

Saint Joseph Preschool  
September 2, 2011



*"The eyes of the Lord are upon you. He gives you hope for He is merciful."*

Psalm 33:18

Dear Parents,

I always enjoy talking with so many of you and Wednesday evening, Back to School Night, was no exception. Thank you for your kind words and support as we journey together in helping these precious preschoolers grow into faithful and responsible children! Remember our most important job as parents is to help our kids get to heaven. Pray daily with your children and attend Mass as a family. If attending Mass with little ones is difficult for you right now, check out the article on our webpage under letter J for JESUS. It is written by a father of 7!

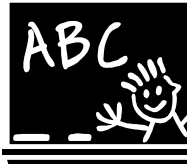
This week, the four year old classes brought home their first Scripture Page. Next week, our precious three year old class will bring their Scripture cards home. Read these Scripture stories with your children and pray the family prayer together. You will be so blessed by praying with your children! We find that our own faith always grows when we share Scripture and prayer with the children. For your information, we have listed the words of our Morning Offering and Goodbye Prayer. We begin each prayer by making the Sign of the Cross. Practice these prayers with your children.

**Morning Prayer**

Dear Jesus,  
Everything I do and say  
I offer up to you today.  
Amen.

**Goodbye Prayer**

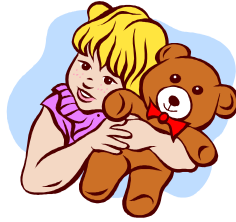
Father in Heaven  
Softly we pray,  
We want to thank you  
For a wonderful day!



If you have not already sent in the emergency card and "Getting to Know You" form, kindly do so as soon as possible.

The four year old classes enjoyed their first visit to the Saint Joseph School library. Mrs. Molinaro, our school librarian, encourages all of you to read to your children daily. She suggests that one way to remember to return the books each week is to place them in the book bag after reading the books. She stressed this idea with the children.

Please be sure to check the Show and Tell schedule online. Each day beginning on September 1, a child is assigned to bring one item and to share details relating to the item. Show and tell is an important part of oral language development. During show and tell, we encourage the children to use complete sentences and to use adjectives. Making eye contact and using a talking voice loud enough for others to hear is also encouraged. Allow your child to choose something that is meaningful to him to share with the class even if you think it is silly.



**Mark your calendars:** We are looking forward to our field trip to Brown's Orchard in Loganville on **Monday, October 3. This is a change of date.** I sent all of you an email outlining the reasons for the change. Thank you for your many kind comments. Both classes will tour at 12:30 PM. Please do not report to the classroom on this day. Diocesan guidelines mandate that preschool parents/guardians drive their children directly to the field trip site. Other dates for you to mark include **Wednesday, November 16** for our trip to Brown's Tree Farm located just behind the York Galleria Mall. Rain date for this trip is November 17.



We wish to thank our "Play Dough Parents" who graciously agreed to make play dough for us during the months of September to December. Special thanks to Christi Zelis, Kim Fegely, Mondie Sterling, Beth Fives and Liz Tedesco. We will need some additional volunteers to help during the months of January to May. :}

Yours in preschool fun and learning,

Marie Bair and Patti Bria

