

September



Attire for school

For grades K through 8:

Boys: Walking shorts or long pants, all navy blue, with a belt. Polo shirts in white or navy blue. Dress shirts and ties can be worn but not required except for mass.

Girls: Navy blue walking shorts or plaid jumper. Plaid skirts for grades 6, 7 and 8th only. Polo shirts or cotton blouses in white.

On Tues., Sept. 7th mass will begin at 9:00 am at Ste. Rose de Lima. Boys should be in shirts and ties. All friends and families are welcomed to opening mass.

Light blue shirts and polo shirts are acceptable for this year only. After this year all students must follow the dress code listed on the school website.

Lost and Found

Our Lost and Found gets quite full very quickly. PLEASE LABEL all clothing, lunch boxes and backpacks. Name and grade is very helpful in returning the items to your children.

Monthly Newsletter

All families are receiving this monthly newsletter for September. Starting in October the newsletter will be on our website each month along with the school activity calendar and monthly lunch menu. Please print out these three important documents each month to keep up with our activities.

Math IXL is back!

This year St. Joan of Arc School will again use the Math IXL program. This math program gives students in grades K through 6 the ability to reinforce math skills being taught in the classroom. Accelerated students can explore more challenging math concepts. Pupils have access to IXL both at home and school.

New Computer Server

Thanks to a grant from the Future of Hope through the Springfield Diocese this summer Mrs. Marra and her son, Mark, spent many, many hours installing an \$8,000 server in the computer room. This means our computer lab, classroom computers and classroom laptops will be better equipped for the heavy use our students and faculty need on a daily basis. We also bought licenses for Microsoft 2010 for our computers. We now have 96 computers in our building!

Springfield Diocese Financial Aid

The Business Office received a master list of students who have received financial aid. They have completed posting the aid to FACTS accounts. Please check your FACTS account to verify the amount. If you paid your tuition in full you should have received your refund by now.

Before School Program

Frequent User Discount

For those families that use the Before School Program on a daily basis, we are offering a flat fee of \$225.00 per child. This offer will be available until the end of September. The normal fee is \$270.00 per child for 180 days. If you are interested in the Before School Program Frequent User Discount please send in a check in an envelope labeled with the child/children's name(s), grade(s) and notation "prepayment for Before School Program" by the end of September.

Before and After School Programs

Before School Program begins at 7:30 am until 8:15 am. Students must report directly to the School Hall. Cost is \$1.50 per day for all or any part of the morning program.

After School Program begins at 2:40 pm until 5:00 pm. There is a homework room available to all students. The After School Program will be held in the cafeteria or during nice weather in the Trilby St. school yard. Cost is \$3.50 an hour or \$1.75 for each half hour. Parents can pick up their children through the cafeteria side door on the Trilby St. side of the school.

Afterschool activities

Chess Club, Drama Club, Guitar Lessons and Ballroom Dancing will be offered as after-school activities. All will begin in October. Starting dates will be in the October newsletter on the web site.

We have been busy over the summer.....

The large concrete stairs at the “gym” entrance have been replaced this summer. Construction began on June 28th. The new stairs are solid cement with new railings.

The cafeteria received new lighting keeping with our goal of replacing all old lighting with the energy-efficient lights.

The cafeteria floor was waxed and shined. Of course, our beautiful hardwood floors have been sanded and polyurethaned.

Stop and Shop A+ Rewards Program

Stop and Shop will once again offer parents and school supporters the opportunity to earn points, which converts into cash for our school. The program begins October 8th and ends March 24th. You must RE-REGISTER if you participated last year. Please go to www.stopandshop.com/aplus and use the school code 05332 and 4-letter password MVGP to sign up for St. Joan.

In the past we have bought new desks and chairs for room 17, a school banner and last year the money paid for the Microsoft 2010 licenses.

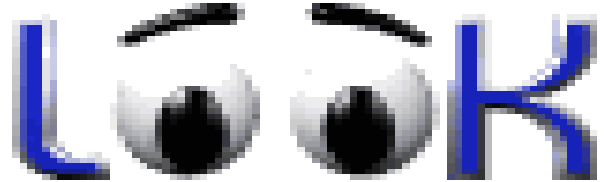
Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to support St. Joan!

St. Rose de Lima Parish Picnic

Every year St. Rose has a parish picnic to benefit St. Joan of Arc School. All proceeds go to the students at St. Joan. This year’s picnic will be Sunday, Sept. 12th from noon until 6:00 pm at the K of C, Council 69, 460 Granby Rd. in Chicopee.

There are plenty of activities for adults and children. The theme this year is “Family” and hope many, many families attend to enjoy all the food and fun. One price admission is \$7.00 for adults and children 13 years and older, \$5.00 for

children 12 and under. This includes all the food you can eat and soft drinks and all children’s carnival games. Tickets are available after all masses and at the school.



Looking Ahead:

*September 7th – First day of school for grades 1 through 8.

*September 12th – Ste. Rose de Lima Parish Picnic

*September 13th – First day of school for kindergarten and pre-kinder.