



# Monday's Memo

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## From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Families of St. Joseph the Protector School,

On Friday, October 20, our seventh and eighth grade students led our school community in the Living Rosary. Thank you to the students and their teachers, Ms. FitzGerald, Mrs. Sweeney, and Mr. Mullen, for providing St. Joseph the Protector School with the opportunity to pray thoughtfully together to the Blessed Mother during the month of the Holy Rosary.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and our faith community.

Sincerely,

Alicia Farren

## Our Catholic Identity

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus  
Come, Holy Spirit*



### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Parents, as you pray with your children at home, please continue to practice the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

### Fruits of the Holy Spirit

For the month of October, **JOY** is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that students and teachers will be discussing in class. We will celebrate students who embody joy in their everyday lives at our All Saints Day Mass on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 10AM.

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

October 23	Uniform Swap
October 27	ABC Boot Camp Finale, Kindergarten
October 30	Picture Day
October 31	School Open/Halloween Accessories/ Halloween Parties PM
November 1	School Open/Winter Uniform Begins/ Mass
November 4	Father/Daughter Dance
November 5	Last Day for Spirit Wear Orders
November 6-10	Fall Conference Window
November 8	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 10	Mother/Son Dodgeball
November 17	Tag Day

## School Celebrations

### HALLOWEEN

St. Joseph the Protector School is looking forward to celebrating Halloween with our faculty and students. Students will be required to wear their school uniform (shirt, pants/shorts/skirts, and shoes) but can add Halloween-themed accessories. Some examples of accessories include: socks, bows/headbands, Halloween jewelry, Halloween shirt/sweatshirt (on top of uniform shirt), small Halloween tutu, and/or Halloween hat/wig. Students will not be permitted to have make-up, face paint, tattoos, or masks. The Halloween accessories chosen should be respectful of our Catholic school and the uniform that we wear. Please note that any accessories deemed to be a distraction to teachers or the classroom environment will be asked to be removed.

Many classrooms will be having Halloween parties as well. Please check your email for specific information from your child's teacher.

# School Communications

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The fall conference window for St. Joseph the Protector School will be from Monday, November 6 through Friday, November 10, with Wednesday, November 8 dedicated to evening conferences. Please look for communication from your child's teacher regarding appointment dates and times. All parents are required to attend a fall conference for each of their children.

This provides a great opportunity for you and your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress, share your child's strengths and weaknesses, and work together to help your child have a successful school year.

# Community Events

## KEVIN'S KOAT DRIVE

Since 2011, the Kevin from Heaven Foundation has partnered with the Krausey's Koat Drive as part of their mission to help others in need. The Kevin's Koats Collection has been able to distribute thousands of coats to those in need. Through the support of the community, the Foundation has been able to collect and distribute several thousand coats to those less fortunate in the tri-state area. Please help keep others warm this winter by donating new or gently worn coats, scarves, hats, gloves, and mittens for men, women, and children. In addition to other neighborhood locations, St. Joseph the Protector School will have bins in both the Lower and Upper Buildings.

## THE ROYAL RUN

Bishop McDevitt High School will be holding their First Annual 5K Run and 1 Mile Walk on Saturday, November 11. This event will be rain or shine. The race begins at Bishop McDevitt High School and winds through the beautiful neighborhoods of Wyncote and Glenside. This course offers runners scenic views and combines fast, flat stretches as well as gentle rolling hills. There is also a 1 mile family walk for families, friends, and colleagues. Individuals, groups, and teams are encouraged to participate. For more information, please visit: <https://runsignup.com/TheRoyalrun/signup>

# Noteworthy News

Thank you to Weldon Fire Company for celebrating Fire Prevention Month with our Kindergarten classes.



# Handbook Highlights

## TAG DAYS

Tag days occur occasionally throughout the year. These days are a special privilege, subject to proper attire, and warrant everyone's full cooperation. Midsections, backs and shoulders must be covered. All tops must be short sleeve or longer. Scoop or V necked tops must not be too low. Pajamas are not acceptable at any time. T-shirts with words or images deemed inappropriate by school staff are not permitted. Shoes must be flat and have a backing or strap at the heel for recess and stairwell safety. Students in Grades 4-8 may only wear shorts of Bermuda length, slightly above the knee, or longer. Capris are also an option for girls. Skirt length requirements mirror those of the regular uniform. Leggings may only be worn with a longer top at least fingertip length. Any student not following the guidelines will be required to call home for a change of clothes.



## Home & School Happenings October 23, 2017

### Important Information!

- **November Hot Lunch:** Pizza available every Thursday for \$2/slice and Chick-Fil-A available Tuesday, November 14 for \$4. [Order here.](#)
- **Spirit Wear:** St. Joseph the Protector Spirit Wear is available for purchase now through November 5! [Check out the selection of cool apparel and purchase directly from website.](#) Contact [Maria D’Alessio](#) with questions.
- **Cookbooks:** 2016 STJP Cookbooks are for sale! Two years ago our families submitted delicious recipes that people are still talking about. Send \$12 into school to the attention of Home & School Cookbooks to get your copy.
- **Father/Daughter and Mother/Son Events:** November is right around the corner! You must register in advance! Please see below.

Event	Date	Location	Description	Contact	Links
<a href="#">Winter Uniform Swap</a>	Monday, 10/23 (5:00-6:30)	STJP, Chapel House	Swap gently used uniforms or purchase for \$1-2. Large pencil cases available for \$8.	<a href="#">Jen McLoone</a>	
<a href="#">Father/Daughter Dance</a>	Saturday, 11/4 (7:00-9:00)	Father FitzPatrick Hall	Dads and daughters from grades Pre-K 4 through 8th are invited to cut a rug! Cost is \$20 per family.	<a href="#">Sue Fidler</a> <a href="#">Melanie Lucot</a>	<a href="#">Register</a> <a href="#">Volunteer</a> (scroll down to Father/Daughter)
<a href="#">Mother/Son Dodge Ball</a>	Friday, 11/10 (6:30-8:30)	Bishop McDevitt	Moms and sons get ready for some competitive fun! Pre-K 4 through 8 <sup>th</sup> are invited. Cost is \$20 per family.	<a href="#">Christy Starkey</a> <a href="#">Tim Fazio</a> <a href="#">Tim Egger</a>	<a href="#">Register</a> <a href="#">Volunteer</a> (scroll down to Mother/Son)

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