



# Saint Joseph School Weekly Focus

“Catholic Schools Provide Dividends for Life:  
Faith, Knowledge, Morals, and Discipline”  
September 22, 2009

**3-8 Progress reports sent home**

**Home and School Meeting:** Please mark your calendars for our first home and school meeting. The meeting will be Monday, September 28 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. There will be a presentation on the 08-09 Parent Survey as well as a presentation by Pat Mannelly, the former CFO of Coke, who is now the spokesperson for the Archdiocese on GRACE. Mr. Mannelly will be explaining the program and how you will be able to take advantage of the great tax credit.

**When you attend the Home and School Meeting on Monday, September 28 at 7:00 your family will be:**

1. Given a dress down day coupon for each child in the family--
2. Given a \$5 dollar game ticket for the upcoming Fall Festival on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> --
3. Educated on how to take advantage of the tax credit known as GRACE and how you can help SJS at the same time--
4. Counted into the class ice cream contest.

**GRACE:** Please see yesterday's email letter from Gabriel Bradford, (Advisory Council Chair) and Chris Caldwell, (Advisory Council Finance Chair), with the tax forms that you need to complete the GACE paper work. GRACE has tremendous potential to help SJS, and is a great tax credit for any person who pays taxes in the State of Georgia. For more information go to <http://www.gracescholars.org/>

**Dress Down Day:** On Thursday, there will be a paid dress down day to cover the cost of the performance of “*The Fisherman and His Wife*”. The money will be collected on 9/21, 9/22, and 9/23 for a school-wide dress down day on 9/24. PK – 5<sup>th</sup> dress down charge will be \$2 since they will be attending the performance. The middle school dress down day charge will be \$1.

**Athens Creative Theater:** A traveling performance group is coming to perform the original Grimm's fairytale, “*The Fisherman and His Wife*,” on Wednesday, Sept 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. The performance will use PK -5<sup>th</sup> graders for scenery, sound effects, extensions of the action, and even walk-on parts!

**SJS Sunday School Mass:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be hosting our SJS Sunday School Mass September 27. All school families are invited to attend the 11:45am Mass the last Sunday of each month. SJS students will be the lectors, servers, cantors and ushers. **The St. Joseph School Chorus will be singing.** All students are asked to wear their dress uniforms to Mass.

**Uniform Swap Postponed:** The Uniform swap that was scheduled for September 28 has been moved to October 22 at 7:30am. Please send in uniform items for credit, with your name attached, by Oct. 15.

**Vision Screenings:** Students will have a vision screening on Thursday, Sep. 24th. We are looking for parent volunteers that will help pull the children out of class. Please contact the Health Room if you have questions or would like to volunteer. (706) 543-1621 x.15

**Zumba:** Come learn about Zumba-a full body workout with Latin music! Mrs. Maria Cardarelli will lead a demo class for SJS parents on Wednesday, September 30, at 5:00 in the Parish Hall.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Tennis Tournament:** See the registration forms in today's envelope! St. Joseph Catholic School will hold the 11th Annual Tennis Tournament on October 23rd, 24th and 25<sup>th</sup> for Men's and Women's Doubles and Mixed Doubles. The 3rd Annual **Junior Tournament** for Ages 8 and up will be Friday, October 23rd.

**SJS Fall Festival:** Mark your calendars for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Festival on October 16<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of fun and games for all ages. We are still looking for some volunteers. Please contact Shelley Bradford [shelbradford@gmail.com](mailto:shelbradford@gmail.com) or Jade O'Connor [designer@jadeoconnor.com](mailto:designer@jadeoconnor.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

**Silent Auction:** Please consider donating new items, a gift basket, or a unique service for the silent auction. This is a great way to market your business and help your community. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Amy Burns @ 706-410-4164 OR [amysharel@gmail.com](mailto:amysharel@gmail.com) to arrange pick-up. Please find attached below a list of some suggested items or services to donate for the auction. Below are ideas that are known to be big hits at silent auctions, it is by no means inclusive.

**SJS Food Drive:** We would like to invite you to participate in the food drive collection our school will be holding on the 3<sup>rd</sup> **Thursday of every month.** This is a great chance to make a difference in our community. The food we raise will help the local Athens Food Bank supply food for low-income children, families, senior citizens and individuals in need throughout Clarke County. We would like to ask the kids to bring in a non-perishable food item once a month; we really appreciate any and all contributions to this food drive collection. The first collection will be on **October 15.** Thanks for your support.

