

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

LEARNING TODAY - LEADING TOMORROW

CELEBRATING 140 YEARS

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From the Desk of the Principal:

Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you for all your support this year. I came in this past summer, new to the St. Joseph family, and each of you welcomed me with open arms. I appreciate your continued support of St. Joseph School.

This year we've experienced success in several areas. Students have increased access to technology thanks to a generous donation to our math department. While there is always room for improvement, beginning the process of technology integration with school iPads is something we have taken advantage of. We have demonstrated continued academic success as two of our 8th graders are headed to the Appomattox Regional Governor's School. Several other 8th graders will begin their high school careers at other academically rigorous institutions, such as Benedictine, Tidewater Academy, and Blessed Sacrament Huguenot. Admissions into these institutions require not just "good grades", but also the skills to think and apply knowledge. We are proud of our 8th graders and are proud of our academic program that have prepared these students for high school. Along with academic success in our middle school, we are proud of two of our seniors that will begin their collegiate careers at Longwood University and Virginia Commonwealth University. Congratulations to these students, and congratulations to our teachers for their continued efforts in supporting academic growth at St. Joseph School.

So what are some things that we can look forward to next year? First, over the summer we will be busy moving classrooms around. New updates will be shared throughout the summer. Make sure to check out Facebook page to follow our progress. Second, we will be able to utilize the laptops currently used by the high school students for our middle school. Increasing access to technology is an integral part of learning as it provides opportunities to develop critical thinking and collaborative skills. Third, a greater focus will be placed on teacher professional development. Two strategies that teachers will utilize next year are the Daily 5 and project based learning. Both of these instructional strategies are proven best practices, and will continue to improve instruction at St. Joseph School. Lastly, we will welcome three new ACE teachers in the fall. For those of you that have been part of St. Joseph for the past few years, you are quite familiar with the ACE program and the high quality individuals that the program develops. We are blessed to be able to continue the partnership with ACE.

There is much to be built upon this summer and upcoming school year. I want to thank you for your support and commitment to the school. Be assured of my prayers over the summer.

God bless,
Joe

Highlights of the week:



At our end of the year awards ceremony, the students at SJS were honored for their academic achievements. Way to go!

Top: Principal's Honors for the year.

Middle: First Honors for the year.

Bottom: Second Honors for the year.

Last procession as 8th graders during our last mass for the school year 2015-2016.



Announcements for the Coming Week:

Friday, June 10

8:30am – 9:30am Last Day of School Mass/Award Ceremony (St. Joseph Church)

Noon Dismissal – No Aftercare

6:30pm – 7:30pm 8th Grade Commencement Ceremony (School Auditorium)

Saturday, June 11

11:00pm – High School Graduation (St. Joseph Church)

Thursday, June 16

Report Cards mailed home

7:00pm Saint Joseph School Bingo

Fri, June 17

St. Joseph School Golf Event

Social media:



follow us and like us for more news, videos, and pictures of daily life here at St. Joseph School.

: <https://www.instagram.com/sjs.petersburg/>



: <https://www.facebook.com/saintjosephschool>

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(kpeffer@saintjosephschool.com)!***

St. Joseph Catholic Church



MARVELOUS MYSTERY
The Mass Comes Alive

VBS Registration Form

Dates / Location:

Monday June 27th through Friday July 1st
9:00 am – 2:00 pm (this includes Cantor Camp at 1:00pm)

Child's Information:

Name: _____

Sex: (circle one) M F Age: _____ Grade completed: _____

Allergies or medical conditions: _____

Health Insurance # (if applicable): _____

Cantor Camp Yes _____ No _____

Family Information:

Parents/Guardians' Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Hm: _____ Wk: _____ Cell: _____

Email address _____

Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well being of the participants in this VBS and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the VBS Team, or other associated volunteers of the VBS program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that myself or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese, and Parish from all manners of actions, claims which I or the child named above shall or may have for any reason, arising during my child's attendance of the VBS.

Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent to allowing my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during the VBS week or for future advertisement of Parish VBS programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Return completed form to: St. Joseph Church (151 W. Washington Street, Petersburg, VA 23803)
Attention: Mrs. Judy Cuenin no later than **June 19, 2016**.