



St. Joseph School

Weekly Newsletter November 1, 2007



Auction



A standing ovation is in order for those who so generously supported our online auction. We experienced a great deal of bidding in the final days before the auction's closing on October 28th. We are still tabulating our success, and wanted to extend our gratitude for your participation and that of your family and friends. Please remember to pick up your treasures on Friday, November 2nd and Monday, November 5th at the Issaquah campus for those who specified a school pick-up. Please contact Chris Brown at 425.392.6658 or email at auction@sjsissequah.org with any questions.

We are so thankful for your overwhelming and prompt reply to the *Angels Among Us* invitation for our November 17th auction. As of Monday, October 22nd we have reached capacity at our venue and for the first time the auction is **sold out!**

We are compiling a **waiting list** for those individuals who want to attend the auction but are not able to attend due to our reaching capacity. For those wishing to be on the waiting list, full payment must accompany your reservation, reservations will be put on the list in the order they are received, and your payment will be held until we are able to place you at a table. Because we have reached physical capacity at our venue, individuals on the wait list can only be placed at a table when there has been an existing reservation canceled. If you have a current reservation and **if your plans change for November 17th**, please notify Kristi Rigoni at 425.830.3704 or mamarigoni2@comcast.net so that we may seat the next person on the waiting list.

Anyone with an **existing** auction reservation can still **upgrade their reservation to include Saints Club membership**. The cost for auction admission plus Saints Club membership is \$150. Simply subtract the amount you paid for your existing reservation (\$70 or \$80) from \$150 and this is the balance due for Saints Club membership. The deadline for Saints Club upgrades is Friday, November 2nd. Please notify Kristi Rigoni at 425.830.3704 or mamarigoni2@comcast.net.

We are in need of **auction night volunteers** for a variety of positions. Be a part of the auction action on November 17th. The auction is a fantastic environment in which to earn your volunteer hours! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sharon Soldenwagner at soldenwagner@msn.com or Angela Jacobsen at angelajacobsen@msn.com.

XBOX 360 Raffle Tickets On Sale – Halo 3 Limited Edition Xbox 360 System and 3 games!!! Tickets are \$25 per ticket with only 48 tickets being sold; only one winner; and the winner need not be present to win. Raffle tickets will be sold through November 17th, up to the start of the live auction or until 48 tickets are sold. See auction raffle flier included within this Thursday's folder for complete information or at www.sjsissequah.org. Contact Martie Bohn-Himes at 425-369-8583 (bohn-himes@comcast.net)

November 2nd is a Full Day of School and Free Dress

“Families” in Issaquah on Friday Please Bring Board Games



“Families” is a multi-grade group of about 18 students grades K-3 that meet several times throughout the year. The community building gatherings are focused on fun, community service or seasonal themes. Our first “Families” meeting is on Friday, November 2nd and we are playing board games. Please have your child bring their favorite board game to share. Remember the age range is grades K-3 and the games need to be geared to that age group.

Parents Club

What is Parents Club?

- Facilitates communication between the parish, school commission, parents, faculty and students
- Provides social programs and educational activities for parents, students and teachers
- Provides volunteer support for the school community
- Conducts fundraising activities

Who is Parents Club?

YOU ARE!!!

All parents/guardians of our students are members of St. Joseph's Parents Club

Get Connected!

Join us every 1st Monday of the month at 9 am when we meet in the John XXIII room, Issaquah campus. See you there November 5th.

Important Dates to Remember

Pizza Day: **Friday, November 2, 16, and 30**
 No School - Report Card Prep: **Friday, November 9**
 Issaquah Mass: **Friday, November 16 and 30 - 9:00 am**
 Snoqualmie Mass at OLOS: **Friday, Nov. 16 & 30 - 1:45 pm**
 Auction: **Saturday, November 17**
 Book Fair in Snoqualmie: **December 10-14**
 Christmas Program: **Monday, December 17 - 6:30 pm**

Weekly

Chess Club at Issaquah: **Fridays, 8:15 am**
 Moms 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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Annual Fund

Thank you to all the St. Joseph School parents who have returned their Annual Fund pledges to the school. Please remember that the "We're Counting on Our Angels" Annual Fund runs through June 30, 2008. If you make a pledge today, you have until June 30 to complete payment on that pledge.

