

August, 2010

Dear Parents and Students,

Greetings as we prepare for our 2010-2011 school year. I hope and pray that you all had a great summer along with quality family time and relaxing, enjoyable moments.

We continue to register and welcome new families and look forward to everyone meeting and getting to know one another in our school community. Thank you for referring families and spreading the good news about Saint Joseph Regional School.

Monday, August 30th, first day of school, Child Care will be available from 7:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Please call Andrea at 357-0339 if you would like your child/children to attend on that day/this year. Families who used Child Care in the past will not have a registration fee. The registration fee will be for new families and is a one-time non-refundable registration fee.

Saint Joseph Regional School begins a full day of classes on **Monday, August 30th** for all students Pre K to Grade 8. Child Care will be open that day beginning at 6:45 a.m. Pre K parents are asked to bring their child into the Preschool Room/Child Care Room and all other students, K-8 are asked to go to the playground between 8:15 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.

All students K-8 will be outside and welcomed in at 8:30 a.m. Instructions will be given at that time to which door they will line up at with their teacher. Eighth Grade students will enter the Main Entrance on Wilson Street and be introduced as our school leaders beginning their final year as students in our school community. (You are all welcome to join us in the gym.)

Facts of interest at a glance:

- New PE Teacher: Christopher Reiley who will also coach our Cross Country Team!
We welcome Mr. Christopher Reilly to our school community and Physical education position, as well as our Cross Country coach. Mr. Reilly graduated in 2009 from Eastern Nazarene College with a BS in Physical Education and Movement Arts and is certified Pre K – 12 Physical education. This past year, he was hired as a long-term and short-term substitute in Keen Public Schools and was a volunteer as an assistant coach and is enthusiastic about teaching and coaching at SJRS. We warmly and excitedly welcome Mr. Reilly and pray for him to have a wonderful year guiding our students and working with all of us.
- New French Teacher who will be full-time doing 5th and 6th Grade English and 5th Grade homeroom.
(Unable to introduce our new faculty member pending official release from a part-time contract.)
- We have one more opening – in Kindergarten.
- Mrs. Sarah Newman has accepted a position in Bellows Falls working for a private company that contracts w/Bellows Falls High School, supporting H.S. students one-to-one. We are grateful for all Mrs. Newman has brought to our school as a teacher and person and will miss her greatly. We wish and pray for the best for her and her husband Sean.
- We are accepting applications for Kindergarten position. Please see ad on last page.
- We will have a separate 7th and 8th Grade for all classes.
- Middle School Homeroom Teachers are: Grade 5 – new French/English Teacher –
Grade 6 – Ms. Foder
Grade 7 – Mrs. Pinckney
Grade 8 – Mr. Smith

Changes in teaching assignments: Mr. Smith – Lit. 5-8, Eng. 7-8, S.S. (Geography) Gr. 5 (7 classes)
Ms. Foder – Religion 5-8, S.S. 6, 7, & 8 (7 classes)

- Four classrooms (plus Gr. 3 ceiling were painted by Tim), and new rugs will be put into four rooms upstairs this Thursday and Friday: Grade 4, Grade 5, Grade 7 and Grade 8 homerooms.
- Room Changes: Music Room moved to French Room, Art room moved to Music Room, Science Room moved to Art Room, French Room/5th Grade Homeroom moved to Science Room!
- Thank you, to all the teachers who agreed to move (not an easy task), to all who packed up for rug replacement and for Tim who did all the painting and moved all furniture out of the rooms. Thank you to Mel for cleaning the rooms, shampooing the rugs not being replaced and washing/waxing floors around the moves.
- Thank you to Rose for all she does to closing up one school year and organizing everything for our new school year!
- Fourth Annual SJRS Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday, September 25 at Bretwood Golf Course.
- Music Department/Director, Mrs. Moore announces the formation of the **SJRS Middle School Marching Band!** First parade scheduled for Pumpkin Fest Parade!

SNEAKERS for Gym. (Gym day and all special class schedules will be given out on the first day of school.)

Milk is sold for student lunches Preschool-Grade 8. We ask that a \$5.00 payment be made at the beginning of each month if your child would like 2% milk for snack at \$5.00/month. If your child (Kindergarten-Grade 4) would like both snack and lunch milk, please send in \$10.00/month. Milk will be available beginning Monday, August 30th. (Although we start with milk in August and go through to the end of school, we ask for 9 monthly payments- September-May.)

