

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

GOOD NEWS

Dear Friend of St. Joseph,

St. Joseph is truly an amazing community of learners. Thank you again for a great Homecoming and a perfect start to the school year. Did I say “perfect?” When one uses the word perfect, images of high expectations are conjured.

While none of us as administrators, teachers, parents, or students actually reach the status of perfection, this is certainly a lofty goal to be desired. In all reality, we do not have to be perfect in all our actions, just faithful. One of the attributes of a human is to attempt remaining faithful. Being faithful to God, loved ones, and self goes a great distance in overcoming normal human frailties. We may not be perfect in every sense of the word, but at St. Joseph, we have hundreds of students, teachers, and community members who support in making this a remarkable learning community of faith, discipline, and order. Thanks for your role in this accomplishment, and may God bless you and yours.

Regards,

Paul C. Artman, Jr.

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Principal
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WAYS TO PRAISE A CHILD

- * Terrific
- * You make me happy
- * Super job
- * You're special
- * Good for you
- * You make me proud
- * Superb
- * Thank you for being YOU

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

➤ 2011 Duke University TIP Scholars:

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| Craig Gardiner | River Hamel |
| Asia Harden | Daniel Hill |
| Parker Jones | Payton Long |
| Jennifer Mansour | Tamaira Reid |
| Michelle Terracina | Camille Watson |
| Peyton Wilkerson | |

➤ Football Players of the Week:

Versus St. Al – Day Day Jackson
Madison St. Joe – Arrington Smith
Versus Shaw – Matt Menchaca
Versus Durant – Brandon McTeer
Versus Montgomery – Jalyn Brown

➤ Fan of the Week:

Shaw – Steven Terracina & Kevin Wise
Versus Durant – Dr. Doug Adams
Mont.Co. – Mrs. Dixon & Miss Holland

TEST-TAKING TIPS

1. Get a good night's sleep before the test.
2. Enjoy a nutritious breakfast.
3. Bring all needed supplies to the test.
4. Follow all directions carefully.
5. Relax, taking deep breaths.
6. Read each question fully.
7. Answer easier questions first.
8. Mark answers neatly.
9. If time allows, review all answers.
10. Answer every question.
11. Don't change first impression answers, unless you're sure they are incorrect.

WATCH ST. JOSEPH SPORTS

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

BUILDING RESPONSIBILITY

The ultimate job of parenting is to work yourself out of a job. After all, you want your teenager to be capable of handling daily duties so she can stand strong when she's on her own. Start preparing your adolescent for adulthood by teaching responsibility. Try these steps:

Give your teenager a meaningful household job that is a permanent assignment. These activities could range from one daily meal responsibility to monitoring a household bank account. Work with your high schooler side by side on job duties. Remind your child that privileges come with responsibility. If your teenager does not care for a responsibility properly, do not rescue them. Give tasks one at a time so that mastery can occur without the child becoming overwhelmed.

DANGERS OF HEAD INJURIES

While all the dangers of concussions are yet to be fully understood, the world of sports and medicine are coming to realize that head injuries are fraught with possible long-range effects and life threatening consequences. A concussion can be followed by structural brain abnormalities and depression. Multiple concussions lead to stronger and longer-range complications. All head injuries should be treated as suspect.

SCHOOL WITH VISION

Our St. Joseph vision holds that every student entrusted in our care can succeed and deserves our support. We believe that all students can learn, that every student is unique in needs and talents, and that our learning community must afford appropriate opportunities for challenge and success to each child.

Our mission is to provide a Catholic faith-based education offered in a safe, academically challenging, and creative environment.

COUNSELORS' CORNER

Standardized testing is now underway with the SAT-10 in progress for the middle school students. Upcoming tests include EXPLORE for freshmen and PLAN for sophomores. Prep classes will be held for juniors and seniors for the P-SAT and ACT respectively. Students need to give these tests their best effort. Our recent TIP scholars were selected based on scores at the 95th percentile on their SAT tests from the past two years. Scores are used!

THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATE

The difference between this school and others is delineated by the fact that we move well beyond a quality academic education. The Catholic school graduate will perform better academically, but with traits that will allow for formation into adulthood and eternal life. Faith moves far beyond the private into a social realm. The Catholic school student will develop a healthy respect for all human life, peace, justice, and the ability to understand moral responsibility. All of these concepts are continually developed as the Catholic school student learns to build up the kingdom of God while serving him in the classroom, and fellow man through community service.