

Dear Parents,

September 25, 2009

Today was our **3rd marathon pledge turn-in day**. We have had a slow start towards making our goal of \$80,000 and our bonus goal of \$100,000! Students are encouraged to take advantage of this weekend's good weather to get pledges. Students wearing their school uniform have had good luck! We encourage students to collect their pledges at the same time they get pledged to avoid having to go back a second time. Corporate matching funds are a great source of revenue. Check with your employer if they offer matching funds. Please join us on Saturday, October 3, from 9:30-11:00 am for our annual marathon and stay for the hot dog lunch (10:30-12:00 Noon).

**School pictures** are scheduled for Monday, October 12. This will be an out-of-uniform day. Purchase of individual pictures/group composites are always optional, but we do ask that all students be photographed for the yearbook. Preschool-age children may be brought in to have their pictures taken between 8:00-8:40 am in the Great Room. No appointments necessary. The St. Joseph's Preschool classes will have their pictures taken later in the morning. Life Touch is looking for help with the students either in the morning (8:40-11:40) or the afternoon (12:20-2:40 pm). Helpers will receive a certificate for a free picture package for their children. Call the school office at 651-457-8550, if you are interested,

**Winter sport's sign-up** will take place October 1-9. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are receiving a sport's sign-up packet if they are interested in basketball or hockey. Swim Team sign-ups will take place later in December. Deadline for Basketball and hockey sign-ups is Friday, October 9. Registrations received after that date will be put on a waiting list.

The **3rd graders** will be going to Dodge Nature next Tuesday for Wilderness Skills. Thank you to Home and School Assn. for sponsoring this program.

There will be a **Confirmation Parent Meeting** on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:00 pm in the parish Great Room. There will also be a **First Reconciliation Parent Meeting** on Thursday, October 1 at 7:00 pm in the parish Great Room. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 651-457-8841.

Next week, students in grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 will be taking their **standardized tests**. Students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep. Studies show that good rest and eating breakfast improve performance. We ask parents to avoid appointments or late arrivals whenever possible. Students who are absent may not be able to finish all the testing, affecting test results.

Our parish newsletter, The **LINK**, is now being published on-line. Visit the **LINK link** at [www.churchofstjoseph.org](http://www.churchofstjoseph.org) to read articles and view pictures of parish activities.

A **calendar for October** is coming home today. Thank you to Angel Pinkerton for all her work.

Join us for **mass** next Friday, October 2 at 9:00 am.

Jane E. Nordin, Principal