

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

Dear Friend of St. Joseph,

We trust that summer break will be a peaceful and relaxing event for all within the St. Joseph family. Jesus spoke for the need of rest, and the fruit of this rest shall make us better in all our responsibilities.

Speaking of responsibilities, please allow me to enumerate a few as a new academic year rapidly approaches:

August 1,	New Teachers' Meeting
August 2,	All teachers report
August 2, Noon	Parent Meeting I.
August 2, 5:50 P.M.	Parent Meeting II
August 5, 8:00 A.M.	Parent Meeting III
August 5, 9:15 A.M.	New Student Bell Sch.
August 8, 7:45 A.M.	Classes Begin
August 8, 8:25 A.M.	Opening Convocation
August 9,	Summer Reading Tests

Thank you for your dedication to Catholic education and for supporting St. Joseph. Bless you!

Regards,

*Paul C. Artman, Jr.*

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Principal

July, 2011

WELCOME ANYTIME

When one walks in St. Joseph there is an overwhelming sense that "this is a very special place." In conjunction with this feeling, our school presents a warm and welcoming atmosphere at all times. Through the academic year, our patrons share many opportunities for parent information, report card distribution, honor assemblies, and more. Please join us for these special occasions or anytime for a classroom walkthrough, a teacher conference, or any special need. You are welcome here.

WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

- \* Good work!
- \* You made my day
- \* Way to go
- \* You're a winner

REQUIRED SUMMER READING LIST

All St. Joseph students, regardless of admission date, are responsible for accomplishing summer reading. All language teachers shall test all students, at the outset of school, on the required summer reading assignments. The St. Joseph website features this list as well as listing of suggested books for the college bound. Reading is the key to knowledge and a necessary key fully understanding many secondary and college classes.

Seventh Grade:

*Number the Stars* – Lois Lowry  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* – C.S. Lewis

Eighth Grade:

*Ender's Game* – Orson Scott Card  
*The Outsiders* – S.E. Hinton

Ninth Grade:

*Good Old Boy: A Delta Boyhood* – Willie Morris  
*Animal Farm* – George Orwell

Tenth Grade:

*Castaway Kid* – R.B. Mitchell  
*Ellen Foster* – Kaye Gibbons

Eleventh Grade:

*The Great Gatsby* – F. Scott Fitzgerald  
*Playing for Pizza* – John Grisham

Twelfth Grade:

*The Book Thief* – Marcus Zusak  
*Brave New World* – Aldous Huxley

### HERE'S TO THE NEW STAFF

Here is a hearty welcome to our new staff at St. Joseph. Principal Paul Artman has been most impressed with the educational attainment, content knowledge, and educational methods of our new staff members:

Miss Heather Holland, B.S.Ed. Delta State  
(Teaching English)

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, B.S. / University of  
Arkansas Monticello (Teaching mathematics)

Mrs. Carolyn Ricks, M.A. Ed. / University of  
Michigan (Teaching physical sciences)

Miss Tabitha Smith, M.A. Ed. / University of  
Mississippi (Teaching Spanish and serving as  
Counselor Intern)

### SJS SUMMER HOURS

St. Joseph Catholic High School will be closed the week of July 4, 2011. The weeks of July 11 and 18, the school will be open Tuesday through Thursday 8:00 A.M. until 1:00 P.M. Normal office hours Monday through Friday, resume the week of July 25. Thank you!

### MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS

Our opportunity for two-way communication regarding a new school term comes with our Summer Parent Meetings. Please choose one of these concurrent meetings and attend:

Meeting I – Tuesday, August 2, Noon

Meeting II – Tuesday, August 2, 5:30 P.M.

Meeting III – Friday, August 5, 8:00 A.M.

These meetings cover the important topics of child protection, the parent and student handbook, academic expectations, demeanor guidelines, and sportsmanship. Thank you for attending

### GOOD NEWS

At St. Joseph Catholic School, we value achievement and thank God for good news, so make certain that we know about student, teacher, and family accomplishments. Also stop by the presentation exhibit in the school's Great Hall, view awardee photos, check the display for wonderful accomplishments, and even self-nominate for inclusion.

### QUESTIONS FOR THE PRINCIPAL

There is no substitute for addressing questions or concerns regarding school operations directly to the principal. Parents and students have this opportunity available at any time. Please try the process – it's painless and productive.

Should one be more comfortable in a group setting, "Questions for the Principal" is the perfect opportunity for a meaningful discussion with the St. Joseph administration. All are invited to the summer opportunity Wednesday, July 20. After hours private conferences are available beginning at 5:00 P.M. with a group "Questions for the Principal" beginning at 6:00.

### TACKLING BULLYING

Whether your child is being bullied, doing the bullying, or standing by observing, bullying is dangerous. Bullying takes many forms, but parents can become a frontline defender in halting bullying. This summer, utilize some free time to truly engage your child regarding their behavior online, in person, or by way of many subtle means. Ask your child how they would like such attacks should they be directed against them. Also, the root cause of bullying could be quite revealing about your own child and the manner in which perceive themselves.