



Monday's Memo

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From the Principal's Pen

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

We, along with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, are asking for your help. As Pennsylvania lawmakers have returned to Harrisburg to continue debating the 2017-18 state budget, we need your voice to urge and remind all lawmakers to invest in success and support the expansion of the Educational Improvement Tax (EITC) program.

EITC has been acclaimed as one of the best educational programs Pennsylvania offers to students in both public and private schools. Now, the House has a chance to vote on an EITC increase. Please join us in asking our representatives to vote YES on a state budget that includes an increase.

Please click this link to log in and send your message: <https://www.voteroice.net/PACC/Campaigns/54365/Respond>

Sincerely,

Alicia Farren

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

October 12	Fire Truck Demonstration, Kindergarten
October 13	School Open
October 18	Grade 2 Field Trip
October 20	The Living Rosary, 1:15 PM; Progress Reports; Trunk or Treat
October 23	Uniform Swap
October 27	ABC Boot Camp Finale, Kindergarten
October 30	Picture Day
October 31	School Open
November 1	School Open/Winter Uniform Begins/ Mass

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.

With these simple, practiced actions, we can all nurture the fruit of joy to grow in our lives:

- *Count your blessings:* At the end of each day, name three blessings that you received from God that day. (What great dinner time family conversation!)
- *Say "thank you":* As you recognize your blessings, express your gratitude to God. (Help your children say thank you during their bedtime prayers.)
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to wrap you in God's love:* When you experience struggles, recognize that these struggles are opportunities to call on God. The more you call out to God, the more you will feel God's presence and experience joy.



Students recognized at our First Friday Mass for the September Fruit of the Holy Spirit, love.

HANDBOOK HIGHLIGHTS

FIELD TRIPS

The purpose of every field trip is to broaden the intellectual, cultural, and social experiences of each child. In order to attend the field trip, a written permission slip must be signed by a parent/guardian prior to the scheduled trip. It is important to remember that a field trip is a privilege, which the teacher and/or Principal may take away, if deemed appropriate.

If a parent/guardian does not wish a child to attend the trip for any reason, the school must be notified in writing. The child must attend school on the day of the trip or be marked absent.

To chaperone a field trip, all clearances must be on file in the Main Office.

BIRTHDAY INVITATIONS / TREATS

If you are having a birthday party for your child, please mail the invitations or phone parents unless you are inviting the whole class. This request is intended to help avoid hurt feelings on the part of anyone in the class who may not be invited to the party.

There are special occasions, such as birthdays, when parents may send treats to school for the entire class. Please contact your child's teacher in regards to scheduling and notification of specific student allergies in the classroom.

CHEWING GUM

Chewing gum is not allowed on buses, in the classroom, or on school premises in order to maintain cleanliness and hygienic conditions.

NOTEWORTHY NEWS

On Friday, October 6, 2017, twenty six candidates were inducted into the St. Joseph the Protector Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society, which was formed in 2012. To be offered membership, students must maintain a general average of 92, participate in service and co-curricular activities, and strive to live out their Catholic values. In addition, each member must demonstrate and encourage high standards of scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship, and character.

Please join the faculty and staff in congratulating the following students:


Tara Hughes	Christian LaFond
Sean Riehman-Murphy	Jonathan Burkholder
Abigail Carachilo	Aryana DiBernardo
Luke Doherty	Aidan Donahue
Mary Kate Donahue	Jamie Ehnou
Margaret Eidenshink	Katherine Fighera
Jack Gorovitz	Paul Kass
Catherine Knorr	Mia MacDonald
Meghan Martin	Michael Martino
Megan Mayo	Rowan McAleenan
Colleen Mullin	Elizabeth Murray
Liam Oscar	Kirk Stensrud
Sara Stoud	Amanda Wolk



Home & School Happenings October 9, 2017

Important Information!

- Make sure you RSVP for Trunk or Treat!!! RSVP is required by October 18th.
- Please return your KidStuff books or money/forms!

Event	Date	Location	Description	Contact	Links
Winter Uniform Swap	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.	Jen McLoone	
Trunk or Treat 	Friday, 10/20 (6:00-8:00)	Jenkintown Campus	All families are invited to dress up, decorate their car trunks, and give candy to our "trunk or treaters." Prizes awarded for best trunks and costumes.	Christy Lafond	RSVP by 10/18 to Denisedurante@gmail.com
Father/Daughter Dance	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.	Sue Fidler Melanie Lucot	Register Volunteer (scroll down to Father/Daughter)
Mother/Son Dodge Ball	Friday, 11/10 (6:30-8:30)	Bishop McDevitt	Moms and sons get ready for some competitive fun! Pre-K 4 through 8 th are invited. Cost is \$20 per family.	Christy Starkey Tim Fazio Tim Egger	Register Volunteer (scroll down to Mother/Son)

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