**2:00 Dismissal  
Every  
Wednesday**

## Upcoming Events @ SJS

**Sept 23**  
3-8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Progress Reports  
sent home

**Sept 24**  
Paid dress down  
day  
&  
Vision Screenings  
&  
Lunch/Playground  
duty training  
2:30-3:00 in PH

**Sept 27**  
Sunday School  
Mass 11:45am  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade will be  
planning)

**Sept 28**  
Home and School  
Meeting 7:00pm  
in PH

**Sept 30**  
The Fisherman  
and His Wife.  
PK-5<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m.  
&  
Zumba demo class  
for SJS parents

**Oct 5**  
Coffee and  
Conversations  
7:30-8:30 PH

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**  
MS Dance

**Oct 15**  
MS Band Concert

**Oct 22**  
Fall Festival 2:00  
Dismissal

**Lunch/Playground Duty Training:** Thank you to all the many volunteers that help at Lunch/Playground duty; you provide the school a great service! We will be having the last of three training session on Thursday, September 24 from 2:30- 3:00.

**Magazine Drive:** A special Thank you to Jenny Jordan and Denise Morris for the wonderful job they did chairing the Magazine Drive. Thank you to all the many volunteers that came in to help count each week.

**The SJS Choir:** Special thanks to the Jansens, who donated three quality microphones for our Friday School Masses.

**Youth Stewardship:** 56 students turned in blue envelopes last week, and we collected \$67.90 in stewardship.

## **Academic Highlight**

**Fifth Grade Fractions:** Our Fifth graders enjoy fractions and they love food. Therefore, what could be a better way to have fun in math class than participating in a Fraction Food Fest?

Students dressed up for the event in colorful aprons and chef hats to get in the spirit of this 'hands on' event. They worked in groups using pretzels, goldfish crackers, pasta, fruit, cereal, nuts, chex mix, and other food favorites to create original examples of fraction concepts including equivalent fractions, mixed numbers, fraction addition problems, lowest terms, and improper fractions. After recording their discoveries in their math journals, they enjoyed eating leftover treats that had not been 'handled'. It looks like the Fraction Food Fest will become a Fifth grade math tradition!



Here is what a few of the fifth graders had to say about the project - Somerlin Nixon, "This activity helped me think of fractions in a different way other than on paper, it helped me think of fractions as they are in real life." Another fifth grader, John Morris, stated that "the project helped me to better understand fractions because I like hands on activities where I can see, touch, and eat the activity – it made math fun".

Saint Joseph is striving to make Math come to life as we teach a traditional form of Math that has helped the students consistently score high on the ITBS test and be successful in High School and beyond.

## **Middle School News**

**Middle School Academic Support:** Please note the following change in the tutoring times. **SS & Science will now be held on Thursday and LA and Math will be on Tuesday.** These changes are being made to better accommodate Math Counts. Students must notify the teacher in the morning and have parental permission to go to tutoring. Students must be picked up from the middle school by 3:30, or be sent to EDP.

**Youth for Christ:** Meets each Sunday at 7:00 (after 6:00 Mass). All Middle Schoolers are invited to participate.

**Middle School Dance:** The Students Council will be sponsoring a Middle School Dance for students on Oct, 9 from 7-9pm in the Parish Hall. More information coming soon.

## **SJS Athletics**

**Knights Cross Country:** Results are in from the meet at George Walton Academy – The "Bulldog Run". The boys finished 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 11 teams, our top runner was Lee Brackman who finished 8<sup>th</sup>. The girls fished 4<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams, our top runner was Mary Glassman who also finished 8<sup>th</sup>. At the Athens Academy Invitational - Lee Brackman finished 15<sup>th</sup> out of 160 runners and Haleigh Nixon finished 20<sup>th</sup> out of 150 runners. The next meet will be Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at Malcolm Bridge Middle School (4:30). Good Luck, Knights!

**Youth Basketball:** Attention all interested basketball players in grades PK-4th! Attached you will find the registration form for [winter basketball](#). SJS teams will play through Athens United Methodist Church again this year. Yes, it seems a bit early to be thinking about basketball, but the church is offering a \$10 discount if you go ahead and register your child by 10/9. Please also include on the form that you wish for your child to be placed on an SJS team. Once again, we're looking for a few good coaches. If you're interested, please indicate that on the form, as well. Any questions? Email Chris Moore at [cmoore@sjsthens.org](mailto:cmoore@sjsthens.org)

**Booster Club:** Attention sports fans! It's time to get geared up for SJS Athletics! A great way to support your school team is to join the SJS Booster Club. Last year was a huge success and because of that, our athletes benefited from updated basketball uniforms with very nice shooter shirts. Monies from last year have also gone to the Cross Country team, allowing them to have their own shade tent this year and new uniforms. Please consider being a part of this organization so that our athletes have what they need to compete. Joining up also benefits you, so check out the information and become a booster! Go Knights!

