

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

Dear Friend of St. Joseph,

There is no mistaking the opportunity for a new start. Study habits, relationships, or the simple feeling associated with newness all can benefit by the new start to a new year. Welcome to 2012 and all the ample benefits of deciding that one may and can change for the better.

Encouragement must become the watchword should families or individual members of the family see the need for change. Through prayer and work it can happen!

Despite the end to presents under the tree and all the secular trappings of the holidays, the Church continues to celebrate Christmas well into the New Year. Here is your continued opportunity to see Christ, live Christ, and to become a new person in Christ each day. We at St. Joseph Catholic School shall strive for this and pray that your family shall also support these valuable changes at home. Thank you and bless you for a blessed and Happy New Year.

Regards,

*Paul C. Artman, Jr.*

Paul Artman, Ed.S.

Principal

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**SISTER DOROTHEA**

Sister Dorothea Sondgeroth, O.P. has made a significant impact in her ministry at St. Dominic Health Systems, the Catholic Diocese of Jackson, and at Greenville St. Joseph. As Sister retires from her current ministry, we wish her all the best. Sister Dorothea will always be remembered for her abiding Christian spirit and care. Thank you and God bless.

**WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD**

- ⇒ A High Five
- ⇒ A Big Hug
- ⇒ A Huge Smile
- ⇒ A Thumbs Up
- ⇒ Say "I Love You"

**GOOD NEWS**

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

- Twin County Rural Electric Leadership Nominees: Steven Terracina and Kevin Wise
- Mississippi High School Activities Association Nominees for the Lindy Callahan Scholar-Athlete Award: Courtney DiBiase and Kevin Muzzi

**GET A JUMP ON THE SEMESTER**

Merely staying on top of your studies is often just not enough. As the new semester begins, here is the perfect opportunity to get and stay ahead of the studies. Take time to produce extra work that will ensure greater success along the way with your studies. Simple exercises of pre-reading the textbook and several chapters ahead of everyone else will build confidence and knowledge. The outlining of future sections of material, studying of coming subtext headings, and the completion of future text review questions will provide knowledge that shall set you apart from other learners in the classroom. With this type work, a student can get ahead and stay ahead.

### THE ST. JOSEPH VISION

As a community of faith deeply rooted in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church's tradition, St. Joseph Catholic School strongly believes that each child and adult should be provided with regular opportunities for prayer, sacraments, and reading the scriptures:

- Religious education and Christian formation are an integral part of the school curriculum
- Parents are primary educators of their children, and the school assists them in this process
- Teachers, parents, and students all share in the responsibility to be witnesses to the Gospel

Finally, St. Joseph Catholic School believes in the dignity of every person and the respect of all. Student learning and growth is a major priority of our school which we achieve through a safe, comfortable environment. Our goal is to produce academic learners and future leaders who analyze complex problems, turn data into information, and information into solutions.

### ANNUAL FUND GIVERS

Thank you to all who have positively responded to our appeal for the Schools' Annual Fund benefitting the academic program at St. Joseph and Our Lady of Lourdes.

### HAPPY STARTS

Happy beginnings to the school day will make a happier family and a better student. The key to unhurried morning rush includes preparation and organization. Every night prior to bedtime, pack the backpack with all needed supplies and due homework. Have lunch and snack supplies pre-bagged in the fridge, and lay out the uniform. On school mornings build a routine and follow it, including awakening on time and being out the door at a predetermined time.

### HEARD THE NEWS?

Knowing what's going on in the world assists your child in classroom activities and builds a knowledge base for future framing of reference. Assist your child in this pursuit by KEEPING NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES handy around the house. TUNE IN TO NEWS on the car radio and on television while at home. Utilize ONLINE RESOURCES to follow breaking news from around the world. In addition to continued exposure to these news outlets, FOLLOW UP ON NEWS EVENTS AND DISCUSS RAMIFICATIONS with your children.

### COUNSELORS' CORNER

St. Joseph Catholic School maintains a more strenuous policy than others in regard to "No Pass, No Play." For all grades seven through twelve, at the conclusion of each semester, student eligibility shall be based on 1. Being promoted to the next grade, if applicable, 2. Earning a passing grade in each attempted course, 3. Maintaining a combined 2.0 average or higher in all attempted course work. Students with an "F" in any course in progress at mid-semester have a probationary period until the end of January to improve the failing grade to passing. Please call the Guidance Office or Administration with inquiries.

### STUDY ON

As a new year begins, suggest that your high schooler take stock of his study routine. Is enough time spent studying? Is the time he's putting in paying off? Share these ideas for effective studying that can save time and frustration and lead to better results: PLAN AHEAD for quizzes, and DO NOT CRAM. Set a specific time for quiet study so that MORE CAN BE DONE IN LESS TIME. Better than parents alone attempting to motivate a child, have your child discover his own ideas that will GET HIM MOTIVATED.