

August 18, 2011



SJCCS School Newsletter

Building Faith & Knowledge for Life!

Upcoming Events

August 22

Open House, 6:30 P.M. for parents only. Meet in Fr. Friend Parish Hall.

August 26

PTO Welcome Back Party; activities and a Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; PTO Reading Forms Due

September 1

PTO Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Social

September 2

First Friday Adoration, 2:15—2:30 in the church

September 8

Blessed Mary's Birthday

September 12-14

Book Fair — see volunteer sign up sheet in today's envelope

September 29

Feast of Archangels

The school office has a new direct phone number: 908-3746.

School Notes

- This newsletter is being sent home to you today by way of the Thursday envelope. Beginning next week, you will receive the newsletter, calendars, and any other sign up sheets, etc., by email. Please notify us if you do not receive an email next Thursday afternoon. Please sign the Thursday envelope every week, verifying that you have read the Thursday newsletter before sending it back on Friday.
- **Open House** is August 22 at 6:30 P.M. in the Fr. Friend Parish Hall. Parents will receive important updates and information, and will meet with their child's teachers in the classrooms. Open House is a parents-only event.
- **PTO Ice Cream Social:** All students will take part in the ice cream treat celebration of summer reading success. Certificates will be given to students who have accomplished the summer reading goals. Reading forms are due to school no later than August 26th.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Mills family for the lovely plants and decorations at our school entrance.

Also, thank you to our many wonderful volunteers who braved the heat and cleaned up our school playground over the summer.

Used Uniforms

If your child has outgrown any uniform pieces from last year, please consider donating them to our used uniform program. Mrs. Terri Horne has volunteered to run this service. Please contact her with any used uniform needs (terrimh1@yahoo.com or 222-1427). Uniform donations may be dropped off in the school office. Also needed are used storage containers to store the uniforms. Thanks in advance for your help!

Volunteering at SJCS

The Diocese of Charleston requires that all regular volunteers who work with children, including all field trip drivers and chaperones, be screened, and attend a Virtus training session. At St. Joseph Catholic School, we are requiring **all parents** to fulfill these requirements by September 30, 2011 to drive, chaperone, or attend field trips. Only new parents will be screened after September.

If you are not screened by the Diocese of Charleston, please go to www.catholic-doc.org to Diocesan Departments, Child Protection Services, and fill out all Background Screening forms, read Policy and sign Acknowledgement form, and sign Code of Conduct form. Also, sign the Confidentiality form available on sjccs.net. Register to take a Virtus training session at www.virtus.org.

Scrip Program

Scrip is our school's gift card program, where the school profits from a percentage on the sale of each card. Order forms are in today's envelope. This is an easy way to raise funds for our school on the shopping you normally do. There are cards for restaurants, home improvement stores, gas stations and more! Look over the list and see how Scrip gift cards can fit into the shopping you already do! Orders are taken each Friday, and the cards will be sent to you in the following Thursdays' envelope.

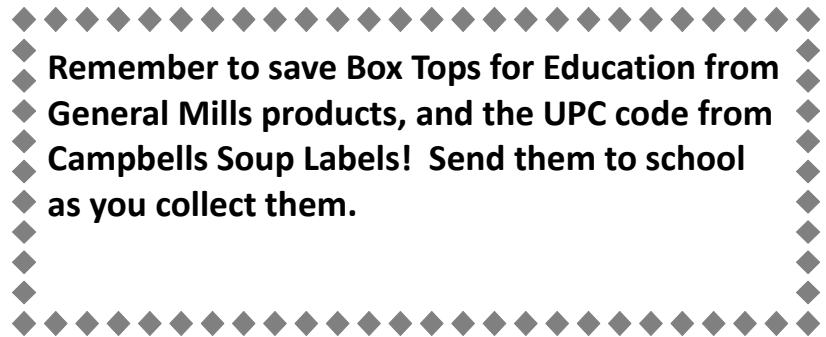
Morning Drop-Off & Afternoon Pick-Up



Morning drop off is on the **CORNELIA ROAD entrance**. Children will be dropped off in front of the Fr. Friend Parish Hall beginning at 7:30 A.M. An adult and student patrols will be there from 7:30—7:55. Class starts at 7:55 A.M. Students arriving after this time are considered tardy, and must be escorted into the school by their parent and signed in.

Dismissal: K4 **half day** parents are to park in a front parking lot space, and go to the classroom to sign their child out. For full day K4 through Gr. 5, afternoon dismissal is at 2:30 in the back parking lot off McLees Road. Dismissal for middle school & siblings is at 3:00 in the back parking lot. Line up along perimeter of parking lot, and when full, line up in perpendicular lines. The first two spaces are reserved for our Gala Auction bid winners.

Extended Care sign out is in the school building. Please park in front lot and walk into school to sign out your child.



Remember to save Box Tops for Education from General Mills products, and the UPC code from Campbells Soup Labels! Send them to school as you collect them.

School Lunches



The lunch program will begin on **Monday, August 22**. There will be no meals served the first week of school. August 18-19, your child should bring a lunch from home. Lunch tickets will be on sale the first week of school, sold in packs of ten, \$30.00 per pack. Send a ticket to school each day you would like your child to purchase lunch.