. To model what self-control looks like.
5. To show positive consequences of practicing self-control and negative consequences of not using self-control.
6. To provide strategies students can use to recognize and learn from their mistakes after a lapse in self-control.

Questions to Ask

Be sure to ask your child questions about the play:

- Tell me about the play you saw at school today.
- What did you like about it?
- What did you learn from the play?
- What is self control?
- How will Obie's life be different after her experience at the New Metropolitan Maritime Museum with Captain Sharpe?
- Why is important to use self control when we are deciding what to do with our trash? What things can you recycle? What kinds of things can you compost?
- What are some things you can do to help you to remember to use your self control?
- How can you show self control at school? How about at home?

Want to know what CLIMB Theatre is up to these days?

Like us on Facebook or follow us on Twitter!





Books & Breakfast Celebration

Tuesday, January 31st 7:30-8:00 a.m.

Theme: St. Joseph Parish School is a Community of Faith, Knowledge, & Service with our Families

Help us celebrate Catholic Schools Week by joining your child(ren) for breakfast! Bring a few of your favorite books to read together while you enjoy muffins, fruit, juice, and coffee. We welcome our 4K students and their guests, both morning and afternoon sessions, to join in the fun, too!

We will have tables and floor space available for you and your child(ren) in the cafeteria. You can bring a blanket if you'd like to picnic on the floor.

If you cannot join your child, he/she will still participate in this celebration. The teachers and other children will be here for your child to read and eat with.

There is parking in our church and school playground parking lots as well as side streets. Please do not park on Dakota Street in front of the school or church as this is the bus lane. Thank you!

Please RSVP so we know how many delicious muffins to make! (One RSVP per family) Return the bottom of this form to the school office, or call or email the school office with the following information:

Student('s) Name(s)

of adults joining student(s) _____

of non-school age children joining student(s) _____

school.office@stjosephprescott.com

(715)262-5912



ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week

Celebrating our Volunteers

You're Invited!

As our way of saying thank you during Catholic Schools Week, St. Joseph Parish School invites you to our Staff & Volunteer luncheon on Thursday, February 2, 2017. Lunch will be served from 10:50-11:50 a.m. in the art room.

Our school could not exist without the support of our volunteers. The generous gift of your time, talent, and treasure is what makes our school so special.

Please join us, and Thank You for all you do!





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Catholic Schools Week 2017

Fun Friday February 3rd

St. Joseph Parish School will again be hosting the traditional Fun Friday on February 3rd during Catholic Schools Week. This is a time for you as parents, other adult family members, friends, and parishioners to come into our school and teach students your passion. So what’s yours? Photography? Crafts? Cooking? Painting? Building? Animals? Technology? Cards & Games? Do you speak a foreign language? If you have something you love that you’d like to share with St. Joseph students, now is your chance!

You will teach two 45 minute sessions to a small group of students. Teachers will be roaming the classrooms and assisting you. You will teach your classes at 1:00 and 2:00 p.m.

If you’d like to join in the fun, we need the following information from you:

- Write a title & description of your activity. We will put together a list of activities for students to choose from, and your description will help students decide what they are most interested in.
- If you have a number of students limit, please indicate that. For example, if you want to do photography and you only have 6 cameras, indicate that you can have a maximum of 6 students.
- If there is any fee, please indicate that. For example, if you are doing painting and you need to purchase a special kind of paper for each student, indicate the cost. Please keep cost to a minimum. About \$5 is acceptable.

If you would like to teach a class but don’t know what to do, we can help you think of a topic the students would love. In the ***Title of Activity*** section, just write, “I need an idea.” We will get back to you with a fun and easy activity for you to lead. You can also email the school office for suggestions.

You can fill out the form below and return it to the school office, or email your information to school.office@stjosephprescott.com. We will be in touch with you as we get closer to the date with all the specifics, but for now, begin your preparations. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

Thank you for the gift of **YOU** as you prepare to pass your knowledge on to the next generation.

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Title of Activity: _____

Description of Activity: _____

Maximum # of students: _____

Cost (if any) \$ _____

EDUCATION FOR THE

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AND

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At St. Joseph Parish School, dedicated teachers, innovative technology, a rigorous curriculum, and Christian values are combined to create an environment where students grow in character, intellect, and confidence.

Students graduate from St. Joseph's personally, intellectually and spiritually ready to take on all that the future holds.

We invite you to attend our Kindergarten Open House to discover for yourself what makes St. Joseph Parish School so special.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

February 3, 2017
6-7:30pm

R.S.V.P. by calling 715-262-5912
or email school.office@stjosephprescott.com



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday February 3, 2017

6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

FREE - Open to the public!

*****Parents are required to remain on-site with their children*****

**Please join us as we celebrate our
community and the end of
Catholic Schools Week.**



Bounce Houses

Obstacle Courses

Games

**Please bring a nut-free snack for
everyone to enjoy!**

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Parish School Home & School Association