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February Lifeskill: Caring

Busing

So that you may make arrangements for your children, Buffalo, Amherst and Cheektowaga will **NOT** be busing during the week of February 20. Ken-Ton **will be** busing this week. We **DO** have school this week. Please make arrangements for your child to get to and from school during this week. Monday, February 20 is a holiday.

Open Houses

We will be holding our Open Houses on Wednesday, February 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please tell your friends, neighbors or family members who have school age children to stop in and see us in action.

Bake Sale

We will be holding a Valentine Bake Sale on Tuesday, February 14 during all lunches. Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be baking for this. Be sure to send in extra money for your child to buy a sweet treat!

Registration

Registration for the school year 2012-2013 will be upon us before we know it! Registration for present school families will begin on February 27 and run until March 16. Registration packets will be sent home with youngest/only child.

Open registration will begin on March 19. Please be sure to re-register before March 16 to assure a place for your child/ren. Tuition must be current in order to re-register.

Easter Break

Our Easter break begins on Monday, April 2 and ends on April 13. We return to school on Monday, April 16.

Gym Uniforms

A gym uniform order was sent home last week. Should you need new uniforms please fill out and return with your money attached. Orders will be sent in on **February 6** and should take about 3 weeks to come in.

Heart Pops

Heart pop orders will be delivered to the office on February 9. They should be sent home by February 10.



Catholic Schools Week is winding down. It has been a fun week for our students. Congratulations to all our "Shining Stars."

Here is a listing of the final two days of the week:

Thursday, February 2—Celebrate Our Students

PK-2 Fashion Show begins at 1:00 p.m. in the Commons. Parents are welcome to attend.

Friday, February 3—Celebrate Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers

"Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Commons

Save the Date...

January 30—February 3—Catholic Schools Week

February 2—Orders due to office for Niagara Candy sale

February 8—Open House, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

February 10—Multi Cultural Night 6:00-8:30 p.m.

February 27—Re-registration for present school families begins

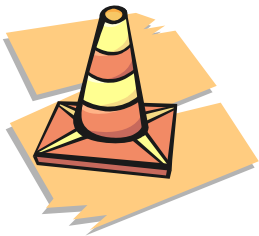
March 9—Krolick's Fish Fry

March 14—Open House, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



FLIGHT students in Grades 4, 5, and 6 attended a performance of "Ben's Franklin Apprentice" at the Theatre of Youth of Thursday, January 26. Students studied the life of Ben Franklin to prepare for the play. Using their Green Thinking Hats for creativity, students wrote proverbs for "Poor Richard's Almanac." Some were With good jobs come great rewards (Mary Leslie) and Don't cower when you fail, be encouraged (Helen Beckley-Forest) Students could also use their Green Thinking Hats to pretend to be Ben Franklin in 2012 and create an invention that Ben might invent. These inventions included a car fueled by water (Ateo Ayiy), a Plane-Submarine (Maxine Nii0Noi), a Flying-Shooting-Radio Playing-Snowboard (Isaiah Goldsmith), an Electric Secret Box (Lauren Moore), a Toaster Plate (James Evangelos), and a Smart Suit (Dallyce Hardin). After discussing the meaning of quality work, students used their Yellow and Black Hats to review their work to create a product that showed quality in thought and effort.

Driveway



No cars are allowed to use the driveway between the church and school from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. and from 2:00 to 2:40 p.m. The children are entering and exiting the building using this driveway. We have orange cones set up at the top of the driveway and by the side door. Please do not drive

through or around these cones.

Upon arrival, children may be dropped off at the top of the driveway and then walk down to the side doors. At dismissal, children will come out the side door closest to the parking lot and you may meet your child there. Please do not come inside to pick up your child.

Religion Corner

Mrs. Gent asked some of our intermediate students to write thank you letters to God. Featured here each week will be some of those letters.

Dear God

Thank you for getting me up this morning, giving me food to eat, having a home to stay in and clothes to wear. Most of all, I'm thankful for my family.

BISON Fund

The Bison Fund applications can now be filled out on line. Just go to bisonfund.com and go to how to apply, fill out the application and hit send. For those with no computer or internet access, paper forms will be sent home to you in the registration packets that will be sent home February 27. For those who presently receive Bison, you do not have to fill out new forms; you automatically stay in the program. All new Bison forms have to be submitted by parent/guardians by April 27, 2012.

