

**The Good News in Education**  
**St. Joseph Catholic School - Greenville**

Dear Friend of St. Joseph,

As we enter into the Easter Season, we see how Jesus' ultimate sacrifice led to benefits which we appreciate on a daily basis. The forgiveness of sin is a remarkable concept, especially as we comprehend that we are all sinners. Despite the fact that we sin, we do trust in becoming a better person in the Lord and realizing that forgiveness is vital to everlasting life.

Despite the fact that the Lord is a willing giver and forgiver, how often do we refute this same concept by not forgiving our own earthly trespassers? The Easter Message centers on death to the old life of sin and resurrection to new life through Christ Jesus. Thank you for joining St. Joseph Catholic School in searching for and attempting to gain this new life through the triumph of Easter.

Regards,  
*Paul C. Artman, Jr.*  
Paul Artman, Ed.S.  
Principal  
April, 2012

**YOUNG MEN TURNING 18**

Please remember that Federal Law mandates all young men register with the Selective Service System within 30 days of turning age 18. Go to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) to register online.

**WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD**

- ⇒ Fantastic job
- ⇒ You've got a friend
- ⇒ Terrific
- ⇒ How smart
- ⇒ You figured it out

**ST. JOSEPH COMPLETES SACS VISIT**

St. Joseph Catholic School is pleased to announce a perfect accreditation visit and an exemplary Final Report by AdvancED through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. We also appreciate our many stakeholders who assisted in our accreditation work. Greenville St. Joseph was the first SACS accredited non-public school in the state and happily remains affiliated with SACS.

Click [www.stjoeirish.org](http://www.stjoeirish.org) to review the school's accreditation documentation and the SACS Final Report. Additionally, to be involved in the school's Strategic Planning Process, which follows our five year SACS Accreditation, please contact the principal. Thank you!

**THE RIGHT FIT**

What do I do well? The answer to that question can help your teen think about her abilities and find ways to combine them into career choices. Share these approaches to encourage her to capitalize on her strengths and begin planning for the future.

MAKE CONNECTIONS by encouraging your child to think about what she does best at school, how she excels in activities, and what are her personality strengths. By matching these attributes to interests, future plans can develop. A FOCUS HERE will allow child and parents to see a direction for building additional attributes and seeing possibilities for several career choices.

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER**

Please consult the April Calendar for dates and times of our three Course Selection Meetings. It is imperative that parents and students alike assume an active role in course selection and the academic direction of our students.

## GOOD NEWS

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we value achievement and thank God for good news like:

- Courtney DiBiase was accepted into the University of Mississippi's Honors College and the Early Entry Pharmacy Program
- Josie James won a \$500 College Goal Sunday Scholarship
- Asia Harden and Michelle Terracina competed in the USA State Gymnastics Meet
- Courtney DiBiase earned one of the few state ESF Scholarships for her essay
- *DDT* All-Washington County Basketball Team:
  - Ramses Sandifer      Second Team
  - Kevin Muzzi          Third Team
  - Arrington Smith      Hon Mention
- Kevin Muzzi named to the U.S. Elite-Select 2012 Basketball Team / Milan, Italy
- Courtney DiBiase named Rotary Four-Way Test Award Winner
- Jacob Reifers and Kevin Wise named as Boys' State Participants
- Anna Morris and Meagan Signa named as Girls' State Participants
- Kevin Muzzi and Thomas Sherman named as Delta Council Scholars
- Congratulations to our State Science Fair winners:
  - Reya Hayek and Jade Mixon 1<sup>st</sup> Place
  - Anthony DiBiase – American Institute of Aeronautics Special Award
  - Anthony DiBiase – 2012 International Science Fair Participant
  - Caroline Mansour – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Anthony DiBiase – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Eric Gardiner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Katherine Anne Terracina – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
  - Emily Mansour – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place
- Winners from the Mississippi State Championship Swim Meet:

Jennifer Mansour swam three personal best times and placed 14<sup>th</sup> in the 200 Yard Backstroke and 16<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Yard Breaststroke.

Emily swam seven personal best times. Emily won three State Championships in the mile, 500 Yard Freestyle, and 200 Yard Freestyle.

Emily also won a Silver Medal in the 100 Yard Freestyle, two Bronze Medals in the 50 Yard Freestyle and the 200 Yard Butterfly, and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the 100 Yard Butterfly

Emily qualified to compete in the 2012 Southeastern Sectional Championship

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Specific training at St. Joseph School and the Catholic Diocese of Jackson mandates that all persons involved with children recognize and adhere to appropriate relationships with children. The five steps to a safer child environment include knowing the warning signs of abuse, controlled access of the adults who work with your children, and the proper monitoring of programs involving youth. Additionally, we must always be aware and sensitive to events in our children's lives, and always communicate abuse concerns to persons in authority.

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL TIP LINE

Call in your confidential tips regarding bullying and/or school safety at 866/ 346-2813.

## GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Baccalaureate Mass – St. Joseph Church  
5:00 P.M. Thursday, May 24, 2012

Commencement Exercises – St. Joseph School  
7:00 P.M. Thursday, May 24, 2012