

August 25, 2011



# SJCCS School Newsletter

## Upcoming Events

### August 26

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

### August 28

Altar Server Training for Grades 4-7, 2:00 PM

### September 1

PTO Summer Reading Program Ice Cream Celebration

### September 2

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

### September 8

Blessed Mary's Birthday

### September 9

School Picture Day

### September 12-14

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

### September 26-30

ITBS Testing Gr. 1, Gr. 3-7

### September 29

Feast of Archangels

The school office direct phone number is 908-3746.

All Families of the School and Parish are invited to the

PTO Welcome Back Party

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Place: Fr. Friend Parish Hall

Date: August 26, 2011



Come celebrate the beginning of the school year with dinner and games. Please bring a dish to share.

### Volunteers Needed!

The PTO needs help cleaning up after the Welcome Back Party, and also needs volunteers to be buddies with new families. Email to [sjcs.pto@gmail.com](mailto:sjcs.pto@gmail.com) if you can help with either of these.

### ITBS Testing

ITBS (Iowa Test of Basic Skills) testing will take place September 26—30 for Gr. 1, and Grades 3—7. Parents, please avoid scheduling appointments for your child during school hours this week.

Hints for success:

- Be on time each morning.
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.
- Make sure your child eats a good breakfast each day.

### PTO Ice Cream Celebration

All students will take part in the celebration of summer reading success with ice cream treats during their lunch period September 1st. Certificates will be given to students who have accomplished their summer reading goals. Reading forms are due to school tomorrow.



Congratulations to Christian Canello for having the winning school t-shirt design! Christian's design, based on this year's theme of *Forming Faith*, will be featured on all student t-shirts.

## 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](http://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](http://sjccs.net). Register to take a Virtus training session at [www.virtus.org](http://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 have been emailed to you as an attachment. Scrip 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 your regular shopping routine! Orders are taken each Friday, and the cards will be sent to you in the following Thursdays' envelope.

## **Book Fair September 12-14**



Thank you to the many parents who have volunteered to help with the Book Fair. There are still volunteer opportunities available, particularly in the afternoons of the fair. If you'd like to help, please send your form to school, or you may call

## **School Individual Picture Day September 9**

Roy Ridge Photography will take individual student photos on Friday, September 9. Students may wear dress clothes or their regular uniform, but please be advised that they will be wearing this outfit all day—there is no space or time for changing. Please have the children wear shoes that are sensible for the playground since recess will be as regularly scheduled.

## **P.E. News**

◆ Presidential Lifestyle Challenge forms are included in this Thursday's envelope for Grades 1-7. This is an optional student program, however, we would love 100% participation!

◆ Altar Server Training for Grades 4–7 will be Sunday, August 28, at 2:00 PM (must be Catholic to serve). See the permission slips for Altar Servers and for Safety Patrol (Gr. 4-7) attached to today's email.

## **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](mailto: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!