



Monday's Memo

St. Joseph the Protector School

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From the Principal's Pen

Dear Parents and Families,

Wow! It has certainly been hot over the past week. The students have done a great job working in their classrooms even with the higher than normal temperatures. I think that we are all looking forward to the Fall weather headed our way!

Thank you for attending our Back to School Night on Thursday, September 21. I hope that the three longer sessions helped you to visit all of your students' classrooms and provided you with valuable information that will help make this a rewarding and successful school year for our students. The faculty and I appreciate all of the continued support from you.

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 practice this prayer, which students will learn and pray at school daily.

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

Fruits of the Holy Spirit

For the month of September, **LOVE** is the fruit of the Holy Spirit that students and teachers will be discussing in class.

Classroom Connection

One of the many reasons we have all chosen a Catholic education for our children is that our children are able to discuss their faith throughout the school day. While studying with my second grader, a great connection was made to our theme – that the Holy Spirit guides us every day. Our second graders are learning how the Holy Spirit helps us to live as Jesus wants us to live and helps us to tell others about Jesus. What a great reminder to all of us of the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 26 Eighth Grade Parent Meeting, 7PM
- September 29 Movie Night, Conahan Hall, 6:30 PM
- September 30 – Fall Clothing Drive, After Masses
- October 1
- October 5 Pizza Lunch
- October 6 First Friday Mass, 10 AM
- October 12 Fire Truck Demonstration, Kindergarten
- October 13 School - OPEN

Handbook Highlights

LATENESS

A student is considered late at 8:10 AM. A parent must accompany the student to the Main Office for an admittance slip. Do not use car line or drop off on Fairhill Avenue. You must park and enter the Upper Building with your student. Older students do not take the place of a parent.

- If your child is going to arrive late at school, you are required to call the school. Please leave a message on voice mail. The number to call to report an absence or lateness is 215-884-0843. Please call by 8:00 AM.
- Four tardies will result in a lunch/recess detention.
- Students who have been late are not eligible for a Perfect Attendance Certificate on the last day of school for the year.
- Excessive tardiness will result in an administrative conference with the parents.
- If a student is late due to bus transportation, the student will not be marked as tardy.

UNIFORM POLICY

Gym Uniform

All students in grades K through 8 are expected to wear the navy blue uniform sweatpants, sweatshirt/T-shirt. (The spirit wear tee and StJP spirit wear sweatshirt are permitted but not required.) Appropriate athletic sneakers must be laced and secured for gym class. The school monogram is required on the sweatshirt and shirt. Mesh navy gym shorts are acceptable. The socks must be plain white (above the ankle) or spirit wear socks.

No other clothing (Reading Olympics, Field Day, Running Club, CYO, etc.) is acceptable as part of the gym uniform. Starting on October 2, faculty will enter this dress code violation infraction in My Student Progress behavior/conduct tab. After three dress code violations, the student will serve a lunch/recess detention.

Noteworthy News

VILLANOVA DAY OF SERVICE

On Saturday, September 23, Villanova student volunteers visited the Glenside Campus of St. Joseph the Protector School and “went to work.” The Kindergarten hallway walls and trim were painted and the path to the Lower Building School was newly landscaped.

Under the direction of Karen Donahue and Frank McCann, parent volunteers spent several of their weeknights prepping the hallway for our student volunteers. Thank you to Andy McGrath, T.J. Fortmann, Dan Flach, John McFadden, Mike Infanti, and Brad Delia for taking the time out of their very busy schedules to get our improvement project underway.

For our landscaping project, Dave Holt, parent and owner of Triad Landscaping, volunteered his expertise and labor to prepare and design the area in front of the Lower Building.

We also have two new potted plants in the entryway to our Upper Building.

The next time you are near St. Joseph the Protector School please take a moment to admire the improvements. Our school looks absolutely beautiful!



Home & School Happenings September 25, 2017

Important Information!

- **Make a Difference:** Volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and support the school. To [sign up to volunteer, click here.](#)
- **Box Tops:** Earn money for our school! [Click here to download form.](#) Deadline is 9/29 for Fall form but you can continue to collect and send in throughout the year.
- **Hot Lunch:** This year pizza will be offered every Thursday. [Click here to order for October.](#) Deadline 10/1. See below for more information about our hot lunch program.
- **School Store:** Show your STJP pride! Purchase magnets, bags, cookbooks, and more at our [school store.](#)

Event	Date	Time	Location	Description	Contact	Helpful Links
Movie Night	Friday, 9/29	6:30-9:00	Jenkintown Campus	Students K-4 th can watch Boss Baby and enjoy pizza and snacks	kmurraynd@yahoo.com	Register Volunteer
Fall Clothing Drive	Friday 9/29, Saturday 9/30, Sunday 10/1	Drop off after all masses and at movie night (NEW)	STJP Gym and Immaculate Hall	Open to public; Donate clothes, shoes, belts, handbags, books, linens, household items, stuffed animals, hard toys to earn \$ for school	Joanne.m.majeski@gmail.com and jkkmcjassidy@msn.com	Volunteer Many Still Needed!!
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 at thelafonds@gmail.com .	Register (Coming Soon)

2017 Hot Lunch Program

The Hot Lunch program is a fundraiser managed by Home & School volunteers. Based on last year's survey results as well as volunteer availability, it was decided that for the 2017-18 school year, pizza would be offered one day per week and a new vendor was needed.

The school also moved to a new online payment and ordering system that allows us to be more efficient, and helps prevent any missing lunches for our students. This online system, as well as a switch in pizza providers, results in an increase of \$.50/slice. Please note that there has not been a pizza price increase in five years. Home & School earns \$3 per pizza, the profits of which go to activities for our school such as teacher luncheons, Touch a Truck, and Back to School Bash.

As we move further into the school year, we will be exploring opportunities to provide additional lunches based on volunteer availability. If you can help, please [sign up for "During the School Day Helpers" here.](#)

For more Home & School news, visit [our blog](#). To contact Home & School, please email homeandschool@stjpschool.org.