



*St. Joseph Catholic School
Educating the mind, body and spirit since 1894
Elementary Weekly Bulletin
November 26 – November 30, 2018*

*St. Joseph Catholic School was established to provide a Christian Environment for students, staff and faculty alike that promotes both excellence in education and a spiritual faith formation. As a pastoral instrument of the Church, we intend to respond to the needs of the whole person and to support the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each student. It is also our intention to challenge the students to work to the best of their abilities and to live as Christian examples of faith to one another and to the extended community. We will strive to explore and initiate innovations in education and our faith which will prepare the students to take their place as leaders in a changing and challenging society. *St. Joseph Mission Statement**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

DON'T FORGET TO ORDER LUNCH BY MIDNIGHT!

As we settle back into school mode, this week, we will be rolling out two programs for the purposes of enhancing our current school wide student and facility safety protocols and procedures. Both programs have been properly vetted and approved by the Diocese of Austin, and we are confident these two programs will add to the overall safety of our students and staff.

STOPit – **STOPit** is an online reporting tool consisting of an app and a back-end incident management system for school administrators designed to deter and mitigate bullying, cyber abuse, and other inappropriate behaviors. Our students will have access to the STOPit mobile app, which has two simple but powerful features.

Report can be used by students to anonymously report incidents to school contacts.

Messenger can be used to engage in anonymous two-way communication with school administration.

Students can download the free Stopit app from the “App Store” or “Google Play” and type in the **school access code**: sjcseagles.

We understand that at the elementary level, this will more than likely pertain to the upper grades, but parents can also utilize this program on behalf of their children. Here are links of informative videos for you to watch with your children [Stopitparentvideo](#) and [Stopitlaunchvideo](#).

Both Report and Messenger empower students to stand up for themselves and for one another. Students have the power to help put an end to harmful and inappropriate behavior they see online through social media and other means. They can use STOPit to reach out for help if they or a peer are facing a personal crisis or experiencing bullying, abuse, or are otherwise in need of assistance. Our goal with STOPit is to create safer, kinder, school communities both online and off.

No student personal information is needed to use STOPit. Personal information may be included on a voluntary basis and is not required for reporting purposes.

Both our school and STOPit are committed to protecting the privacy of student data. STOPit is a signatory to the [Student Privacy Pledge](#), spearheaded by the Future of Privacy Forum and the Software & Information Industry

Association. You may review STOPit's [Privacy Policy](#) for details, including more information on how anonymous reporting works. More information and resources can be found online at stopitsolutions.com.

I Love You Guys – The “I Love U Guys” Foundation was created to restore and protect the joy of youth through educational programs and positive actions in collaboration with families, schools, communities, organizations and government entities. Please see their history here Iloveyouguyshistory.

This program will be implemented to enhance our already established and practiced school procedures for any type of non emergency and emergency situation we may encounter during the school day. Please see the attached Standard Response Protocol informational flyer so that you are fully aware of the terminology and procedures. Here is a helpful link explaining IloveyouguysSRP.

All staff have been trained with the updated Standard Response Protocol and will reinforce these procedures to our students over the next few weeks. We will conduct “Lockdown” drills over the next couple of weeks. In the event we ever need to evacuate the facility, we have set procedures on how and when to inform you with evacuation location and other information.

Reconciliation – Students in grades 3 through 5, will attend reconciliation on Friday, November 30th at 10:30am at St. Joseph Church.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 6th – First Friday Mass and St. Nicholas Day

December 7th – Christmas Store

December 13th – Spelling Bee

December 18th – Christmas Class Parties

December 20th through January 4th – Christmas Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

January 7th – Return to School from Christmas Holiday

REMINDERS:

FISH Program - Winter sports are upon us at the secondary campus and it is another great opportunity to obtain FISHours!

[At this link](#) you can find our volunteer sign-up sheets for the Junior High and High School Basketball seasons. With over 30 game days, 90+ games, and three spots per game on the horizon, the saying "many hands make light work" could not ring more true.

If you are interested in working the clock, but may not feel confident about the controls, please reach out to Coach Bergkamp mbergkamp@stjosephbcs.org and he will set up a time to teach you.

To submit your hours, email fish@stjosephbcs.org, and in the body of the email please include a concise description along with the number of hours volunteered.

Remember, in order for hours to be applied towards your balance, the hours must be used in service of St. Joseph Catholic School.

Daily Schedule

Monday, November 26

- Uniform –non dress uniform

Tuesday, November 27 (MASS)

- Uniform – dress uniform
- HS JV Girls Basketball @ Waco Live Oak – 5pm
- HS Varsity Girls Basketball @ Conroe Covenant Christian – 5pm

Wednesday, November 28

- Uniform – non dress uniform

Thursday, November 29 (MASS)

- Uniform – dress uniform
- JH Girls Basketball vs. Gause – Gold @ 5pm
- JH Boys Basketball vs. Gause – Gold @ 6pm
- HS Boys and Girls Basketball @ North Zulch Tournament

Friday, November 30

- Uniform – non dress uniform
- HS Boys and Girls Basketball @ North Zulch Tournament

Lunch Menu for the Week:

Monday – Jason’s Deli, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Tuesday – Double Dave’s, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Wednesday – Chick fil A, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Thursday – Buppy’s chopped beef sandwich, chips, and brownie, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Friday – Buppy’s Mac & Cheese, steamed broccoli, and brownie, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

If you have any questions pertaining to the handbook or the weekly bulletin, please email or call me anytime.

Blessings,

Jim Rike

Please remember St. Joseph Catholic School in your prayers, your service, and your gifts. Call us for the many ways you can support Catholic Education now and in the future.

St. Joseph – Pray for us!