

Saint Joseph Preschool
January 27, 2012



Hello Preschool Families,

This coming week we celebrate our Catholic Schools! We thank you for the financial sacrifices you make to send your children to Saint Joseph School. We know that Our Lord must be very pleased at the efforts that are made daily to teach and bring our children closer to Him. Catholic schools are about embracing Christ and the fullness of truth found in His Church. Yes, we have superb academics and excellent athletics. But our focus must be and is on Jesus Christ our Lord. Thank you for all that you do to support Catholic education! There are many activities and events for you to enjoy this week. Please be sure to check out the many "In the Loop" notices highlighting the week. Items of particular interest:

- **Saturday & Sunday, January 28/29** – Listen to our 5th graders as they speak at the Masses about SJY and invite our parishioners to our upcoming open house on February 12.
- **Monday, January 30 YCHS Students will read to our afternoon PRE K class.**
- **Tuesday, January 31 at 1:30** – Thank you to our Military. Presentation of gifts to our SPCA.
- **Wednesday, February 1 at 2 PM** – Black & Gold Challenge. Mrs. Byrnes' Gold Team v Fr. Dennis' Black Team and a whole bunch of cereal boxes! Join us in the gym!
- **Thursday, February 2 at 1 PM** – Candlemas Prayer Service in the Church.
- **Friday, February 3 at 1:30 & 6:30 PM** – Dave Fry Concerts. Everyone can dress in black, gold and white!

Our classes will participate in the above named school wide service project to benefit the SPCA. **The preschool classes have been asked to send in peanut butter and/or dog treats for the SPCA.** Kindly send these items to school as soon as possible. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

The three year old class continues to enjoy nursery rhymes! This year, Little Miss Muffet joined us as we dramatized the rhymes. We giggled as the spider sat down beside her and she ran away! We will culminate our unit with a nursery rhyme celebration. The children will go on a scavenger hunt through the classroom and gym looking for clues to the rhymes. Our hunt will end with the three little kittens who received pie when they found their mittens. We will eat these pies at snack time.

It is not too late to be a guest reader in our three year old classes! Please contact us for a date.

Our recent recycling program provided by the Solid Waste Authority was extremely well done and so age appropriate. We are so grateful to the presenter, Mrs. Jen Christofolletti. Together we created new paper from old paper scraps and made an edible landfill which illustrated the many layers and design of a landfill. The children now recognize the recycling symbol and we are doing our best to reduce, reuse and recycle here in preschool. The children also decorated a handprint with the words, **"TURN IT OFF"**. Please display this hand near a light switch, TV or computer as a reminder to turn off

the items when not in use. Each day the show and tell person will serve as our “Power Monitor” who will turn off our lights when not needed. It seems our closet light is on many times when no one is in there. ☺ **Don’t forget to send in an empty box of your child’s favorite cereal.** We will make these boxes into class books with predictable print.



Thank you to all of you who have sent in the Race for Education sponsor forms. We are hoping for 100% participation so that our classes may enjoy the ice cream party provided by the PTC. Kindly return the form even if there is only one sponsor name on the sheet.

Looking ahead: Mark your calendars.

Monday, February 20 No School

Monday, March 19 Feast of St. Joseph Dads invited to classroom to complete a building project with their preschoolers. More details later.

Monday, March 26 Field Trip to Martin’s Potato Chips (4 AM class)

Yours in preschool fun and learning,

Marie Bair and Patti Bria



We love, because He first loved us.

1 John 4:19