

THE SHINING KNIGHT NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Oktoberfest is just around the corner (three weeks). I know the raffle tickets are selling, and people are doing all they can to get others to purchase them. One family is even selling them at a restaurant. Every family is expected to buy and sell tickets. This is part of our much needed fundraising for the budget. This is only one of the two main fundraisers for the year.

Anyone interested in giving out beer at the Oktoberfest must have a TABC certificate to show that day, Sept. 17th. You only need to go online to take the one of the courses offered by schools at http://www.tabc.state.tx.us/training_and_certification/approved_seller_training_schools.asp. This also counts for your volunteer hours.

The deadline to purchase the "Peacemaker" shirt is this Friday. No orders after Friday.

The family income survey is coming home today. We need these returned by this Friday. We have to turn in a completed form to the diocese. We receive Title money as a result of these surveys. PLEASE DO THIS ASAP.

The old playground in the back of school is up for grabs. First come, first serve. Don't hesitate. It's a chance of a lifetime. Donations accepted.

I extend a huge thank you to Karl and Jodie Kowalski for renewing the prek playground in the front. They "seasoned" the wood and put in a new slide which the darlings all love already. The slide came from the old playground.

I appreciate your support with the new directions at dismissal in the front of school. If you still need to walk up to pick up your darling instead of driving up, you need to walk over by Father's driveway and follow the sidewalk to your darling and go back the same way. This not only helps to hasten pick-up in the cars, but it is much safer.

The same goes for morning drop-off if you need to walk them in. **Do not walk in front of the cars dropping off or picking up.**

After listening to a few suggestions from teachers and parents, we will change the Fair Day to Sept. 30th which is also for all Catholic schools. That morning is still Grandparents Day.

Below is a list of a few questions to ponder in your spare time.

Is homework a quiet time in the house?

Depending on the age, are you reading to your darling before bedtime?

Are the older ones reading each night?

Is the evening spent watching the TV or playing the video games?

Is the TV or video games off in the bedrooms when they go to bed?

Are they going to bed early enough? Little ones need 10 to 11 hours of sleep.

Do they have their lunch when they leave the house?

Have they had a good breakfast?

Do they know if they are having hot lunch or not?

Are you checking their assignment books to make sure homework is completed?

Have a great week. Are you praying as a family? Pray for rain.

Ms. Volker



BIRTHDAYS – this week

Student	Grade	Birthday
Tristen W	PK3	9-4
Hailey K	8 th	9-5

August

Student	Grade	Birthday
Michael D	4th	8-1
Ava G	1st	8-2
Elizabeth S	3 rd	8-7
Bryce R	PK4	8-7
Matthias Z	1 st	8-10
Hayley P	4 th	8-11
Alexander M	Kinder	8-15
Brynna P	1 st	8-17
Emily S	2 nd	8-19
Lars K	1 st	8-19
Savanna B	2 nd	8-20
Chase M	Kinder	8-20
Luke M	5 th	8-22
Rachel R	6 th	8-22
Reagan W	1 st	8-22
Kate C	5 th	8-27
Adrian G	3 rd	8-27
Samuel J	PK4	8-29

THURSDAY MASS

FOOD FOR THE POOR, September 1, 2011



On September 1st, please bring tuna, spam, or other canned meat. 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 item is peanut butter.



Sims Library

Tuesday, August 30 - Teen Advisory Board - 4:15pm to 5:30pm



18 Days to Go

That's right, only 18 days until Oktoberfest is here again. We are going to fill those days with all the little things that make this event such a winner. However, due to the new venue, there will be some changes, such as no work on Thursday or on Sunday. No cattle pens to setup. No grass to mow. They even set up the tables.

That being said, there is still much to do. So ask around to see if a teacher, room mom or Oktoberfest chair has a job for you. Look on the information table in the entryway of the school. Soon we will figure out how many people are needed in all areas of the event, and then we can begin to assign jobs for the actual day.

But you are itching to help now, right? So here are some ideas:

- Sell raffle tickets
- Solicit auction items
- Ask businesses to come be a vendor
- Ask Mindy Taylor ([see below](#)) about helping with raffle tickets
- Get TABC certified so you can serve beer
- Help with class projects
- Invite friends and family to come to the event
- Talk the event up to everyone you meet

One last thing: when you solicit a business about making a donation, be gentle and ask if they have already been approached. If so, thank them kindly and move on. We want to avoid pestering anyone, so if you solicit a business, let others know. There will be a register on the table in the entryway where you can document businesses you have visited, and see what others have done as well.

Anthony Dorris

www.waxahachieoktoberfest.com

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">OKTOBERFEST RAFFLE</p> <p>NAME _____</p> <p>ADDRESS _____</p> <p>C/S/Z _____</p> <p>PHONE _____</p> <p>FAMILY NAME _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OKTOBERFEST RAFFLE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BENEFITING ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL 506 E. MARVIN, WAXAHACHIE, TX 75165</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER 17, 2011 • 10:00AM - 8:00 PM WAXAHACHIE CIVIC CENTER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$1.00 EACH OR 6 FOR \$5.00 - DRAWING AT 6:30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1. 50" 3D TV 2. IPAD 2 • 3. LAPTOP 4. XBOX 360 W/ KINECT • 5. KINDLE</p>
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Tickets will be counted on Wednesdays at 2pm. Anyone who is interested can contact Mindy Taylor at mindytaylor@sbcglobal.net or come to the school library at 2pm.

Mark your calendars for SJS's 13th Annual Grandparents Celebration, Friday, September 30, 2011, beginning with 8:00am Mass in the PFC. If you would like a personal invitation sent from the school to your child's (or children) grandparent(s) or grand friend(s) please fill out the following form completely. You may either email it to Maribeth May at mmay@stjswaxtx.org or turn in a print copy to the office by this Friday, September 2.

SJS Grandparents Day/ Grand Friends Day Celebration

Friday, September 30, 2011

Mass: 8:00am in the PFC

Reception following Mass

Classroom Visits: 9:30am - 10:45am

Please fill in the following. Print all information including the address, city and zip code of the individuals that are to receive an invitation.

Name

Name

Address

Address

Print student's name or students' names

Parent or parent's phone number(s) / email address

Collecting

The school recently submitted 748 Boxtops for Education. The school is issued a check twice a year for the boxtops that have been tendered for the prior period. Unfortunately there were 72 boxtops that were not submitted because they were expired. Please submit your boxtops at the earliest opportunity so that this unfortunate situation does not happen again.

Room Coordinators, please visit with your classroom teacher to touch base concerning all the Oktoberfest activities that were discussed at last week's Room Coordinators Meeting.

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.

SCRIP NEWS



For those who participated in our Scrip Tuition Reimbursement Program last year, **Tuition Rebates went home on Friday. Return forms are due tomorrow, Wednesday, August 31st.** Seventy-one families participated in Scrip purchasing \$257,110, an increase of \$13,000 over last year. Combined rebate earnings totaled \$8,887. The highest rebate - \$840! Scrip is a great opportunity to reduce your tuition cost and help our school.

Thanks for supporting our Scrip Program!



Molly and Katy's
Words of Wisdom

"Your life and my life flow into each other as wave flows into wave, and unless there is peace and joy and freedom for you, there can be no real peace or joy or freedom for me. To see reality--not as we expect it to be but as it is--is to see that unless we live for each other and in and through each other, we do not really live very satisfactorily; that there can really be life only where there really is, in just this sense, love."

(Carl) Frederick Buechner