

THE SHINING KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2011 – 2012 school year at St. Joseph Catholic School. We are off with a very smooth opening of school. Hopefully, that will be an indication of the rest of the year. Our enrollment thus far is 166 with interested parents still calling.

I am very excited about our theme this year which is “Blessed Are the Peacemakers”. I have two suggestions for you that I think will prove worthwhile. The first is to pray each morning on the way to school, and the second is to remind your darling to be a peacemaker before they get out of the car.

Our opening school Mass will be this Thursday at 8:00. Mrs. Bittick will be there to help us with the music. All are welcome to come and enjoy a great spiritual experience with us.

The Oktoberfest at the Civic Center is moving right along. Our chairpersons and many parents have been working diligently to make this year the best yet. They are determined that it will be. This means it takes everyone in the school to do their part no matter how big or how little. All are expected to work on this huge fundraiser. If you can find any good donations for the Oktoberfest, get them and let us know.

The after school pick up is getting much better. It usually takes a few days to get into the right line and the right routine. It would greatly help if parents did not walk over to pick up their darlings. This is also a safety issue.

In the morning, the worst part is having parents walk in front of the parked cars which are dropping off their darlings. Drivers start to take off and parents are walking in front of them with their darlings. Somebody could get hurt.

Have a wonderful week and remember to pray as a family. Pray for rain!

Ms. Volker

Room Coordinators will meet on Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 2:00pm in Mrs. May's office.



BIRTHDAYS

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Birthday</u>
Kate C	5	8-27
Samuel J	PK4	8-29

THURSDAY MASS
FOOD FOR THE POOR, August 25, 2011

**MACARONI
& CHEESE**



On August 25, please bring macaroni and cheese. Please bring at least one item as your contribution to the food pantry this week.

Remember, all donations go to St. Joseph Food Pantry. Anything you can donate will be appreciated. The suggested item is usually the item or items that are needed the most. Next week the suggested items are tuna, spam, or other canned meat.



Sims Library

Friday, August 26 - Teen Loft - 3pm to 5pm

Newsletter guidelines

The St. Joseph School Newsletter is published on Tuesdays. Articles for the newsletter are due by 8 AM on Tuesday Morning. Items can be sent to newsletter@stjswaxtx.org. Submissions need to be in text form without any animated graphics. We reserve the right to edit the proposed article.

OKTOBERFEST

Oktoberfest is around the corner. For those of you WHO haven't experienced it, you are in for a treat. Not only is Oktoberfest a fun day for your family, it's also an extremely successful fundraiser for our school. The event usually attracts about 7,000 people looking for great food, entertainment, games, prizes, plus live and silent auctions. Tell your family and friends to join us: they will not be disappointed.

Visit www.waxahachieoktoberfest.com for more information.



SCRIP NEWS

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games and more.

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Collecting

Once again, we will be collecting Labels for Education in the form of UPS from Campbells and Pepperidge Farm Products. Don't forget Boxtop for Education, Tyson's 123-ABC from specific products, and the UPC from Community Coffee. Send in your used printer ink cartridges. All of these items are used to benefit the school!

- Here are five ways to make staying clean fun for your children:
 - Make a trip to the store and let your child select special "bath toys" to be used only during bath time. With an assortment of quality plastic toys, children should have plenty to occupy themselves with, and they're not the only bath creatures "suffering" through the ordeal! Bubble bath and tear-free shampoos and conditioners are also great.
 - Bath time can be an opportunity for your child to settle down at the end of the day. Try finishing the bath by reading from a favorite book.
 - For children ages 3 and up, consider a showerhead tailored for their height with a gentler water flow. These often come in cute animal shapes. It's a good balance of fun and "adult."
 - Let's face it, teeth-brushing is not really fun for any of us. Find a few songs your child enjoys that last around two or three minutes — the appropriate length of time to brush your teeth — and make them standard "teeth-brushing songs." Children will brush to the rhythm of the song and know that when the song is over they can stop.
 - To encourage your children not to rush when washing their hands, have them sing through The Happy Birthday Song twice before they finish.



Molly and Katy's
Words of Wisdom

“We must face problems which do not lend themselves to easy or quick or permanent solutions. And we must face the fact that the United States is neither omnipotent nor omniscient, that we are only six percent of the world population, that we cannot impose our will upon the other ninety-four percent of mankind, that we cannot right every wrong or reverse each adversity, and that therefore there cannot be an American solution to every world problem.”

Author: John F. Kennedy