Available for lunch:

Every Tuesday will be Hot Dog Day! (Beginning in September TBA.)

Every Thursday will be Pizza Day! (Beginning in September TBA.)

Mrs. Anderson will continue handling all the ordering and paperwork for Hot Dog and Pizza Days with the help of Mrs. Russell on Tuesdays. If you would like to volunteer to help out on Thursday/Pizza Day, please call the office. **Thank You** Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Russell! Information will be given out the first week of school regarding Pre-ordering and Pre-paying each month. Parent volunteers in the lunchroom are welcomed!

Congratulations and **Thank You** to Andrea MacMurray and staff for a successful and terrific Summer Adventure Program – that will end Friday, August 20, 2010. Andrea and her staff did a great job creating an adventurous summer for all involved. A special Thank You to our young counselors in training, Abbey Hoyer and Jenn Daigle and our volunteer, Auzzi Vincello.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Golf Tournament – SJRS 4th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, September 25th in the morning at Bretwood Golf Course. Gather a foursome and join us for a fun time.

Back-to-School Mass

Saint Joseph Regional School will celebrate in prayer the new school year by attending Mass together, Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 9:15 a.m. in Saint Bernard's Church. All are welcome to join us.

Back-to-School Nights

Back-to-School Night for parents with students in **Grades 5-8** will be held on Wednesday, September 8th, and Back-to-School Night for parents with students in **Pre K – Grade 4** to be held on Wednesday, September 15th. Please hold these important dates that invites parents to learn specifics about their child's classroom, meet the teachers and Parent Group Leaders and learn more about the 2010-2011 school year at Saint Joseph Regional School. Specific times and procedures will be sent home in our first newsletter at the opening of school.

Back-to-School Coffee/Tea for parents on Monday, August 30th from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. in school lunch room.

Back-to-School Picnic on Friday, September 10th, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the school grounds.

Families – Grs. 4-8 are asked to bring desserts.

Families – Preschool-Grade 3 are asked to bring salads.

Grilled hot dogs and rolls will be provided by the school and we will be sure to include a couple of packages of veggie dogs this year.

Pumpkin Festival Parking – Saturday, October 16, 2010 – 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. We will be looking for help with 2 or 3-hour shifts. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bartlett and family were able to sign up SJRS to park cars in the West Keene Peerless Insurance Parking Lot on Maple Avenue with proceeds going to updating our playground equipment. More information will follow as school starts. Thank You, Roy and family! A Pumpkin Festival Food Booth is being organized and directed by Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Ray and family, and they will also be seeking help from volunteers. More information to follow.

UNIFORMS

Uniform tables, (uniforms returned that no longer fit one child) will be set-up in the main hallway outside the office. Please feel free to stop by anytime between **9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. beginning Monday, August 16**. (Note: School will not be open on Monday, August 23 as we will be at a Regional Catholic School In-service at Presentation of Mary Academy in Hudson, NH.)

Reminder to please check the Uniform Codes and monitor the correct choices your child makes in preparing to dress for school on regular days and gym uniform days. The colors are light blue and white shirts, blue pants, shorts, skirts, plaid jumpers in lower grades, plaid or blue skirts in Grades 2, 3 and 4, and in Grades 5-8 khaki pants, khaki shorts, khaki skirts and dark blue shirts may be added to the Middle School Uniform Codes. Navy blue sweaters and sweatshirts for all students in Grades K-8. In fairness to all, please make sure your child dresses within the guidelines and colors. Some like to add white sweaters, gray sweatshirts, etc., which puts pressure and added expenses on others.

Thank You for your help in this matter of following school guidelines.

Please feel free to call the school (352-2720) or stop in if you have any questions.

In gratitude and prayers,

Sister Laura Della Santa, R.S.M.
Principal

Our Parent/Student Handbook is on our *website*: stjosephkeene.org

If you need a hard copy, contact the office and we will print one.

Enclosed:

- SJRS Handbook Forms
- Students' School Supply List (also located on our website)
- 2010-2011 SJRS Calendar (also located on our website and color coded for easy reading.)
- State of NH Dept. of Health & Human Services Form
- Health Records Authorization Form