

Dear Parents,

September 2, 2009

We had a great start this morning. We welcomed 24 new school families. Everyone looks great in their uniforms. Please remember that our **uniform policy** requires socks that extend well above the tops of the shoe. Low-riding / golf sock styles are not allowed. Some of our students are in need of a school hair cut.

School mass this year will be on Fridays, our **first school mass** will be Friday, September 18. We will have an all-school prayer service on Friday, Sept. 11 at 9:00 am in the gym. You are welcome to join us by sitting in the balcony area. All parents are invited to meet in the nursery after the school mass to offer prayerful support for our school community. Small children are welcome to play while the group prays.

Next week we will start with **District Food Service**. A reminder, that students who bring their lunch from home should bring their own napkins / eating utensils - district napkins / sporks are only for those students who have paid for a hot or bag lunch.

**District bus service** begins next week Tuesday. Busses drop off on the playground and pick up in front of school. As always, we may experience some delays the first week, but expect things to smooth out quickly. If you have not received a bussing post card, please contact the District Transportation Office at 651-403-8320.

Our first days with parent transportation went pretty well. My thanks to the parents and teachers who assisted with drop offs / pick ups. Remember that **car riders may be dropped off between 8:20 - 8:40 am**. Students are not allowed in the building before 8:30 am. Car riders will be dismissed to the back parking lot at 3:30 pm. Students in grades K-4 must wait behind the red ropes to be picked up by a parent or older sibling. Students in grades 5 - 8 may proceed to their vehicles unescorted. **All students must be picked up by 3:40 pm.**

Thank you for promptly returning the many **office forms** you received in your summer packet. If you have not completed and returned those forms, please do so as soon as possible.

All non-emergency **communications** will come home on Fridays in the red Friday Folder. Our goal is to switch to e-mail communication later in the year. Teachers may be reached via the school's voice mail system at (651-457-8550). Teachers may be reached by e-mail by using the first two letters of their first name followed without a space by their last name (e.g. janordin@stjosephwsp.org). When leaving a message remember teachers may not have a free time until the end of the day. Teachers should never be contacted at home.

Our **Fall Home and School Meeting / Open House** is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Looking for a way to "get in the spirit"? Check out the online store for **Jaguar Apparel**: [www.designer-sports.com/teams/stjoseph](http://www.designer-sports.com/teams/stjoseph). The last day for ordering is September 20.

Please see the back of this letter for reminders regarding **drop off and pick procedures**.

Jane E. Nordin  
Principal

**Help Wanted - Lunchroom Supervisor**  
**11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.**  
**Contact Jane Nordin for more information**