



St. Joseph's Catholic School
PK – 8th

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"Academics...Discipline...Service...all in the Spirit of Christ."

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Dear Parents, Faculty, Fr. David, Fr. Bitrus, Fr. Kieran, Fr. Alphonsus, and School Board Members,

This year is off to a great start. Teachers are working hard to plan and implement meaningful and rigorous lessons for the year, and the feedback for the 7th and 8th grade combo classes is very favorable. This year we have brought back morning prayer which is a powerful way to start the day. We still, however, are having issues with tardy students that interrupt this process daily. Students are being invited into class at 8:25, since school starts at 8:30. Please be respectful of this process and make sure you are getting your children to school on time. Also, most scholarship recipients have signed agreements to be punctual and have good attendance as part of the agreement, so parents, I really need your help with this. ☺

Thank you to all families who participated in the St. Joseph's Second Sunday Mass. We had a great representation of students who looked terrific in their uniforms. It is very important to maintain visibility throughout our community who supports our school and helps us with scholarships. Students are earning Terrific Tickets for attending this mass, and for altar serving at both Immaculate Conception and St. John Vianney. I know the children are well received and they do a fantastic job helping with the mass. Our next Sunday mass will be: September 11th.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 5th: Labor Day – No School

Sept. 6th: 8th Grade to St. John Vianney for Mass

Sept. 7th to Sept. 21st: ITBS Testing Grades 3-8 (Please be well rested and be sure to eat a healthy breakfast!)

Sept. 11th: St. Joseph's/Immaculate Conception Second Sunday Mass

Sept. 18th: School Blessing by Bishop Olmsted after a special 10:00am Mass

*Note: There will not be a 9am or 11am mass

(Please bless us with your attendance!)

St. Joseph's will be blessed with a new name this month. Since we reside next to Immaculate Conception, it was fitting to rename the school *Immaculate Conception Catholic School*. I can assure you that we will still be a tri-parish school which provides an exceptional faith-based education to all of the students who attend here. Students are now designing a new logo for the school. We will still keep our same mascot: the mountain lions. The official name change will take place this spring during our accreditation renewal.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for welcoming me this year. I appreciate all of your love and support, and the numerous families whom contribute to the success of our school. You are a commendable group!

Blessings,

Jackie Kirkham