Read to Ride

Darien Lake is once again offering the Read to Ride Program to students in grades K through 5. The program runs from January 3 through Friday, March 23.

Students in grades K through 5 are to track their reading, complete at least 7 hours, and return their tracking sheet to school. The seven hours of reading can be in the form of reading to oneself, reading to others, or being read to. Students may choose to read books, magazines and newspapers. Tracking sheets were sent home on January 5.

For their reading efforts, students will be given a free pass to Darien Lake to be used during July, 2012.

The student tracking sheets are due back at school by Friday, March 23.

Let's get busy and READ TO RIDE!!!



Godspell Jr.

Good news! Our scripts have arrived! Now call backs can begin. They will be held on Tuesday, February 7. Good luck to all! Mr. Krueger will let you know the time to be there!

Multicultural Celebration

...will be held on Friday, February 10 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This will celebrate the diversity of St. Joseph School. There will be music, art, food and fun. Be sure to make plans to join in this festive event.

Parent Portal

Parents—Be sure to check out the Parent Portal for Grades 3-8! Parents can view their child's: attendance, report card/progress report, due date for assignments, grades on quizzes/tests, grades on assignments. If you have any problems or questions, please call Debbie at the school office and she will be happy to help you!

<https://parentportal.eschooldata.com>

CALLING ALL PARENTS:

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER OF THE GREAT UPCOMING
EVENTS AT ST JOSEPH SCHOOL!

Volunteers needed, please!

MultiCultural Night -Friday 2/10	Help with varied activities, set up, clean up
Fish Fry-Friday 3/9	Help with setup, serving and cleanup
Easter Candy Sale -March 22	Help distribute candy after school
Red Carpet Event -Friday 4/27	Help with setup, food, cleanup
Teacher Appreciation Week -May 7-11	Various activities during the week
Mother's Day Plant Sale -Friday 5/11	Sell flowers during day at school
Walkathon -Friday 5/25	Chaperones on walk, serve snacks
Donuts with Dad -Friday 6/15	Purchase donuts and drinks(reimbursed), and serve
Sports Night -Friday 6/8	Serve ice cream and clean up

These events are sponsored by the H.S.A.

The chairs of each event will be contacting those of you
that previously signed up for these events.

However if you were *not* able to keep your commitment
to previous events and can lend us a hand, please send
an email to helpinghands@stjosephbuffalo.com

THANK YOU!

Multicultural Celebration

Expressing our Spirituality

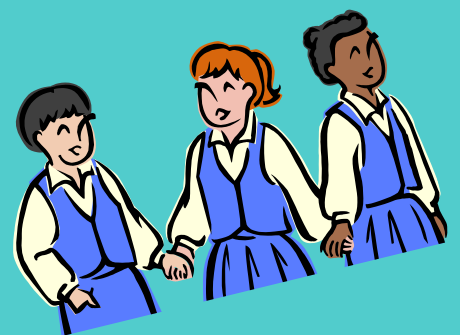
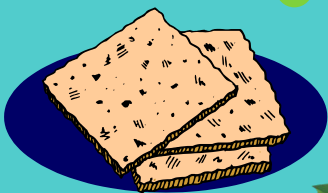
Come enjoy an evening celebrating the diversity of St Josephs School! Learn how many cultures express spirituality through art, music, literature and food..

There will be music from primary, intermediate and middle school students

And lots of yummy food and drink!

Friday, February 10, 2012

6:30-8:30 PM



GIRL SCOUT COOKIES

AVAILABLE!

Thought you would have to wait until next year to stock up? NO way! Now is your chance to fill up your cupboards!

St. Joe's Daisies Troop 30178 has Girl Scout Cookies available for purchase! \$3.50 a box or 3 boxes for \$10.00!

We will sell them until they are gone!

Limited quantities available!

Please complete the form below and send with your payment before they are gone!

Last Name _____ Child's Name and Grade _____

Phone number _____

How many boxes of each? : _____ Shortbread _____ Thin Mints

_____ Peanut Butter Patties (Chocolate & PB covered cookies)

_____ Peanut Butter Sandwiches (Oatmeal & PB sandwich cookies)

_____ Shout Outs (Belgian-Style Caramelized Cookies)

_____ Thanks-A-Lot (Crunchy Fudge-coated Treats)