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# ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

*In Christ. As Christ. For Christ*



## Coming Soon!!

Summer greetings from St. Joseph Parish School! I hope you and your family are continuing to enjoy the slower pace of summer. Please let the kids know we do still have 5 weeks left until school is in session. For some, that is good news. Other kids are already missing school; my daughter Ruby is ready to start 3rd Grade now!

Our school website is a great place to stay informed of everything about St. Joseph Parish School. You can find it at: <http://school.stjosephprescott.com/>, including the full school calendar, lunch menu, uniform policy, supply list, and much more.

All confirmed events are on the calendar, viewable on the main page of the website. Other events are added as they are planned. Please check out some of those important dates in the column on the right side of this page! Teachers also each have their own webpage that you can access through the school website. These contain all the information you need to stay informed and up-to-date in each classroom.

The School Supply List is attached to the email

that accompanies this e-letter, and will be posted on the website as well. Each grade again has a fee that will be paid on Open House night on August 28th. You can pay the fee in the gym when you pick up your Open House Packets and Safe Environment information.

One fee included is for field trips and is a one-time payment that covers all your child's field trips for the year. This has worked well over the last few years, as parents are not repeatedly being asked for money to be sent in for trips. Bussing is paid by the Home & School Association. For field trips, all you need to do is fill out a permission form. We hope you will continue to enjoy this simplified process.

The teachers and staff will be working hard throughout August to prepare for a new school year. We will be implementing some new supplements to our curriculum like Mystery Science! We will also be training all the staff in updated safety response protocols based on ALICE safety training that I was certified through earlier this summer. We are moving away from traditional lockdown procedures, learning more active and empowering strategies to make all students safer in our building.

### Important Fall Dates:

<b>Open House</b>	August 28th
<b>1st Day of School</b>	Sept. 4th
<b>Prescott Daze Parade</b>	Sept. 9th
<b>Back to School Night</b>	Sept. 10th
<b>Fall Festival</b>	Sept. 16th
<b>Home &amp; School</b>	Sept. 24th
<b>Conferences</b>	Oct. 15th & 18th
<b>Family Fun Night/Halloween Dance</b>	Oct. 26th
<b>Scholastic Book Fair</b>	Nov. 2nd-9th
<b>Soup/Stew Cook-Off</b>	Nov. 8th
<b>Thanksgiving Break</b>	Nov. 21st-23rd
<b>Christmas Program</b>	Dec. 13th
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Dec. 22nd-Jan. 1st

### Uniforms

Donald's and Land's End are St. Joseph Parish School's official uniform suppliers. Our updated Uniform Policy is available on the home page of our website.

Land's End offers our fleece jacket, hoodie, and sweatshirt as well as polo and pants options. They are also our official Spirit Wear outfitters. Spirit Wear may be purchased and worn in the community to show our school spirit and may also be worn to school on out of uniform days. Please look for the link to order online with Land's End on our website.

Donald's is our other main vendor. They offer a new polo color and fabric as well as our new jumper style. You can order from Donald's online through the link on our school website, or visit the store in St. Paul, MN.

River City Stitch right here in town continues to offer stitching for adding logos to clothing as well.

Please purchase shoes that are mostly black, white, grey, or blue. We understand that this can present some challenges with choices available in stores, and ask parents to do their best to find

shoes that match our policy.

The purpose of the uniform policy is to encourage appropriate dress and to prevent the extremes of extravagance or sloppiness. The uniform adds dignity to the work and behavior of the student.

**We are nearing the end of the process phasing out the old logo from our uniforms, and continue to work with everyone to help this go as smoothly as possible. If you do have any uniforms to donate, please drop them off any time in August. We will have a used uniform swap available during the open house in late August, or by appointment any time before that.**



## St. Joseph Parish School Open House & Kindergarten Meet & Greet Event

Open House is scheduled for Thursday, August 28th from 4:00-7:00 p.m. This is a time to bring your child(ren) to school, drop off school supplies, meet your child's teacher, get pictures taken, and to fill out all required forms for the school year.

Our School Lunch Program will provide supper. This is a nice way to feed your family while you fill out your paperwork. Even if you don't plan on staying for supper, please stop in the gym to pick up your paperwork, pay your fees, and to get your child's school picture taken.

Lifetouch will be set up in the gym for individual student pictures for the yearbook. Families whose last name starts with A-L, please come

between 4:00-5:30 p.m., and those whose last name starts with M-Z come between 5:30-7:00 p.m. If it doesn't work in your schedule to come at your time, please feel free to come whenever you can.

Picture forms should be arriving in early August from Lifetouch. We will make them available to pick up after Mass at Church, and in both the School and Parish offices.

At Open House, Mrs. Ironside will also be hosting a Meet & Greet toward the end of the evening, at 6 p.m. for Kindergarten and any new families that would like to attend. Weather permitting, they will meet in the lower level parking lot, and students will spend some time getting

to play and mingle.

Finally, we will have a table set up during Open House for uniform exchange. Please drop off any uniforms that students have outgrown, find some new items, or just look through what we do have available!

This is always a fun and exciting event, and I hope you can make it! If you can't, picture re-takes will be in October.



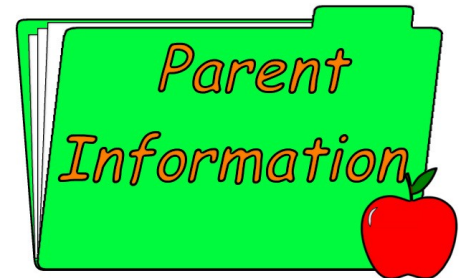
## Back to School Night

Back to School Night is scheduled for Monday, September 10th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. This evening is more formal than Open House and is set aside for parents only. We will have child care available from 5:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

This is a time for you to connect with your child's classroom teacher and to hear about policies, procedures, learning, and fun your child will be experiencing throughout the year. All parents will also meet in the gym for a brief address from Principal Magee and updates from Buildings & Grounds, Food Service, the Gala Committee, and the Home & School Association.

Parents with students in grades K-3 will meet in their child's classroom from 6:00 p.m.-6:25 p.m. All parents, K-6, will meet the gym from 6:30-7:00 p.m. Parents with students in grades 4-6 will meet in their child's classroom from 7:05 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

I strongly encourage at least one parent attend these sessions. You will receive valuable information and can get your questions answered. It will help you plan and be prepared for the school year. If you cannot attend, feel welcome to send a grandparent or other family member to report back on all the info! This also a great way to strengthen the home/school partnership.



If you have students in multiple grades that are meeting at the same time, you are encouraged to divide and conquer by having one parent in each grade level meeting.



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### Our Mission:

St. Joseph Parish School provides an exceptional Catholic education within a vibrant Christian community. Daily we live *In Christ, As Christ, and For Christ*. Together we prepare each child for success by integrating academics, technology, and the arts with prayer, worship, sacraments, values, and service.

We prepare students for their working lives by educating the whole person, mind, body, and soul. We guide students to achieve their full potential and reflect Jesus in our teaching.