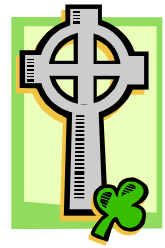




St. Joseph School

Weekly Newsletter March 13, 2008



Bus Schedule

We are pleased to announce that for the remainder of this school year the school bus will stop at all locations in the afternoon, every day. This is a 'trial run' and, if successful, will continue next year.



Arrive Snoqualmie Ridge-Community Park 3:50 pm

Arrive Snoqualmie Campus 4:05 pm

Arrive North Bend 4:15pm

Remember, please arrive at the bus stop five minutes prior to the scheduled arrival time.

Welcome to our new bus driver, Hunner!

4th Grade Capitol Visit

Mrs. El Koury and Mrs. Niemer's fourth grade class visited our state capitol, Olympia, on Wednesday, March 5th. Our students, parents and staff had a wonderful time and enjoyed a tour of our beautiful state capitol and governor mansion. In order to tour the governor's mansion a school must first be invited and have proven that the students will be respectful and quiet. Our school earned that distinction and had the privilege of touring the mansion. On Thursday, March 6, 2008 our principal, Peg Johnston, received a call from the Supervisor of the Capitol Visitor's Service letting her know that our students were a "delight" on the tour and "wonderful and respectful" listeners. They can't wait to see us next year. We are very proud of our fourth graders, these young men and women exemplify the very best of our future. Way to go fourth graders!



TLC Request

TLC is a St. Joseph ministry that coordinates meal deliveries to assist school families who need Tender Loving Care.

One of our St. Joseph families has suffered a deep loss this week. The father of an Issaquah parent, Whitney Gardner-Garcia (Mom to Gabriella (AM K), Will (Pre-3) and Diego) passed away on Sunday. Whitney's Mom, Carol, is a member of St. Joseph parish and a school volunteer. Through the TLC ministry, we have the opportunity to provide meals and comfort for Carol during this difficult time.

Please contact me if you are able to help provide/deliver meals. Carol lives close to the Issaquah campus and does not drive so delivery help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Please hold the Gardner-Garcia family in your prayers.

Melanie Spies, TLC Coordinator

melaniespies@hotmail.com



No School March 14, 2008 Professional Development Day

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Thank you for bringing your puzzle piece to the *We're Counting on Our Angels* Annual Fund to connect with those parents who have already made their pledge to this year's goal of \$100,000. There are still a few pieces still missing. Are you one of them?

School Commission

We are starting the process of looking for new school commission members for next year.

Interested parents should complete the form received in last week's Thursday Envelope and return it to the school office no later than **March 14**. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Ballsmith at 396-4251 or JABallsmith@aol.com, or Peg Johnston at 313-9129 or pjohnston@sjsissaquah.org.

IOWA TEST DATES

The Iowa Test dates are now set on our school calendar for April 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. Parents make sure your students sleep, eat and rest well this week for their best results. Thank you.



Important Dates to Remember

No School - Professional Development Day: **Friday, March 14**

Stations of the Cross - 3rd grade at SJC: **Friday, March 14 - 7 pm**

Green - Free Dress: **Monday, March 17**

Stations of the Cross - 3rd grade Iss: **Friday, March 21- 11:15 am**

Snoqualmie Stations of the Cross: **Friday, March 21 - 10 am OLOS**

Early Dismissal: **Friday, March 21**

Easter Break: **March 22 thru March 30**

Weekly

Chess Club at Issaquah: **Fridays, 8:15 am**

Mom's In Touch at Snoqualmie: **Tuesdays, 2:00 pm**

Issaquah School Office: 425-313-9129
Snoqualmie School Office: 425-888-9130
Parish Office (Emergency Use Only): 425-392-5516

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Volunteer Service Opportunities

On Friday, March 14th, starting at 9:30 am in the church office, there will be a mailing work party—folding, labeling and sorting for the parish newsletter. Please help for one hour or four hours, or more. The more workers, the faster the work, please, no children. Call Dale in the church office to RSVP: 425-392-5516.



