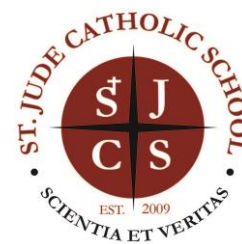


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SJCS Parent Bulletin



June 30, 2017

Dear Parents,

Happy Summer! I pray you are enjoying these warm, bright days together with family and friends. May this break be refreshing, safe, and grace-filled!

I want to thank each of you for a wonderful 16-17 academic year, for your continued support & generosity in countless ways and, most especially, for your prayers for our growing School. Our gifted Faculty and Staff who remain dedicated to the mission of Catholic education and your children could not fulfill their vital work each day without your trust. Thank you!

Of course, it would not be an amazing year without our heroes who give generously of themselves each day. My heartfelt gratitude to all my Faculty and Staff for their dedication and hard work. A very special thank you to Mrs. Jill Lindsey who tirelessly gives so that our School and the office run smoothly (and I don't lose my sanity!). May God reward them all!

We have many important updates to share:

- The office has been busy since the last day of school! Please watch for an **important information packet in the mail next week**. The **revised, updated Family Handbook** will also be emailed out within the coming week. Please note any changes and updated policies.
- We are thrilled to welcome **another 1st Grade teacher, Ms. Mary Kenney, to St. Jude!** After much prayer, planning, and consultation, we have decided to split our 1st grade class this year and are so excited to welcome Ms. Kenney to our Faculty! Ms. Kenney comes to us with a wealth of experience: 30 years of teaching in IL & FL, many years teaching 1st Grade, and now back home to Peoria where she is a parishioner of St. Thomas. She is thrilled to join us, to meet you and the children. She will introduce herself more later; please welcome her if you see her around school and the Parish this summer!
- With the addition of a second 1st Grade class, we have **relocated some classrooms**. Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 will remain in the same rooms. **Full Day**

Preschool has moved back to their previous space (the old Atrium) in the Parish Education Wing. (IF we split 2nd Grade next year, Pre-K 4 will also return to the Parish building so all the PreK classes will be together....this is the long-term plan, but not definite by any means.) The **Atrium is now next to the Parish office (old meeting room). *This hall will be secured/locked just as is our main building... safety is always first!* **Kinder A** (Sr. Teresa Paul) will be in Mrs. Taylor's old room & **1st Gr. B** (Ms. Kenney) will be in Sister's old Kinder room. Lots of activity and excitement in the building this summer!**

- As you may know, Mrs. Abbie Brewer is expecting their first baby in early August... congratulations! We are very happy to announce a wonderful **long-term sub for Mrs. Brewer in Kinder B... Mrs. Janelle Dalbey** will be our Kinder teacher for the first 6 weeks until Mrs. Brewer returns. Mrs. Dalbey is a very experienced teacher/sub for many of our area Catholic Schools and a parishioner of St. Phils. Welcome, Mrs. Dalbey!
- **Curriculum Updates:** Grades K & 1 are piloting a new Phonics curriculum, **SIPPS**, this year which correlates well with our **Reading Workshop, "Reading Units of Study" and "Writing Units of Study" by Lucy Calkins**. The Reading Workshop is used in Kinder & 1st Grades this year, adding 2nd Grade to both the Workshop and SIPPS in 2018-2019. Thanks to your generous donations at the Gala, the **Kinder and 1st Grade classes will enjoy their new leveled Libraries!** We enjoyed our trainings in the high-quality programs of SIPPS and Lucy Calkins this summer.
- Our **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program in our Atrium** continues to be a great blessing to our School and Parish. 3 of our teachers return for more training this summer, while 2 begin their certification!

- Please keep **Mrs. Kris Major and Mrs. Hannah (Adams) Cottingham** in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their mothers this summer. We also pray for **Ms. Toni Mullens** whose grandmother just passed away. May they rest in peace! We keep our teachers and their families in our thoughts and prayers.
- We congratulate **Luke & Hannah Cottingham** and **Dave & Kayla Rudolph** on their recent marriages!
- Included in your Summer Packet, please take note of important **SUMMER MATH and READING PRACTICE TIPS....** This is **ESSENTIAL for excellence and a successful new year** for your child/ren. Also, review the **Social Media/Technology reminders for Parents**, especially in the summer days when screens can be quite the 'engrossing' activity for children. Thank you for your keen attention!
- You are invited! Please join the Dominican Sisters of Mary and our families, friends, and benefactors for the **First and/or Final Profession of Religious Vows on July 25 and July 27!** (Sr. Christiana, previously assigned to SJCS, and Sr. Maria Suso, our new Sister at PND this year, will profess their perpetual vows on July 25!) It is an unforgettable experience. Many St. Jude families and our priests attend- what an honor for us! For details and to RSVP, click here: <https://www.sistersofmary.org/events/perpetual-profession-vows-mass-2/>
- We welcome our returning **Faculty and Staff** as well as warmly welcome our new team members! Our new Faculty and Staff will introduce themselves in August.... Father Henehan and I are very excited about each of them and their expertise that they bring to our School. We thank them for joining our St. Jude Team and ask you to join us in extending a warm SJCS welcome to them and their families.
- **2017-2018 SJCS Faculty & Staff**
 Pre-K 3: Julie Stedwill, Maria DeLaTorre
 Pre-K 4: Marsha Krone, Tammy White
 Full Day: Lora Taylor, Katie Marx
 Kinder A: Sr. Teresa Paul
 Kinder B: Abbie Brewer (Janelle Dalbey, sub)
 1st Grade A: Gina Kouri
 1st Grade B: Mary Kenney
 2nd Grade: Lyndsay Hawk, Carrie Purtell
 3rd Grade: Anna Taylor, Laura Ortega

4th Grade: Kris Major
 5th Grade Homeroom/MS Religion: Sr. Mary Lawrence Payne, OP
 6th Grade HR/MS Math/Tech/MS Coordinator: Toni Mullens
 7th Grade HR/MS English Language Arts: Luke Cottingham
 8th Grade HR/Social Studies/AD: Dave Rudolph
 MS Science: Martha Bogdanowicz
 PE: Sarah Reineck
 Art: Sally Saul
 Interventions: Chris Fields
 Library/ Classroom Assistant: Lori Wilson
 Spanish: Amy Vitale
 Enrichment: Jenny Johnson
 Parish Music Director/3-8 Music: Andy Earnest
 Band/ PreK-2 Music: Sarah Hansen
 Admin Assistant/Office Manager: Jill Lindsey
 Office: Tara Trenkle, Judy O'Neil
 Kitchen Manager: Jen Flaherty, Gloria Walcott, Anna Delarosa
 Aftercare Director: Mrs. Lora Taylor & Assistants
 Lunchroom: Lori Wilson, Sarah Reineck, Laura Ortega

- **2017-2018 Projected Enrollment 6/30/17**

- *Please check SchoolSpeak for updated class rosters!*

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| Pre K 3 | 16 |
| Pre K 4 | 22 |
| Full day Preschool | 21 |
| Kindergarten, A & B | 30 |
| 1 st Grade, A & B | 26 |
| 2 nd Grade | 25 |
| 3 rd Grade | 28 |
| 4 th Grade | 21 |
| 5 th Grade | 18 |
| 6 th Grade | 15 |
| 7 th Grade | 26 |
| 8 th Grade | <u>18</u> |
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God has blessed us abundantly here at St. Jude and it is an honor and blessing to be part of His work. Let us pray for one another in these summer months, be assured of mine for you. As always, do not hesitate to stop in, call or email with any questions and/or concerns.

See you in August! God bless you always,

Sr. Maria Christi, OP