The St. Joseph School Annual Fund follows the school's fiscal year calendar. Funds from the Annual Fund go directly into the school's operating budget. Budgeted expenses for the school each year consists of salaries and benefits, financial aid, curriculum, supplies and maintenance, technology, administrative costs and utilities. Tuition covers approximately 70% of budgeted needs. The other 30% comes from school-wide fundraising. The 2007-08 "We're Counting on Our Angels" Annual Fund goal is \$100,000.

The school relies on all parents participating in all three fundraisers (Annual Fund, Auction and Walk-a-thon) to meet our budget each year. We need all of our St. Joseph School families to participate fully in all three!

NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ISSAQUAH CAMPUS!!!!

November 2 for Just One Day

Friday, November 2 the Issaquah Campus will have a lovely new principal; Miss Natalie Smith has agreed to lead our school for the day. Her bio gives us a glimpse of her wonderful qualifications to lead, they are; has been in school for six years (Pre-3 thru 3rd grade), is now in leadership role on the Issaquah campus as an upper classman in Mrs. Metzger's third grade class, has many friends of all kinds and loves her school. What a gal, we can't wait to see her sit in Mrs. Johnston chair for the day!



Congratulations to all of our St. Joseph Soccer teams on a great season!!! And special thanks to the wonderful coaches and to Bertina Sedlack, the St. Joseph/MQP Soccer Coordinator ...we couldn't have played soccer without you!!! Look for 2008 soccer sign-ups in the spring...Go Eagles!

Tent City Donations

With winter coming upon us quickly, TC4 is looking for some warm items, including:

Wool socks, gloves, hats, jackets, and hand warmers.

Other items needed: cereal, breakfast bars, canned soups, paper plates, cups and bowls, toothbrushes and toothpaste, multivitamins, 33 gallon trash bags, hand sanitizer, wipes, duct tape, shampoo, D cell batteries and feminine hygiene products.

TC4 will be moving on *November 10*. It would be nice to send them off with *warm* memories of Issaquah.



Parent Teacher Conference Week - Issaquah

Parent Teacher Conference Week is coming Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, November 19-21. All elementary students have half day dismissal on Monday Nov. 19 & Tuesday Nov. 20, and no school on Wednesday Nov. 21. Preschool classes meet as usual on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday morning.

Extended Day is available for the afternoon hours Monday & Tuesday and all day on Wednesday the 21st at the Issaquah campus.

Kindergarten Students: Morning Kindergarten meets during the morning hours on Monday, November 19. Afternoon Kindergarten meets **during the morning hours** on Tuesday, November 20. There is no regular class for Kindergarten on Wednesday, November 21. Kindergarten Enrichment will meet Monday, November 19 during the regular Kindergarten Enrichment hours.

Conference Schedules: Each conference will last for twenty minutes. Each conference begins on the half hour. The first conference Monday and Tuesday begins at 12:30 pm. **This year, teachers are offering evening conferences on Monday, November 19.** On Monday, November 19, conferences will be scheduled until 8 pm. Parents who work during the day will have priority for these conference times. Conferences on Wednesday, November 21 begin at 8:30 am and conclude at 12 noon. A conference sign up sheet showing available conference times for each teacher will be posted outside the office on each campus.

To sign up for a conference: mark your name and your student's name in the appropriate box on the sheet for the teacher of each student in your family. Sheets for the teachers in Issaquah are posted outside the Issaquah office.

Conference sign up sheets will be posted by Monday, November 5. If it is not possible for you to come into the office to sign up for conferences, please call the appropriate school office for assistance.

Parent Teacher Conferences - Snoqualmie

Middle School Teachers will have conferences starting Friday, November 16th at 3:30 pm to accommodate all our families. On Tuesday, November 20th all the Snoqualmie teachers will have conferences until 8:00 pm. Working parents will have priority for the evening conference.

4th and 5th Grade Conferences: Please sign sheets by front office.

Middle School Conferences: Please sign sheet by front office indicating which teachers you would like present at your child's conference.

A sheet will go home with your student(s) in **next week's Friday Folder, November 3rd** listing the middle school teachers and what subjects they teach.