On Saturday, March 15th, meeting at the church at 10:00 am, there will be a manual labor effort. A parishioner has donated some lumber to the church and the lumber has to be loaded onto a pre-arranged flat-bed truck, driven to the church and unloaded. Volunteers will car-pool to the home and back to church. This effort might last about 2-3 hours. Call Margie Bleile for more information: 425-657-0632



On Saturday, March 15 starting at 9:00 am there will be a work party to spruce up the Issaquah Campus and St. Joseph Church. Help us look beautiful for Easter!



St. Patrick Day Dinner



ST JOSEPH'S KNIGHT'S OF COLUMBUS presents their annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on THIS Saturday, March 15 immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass in St. Joseph's church hall. Traditional Irish fare will be served: corned beef and cabbage, fresh breads, desserts and something special. Live music will be provided and a great time is promised to all. For further information, contact St. Joseph Knights: Eugene Daly at 425-891-5497 or Jeff Kelley at 425-417-6480.



St. Joseph School Lenten Project

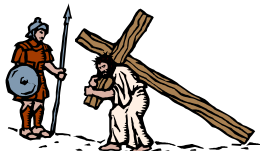


Our school community service project for Lent has begun. This year we again are saving our coins for Nuestros Peguenos Hermanos (Friends of the Orphans). This Catholic organization has homes in Mexico, Nicaragua, Haiti and Peru for orphaned children. We have supported this worthy organization for the last several years and they appreciate our partnership. Money collected this year will purchase school supplies for the schools and support feeding programs in the slums of Cite Soleil and Wharf Jeremie, Haiti.

Lenten Soup Supper Sponsored by The St. Joseph School 3rd Grade Class And a "Live" Stations of the Cross

Please join the 3rd grade class for a Lenten Soup Supper and a "live" Stations of the Cross presentation on Friday, March 14, 2008.

Dinner starts at 6:00 PM in the Social Hall of St. Joseph Church and the "Live" Stations of the Cross start at 7:00 PM.



St. Joseph Mariners' Night May 9, 2008

Enclosed in today's envelope is a flyer for our school Mariners' Night.

A few points:

1. The ticketing is handled differently than in years past. St Joseph's will not distribute tickets, nor do we control the seating. We have a block of seats.
2. If you must sit next to someone, you should purchase your tickets together as one transaction.
3. Tickets HAVE TO be printed and purchased on line through a ticket-master service. There is a \$1.00 fee per ticket. Follow ticketing instructions on the flyer
4. These tickets are typically \$20 seats. We have them at the discounted rate of \$11.
5. Ticketing can begin immediately and tickets must be purchased by May 6, but don't wait, we expect to sell out soon.



There will be Mariner free dress on Friday, May 9

Walk-a-thon News

Our 5th Annual Walk-a-thon will be here in less than 2 months! This fundraiser is held as two separate events.

Kindergarten and 1st grade will have their Walk-a-thon on Wednesday, April 30 on the Issaquah campus.

Grades 2nd-8th grade will have their Walk-a-thon on Thursday, May 1 on the Snoqualmie campus.

Bus service will be provided from the Issaquah campus to the Snoqualmie campus for the 2nd and 3rd graders.

Parents please plan on picking up your children from the Snoqualmie campus the day of the Walk-a-thon.

More details will be coming soon.

Logo Design Contest

We are starting the event off this year with a logo design contest! We will be picking two logos—one for K-1 and one for 2nd-8th. Please have your *artistic* student submit a 2"x2" logo by Thursday, March 20 to the school office. The winning logo designs will be displayed on various Walk-a-thon forms. Good Luck!



Volunteers are needed for set-up/clean-up, greeting and directing students, and helping in the parking lot with lap tags and refreshments.

For K-1st grade please contact: Adra Tiryakioglu wsupeach@aol.com or Jenny Bluett at muaikini@aol.com. For 2nd-8th grades please contact: Lisa Scott at lisa.scott@scottholdings.net or Anh Vo at anh_vo@mail.com.

Our Lady of Sorrow Parishioners

OLOS will be offering subsidy for their families next year. Please call the OLOS parish office for information as to how to set up the subsidy process.