

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

Dear Friend of St. Joseph,

St. Joseph School is pleased to announce the opening of the next phase of our physical plant development, a wonderful new Field House. The St. Dominic Field House is a functional, but beautiful, testament to student wellness and athletic training. The Field House effort has been amazing due to the number of monthly givers who have made this project a reality. Some forty monthly bank drafts allow us to pay for our first class athletic facilities, including the new Field House. We thank these generous givers and humbly ask that you maintain your monthly commitment to these facilities. Our students do thank you!

There have been thirty major gifts in the amount of five thousand dollars or more to the Field House. Your generous assistance has allowed our students to benefit from this state of the art facility. Additionally, St. Joseph School must recognize Father Richard Somers, Sister Dorothea Sondgeroth, Ricky DeAngelo, Phil Mansour, and Joseph Terracina as individuals who nurtured this project and made this happen for this school. Thank you and God bless you.

Regards,
Paul C. Artman, Jr.
Paul Artman, Ed.S.
Principal
November, 2011

WATCH ST. JOSEPH SPORTS

Click www.stjoefightingirishsports.com to see St. Joseph sports updates, schedules, photos, and to view free online video casts featuring the voice of the Irish, Bob Serio.

READING TO LEARN

When your high schooler opens a textbook, does he know what to look for so he can get the most out of the material? He can learn to approach non-fiction text in ways that will boost comprehension and help him quickly find the key points. Share these strategies:

Before diving into lengthy chapters or passages, scan for highlights and read fact boxes. When a student **PREVIEWS WITH PURPOSE**, they can understand concepts and relationships in their reading. **TAKE ACTION** by turning headings and vocabulary words into questions. Good readers quiz themselves or summarize information to make sure they understand the material. Certain words and phrases can assist in the understanding of information that is presented; therefore, it is important to **PAY ATTENTION TO "TIP-OFFS"** in the text.

HATS OFF TO VETERANS

Veterans Day is November 11, a perfect chance for your child to learn government, history, or genealogy in relation to this day. Encourage your child to talk about family histories, read a book, or research online information regarding Veterans Day and those from your own family who have served to protect our nation and our freedom.

FINDING FAMILY TIME

Cooler weather, longer evenings, the Thanksgiving holiday, or football on television could all be good excuses to create an opportunity for a family event. Have different family members share their interests and enjoy family time for all.

WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

- * Spectacular
- * Nothing can stop you now

GOOD NEWS

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

- Jana Holleman and Kevin Muzzi named Wendy's Heisman All-American State Finalists
- St. Joseph was the only school in Mississippi to have two Wendy's Heisman State Finalists
- St. Joseph winners of the Leland Frog Fest "Colors of the Rainbow" art contest:

Bryona Courtney	First Place	(7-9)
Andrea Wise	Second	(7-9)
Katherine Terracina	Third	(7-9)
Emily Mansour	HM	(7-9)
Maria McIntosh	First	(10-11)
- Congratulations St. Joseph Swim Team
 - Emily Mansour – North State Champ, 200 Freestyle
 - Emily Mansour – North State Champ, 100 Freestyle
 - Jennifer Mansour – Sixth in State, 100 Freestyle and Seventh in State, 100 Backstroke
 - Jennifer Mansour – eighth in the State, 100 Freestyle
 - Jennifer Mansour – ninth in State, 100 Backstroke
 - Emily Mansour – State Champion, 100 Yard Freestyle
 - Emily Mansour – State Bronze Medal, 200 Yard Freestyle

A HEART FOR SERVICE

If your child has a heart for service and change, the Catholic Heart Work Camp is an opportunity to join in and help change the world. Click www.heartworkcamp.com to love, serve, and connect.

COULD THEY SPY ON YOUR CHILD?

According to Mary Beth Marklein, writing in *USA TODAY*, the number of college admissions officials utilizing Facebook to learn more about applicants has quadrupled in the past year. What can this mean for college admission or even future employment? Colleges can and do use social media to view "digital personalities", evaluate literacy skills, and evaluate potential students. It is not unheard of to have a reviewer find student misrepresentations, inappropriate photos, examples of plagiarism, and vulgarities. While some might debate the use of social media in the evaluation of college-bound prospects, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Vice President Paul Marthers sums up the social media world in which we live, information posted online is "fair game."

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Once again, I feel that we are flying through yet another school year as the fall semester is quickly coming to a close. In teaching Educational Psychology courses, I am often reminded that parent involvement is a key to success among high school students. Many times parents feel isolated in how to help their teen, but a few tips include:

- Attend every possible school event that helps you learn about opportunities
- Ask your child to show you his/her test results from recent standardized testing (dates that tests are returned will be posted on calendars or updates)
- Review PowerSchool information (grades, assignments, etc) weekly