## **Happenings at MDCHS**

**Bishop Park Farmers Market:** Monsignor Donovan CHS students have been selling vegetables, herbs, arts and crafts at the Saturday market to raise money for a Mission Trip to Haiti again this year. Visit them there, and help them help others.

## Silent Actions suggested items or services to donate.

### Please consider donating one of the following:

#### **Trips and Getaways**

Use of a vacation home  
Bed & Breakfast stay  
Hotels and resort stays  
Limousine service  
Airline tickets  
Sailing or boat cruise

#### **Sports and Sporting Events**

Pro Game tickets  
Rounds of golf or tennis  
Pro instruction  
Riding lessons  
Sports memorabilia  
Equipment and clothing

#### **Cultural Events**

Concert tickets  
Theater tickets  
Movie tickets  
Personal museum tour

#### **Special Events**

Hosted dinner  
Hosted kid's party  
Catering  
DJ services  
Facility rental

#### **Electronics**

I-Pod  
Digital camera  
Laptop computer

#### **Food and Drink**

Bottles of wine or spirits  
Gourmet foods  
Cooking lessons

#### **Arts and Crafts**

Paintings  
Drawings  
Prints  
Ceramics  
Fine jewelry  
Quilts and hangings  
Handmade clothing  
Art classes

#### **House and Garden**

Antiques  
Oriental carpets  
Garden equipment  
Appliances  
Kitchen equipment

#### **Professional Services**

Accountant  
Personal trainer  
Photographer  
Interior designer

Landscape designer  
Computer consultant  
Lawyer (simple will or other service)  
Massage therapist  
Florist

**Basket Ideas – BE CREATIVE! This are simply ideas so use your imagination.**

**Spa-themed baskets:** A terrycloth robe or towel offers a theme-related filler for the bottom of the basket. A variety of lotions, body scrubs, bath oils and candles could create the contents of the spa basket. Beauty accessories, including an eye mask, pumice stone or nail files, round out the contents of the basket. Add a gift certificate to a local spa to increase the value of the spa basket.

**Scrapbooking:** The popularity of scrapbooking as a hobby makes a scrapbook-themed basket ideal for a silent auction. A plastic craft container that can hold scrapbooking supplies could serve as the container for this gift basket. Items for inclusion in the scrapbook basket could include decorative papers, stickers, embellishments, acid-free markers, paper punches, edging scissors, photo corners and acid-free adhesive. A gift certificate to a local scrapbooking or craft shop provides extra incentive for potential bidders.

**Crafts with the kids:** fun foam, beads, pipe cleaners, felt, buttons, paper bags (for making puppets), sequins, wood shape cut outs, paints, glue, scissors, wood frames, feathers, wiggle eyes, craft sticks, magnets.

**Out on the town family night:** free dinner coupons at kid's favorites like pizza hut, McDonalds, Ice cream place, roller skate free rentals, bowling, mini golf, tokens for arcade, rock wall/climbing etc.....

**Read a book:** book bag, books, book marker, gift certificate for book store, book covers, book light, your choice coupon for a scholastic book, book on tape etc...

**Build a bird house:** hammer, nails, wood glue, paint, wood kit or pre made bird house from craft store, bird book, bird seed (for bird feeder)

**Pizza making kit:** pizza wheel, pizza pan, pizza cook book, boboli shells, store bought pizza sauce, grocery store gift card (to buy the cheese and toppings) pizza server, red checkered napkins, plates sturdy paper), 2 litter pop etc...

**Game day:** dice, cards, puzzles, small prizes, timers, pencils, paper (for keeping score) etc....

**Quiet time:** books, bookmarkers, word puzzle book, Sudoku book, crayons, coloring books, journal, movie rental coupon.

**Wine:** A wicker picnic basket offers a unique container for a wine-themed gift basket. A picnic blanket can be used as a soft filler in the bottom of the basket. Include a few bottles of wine, a corkscrew, wine glasses and a wine bottle stopper in the basket. Additional accessories for the wine basket could include a cheese board, wine glass markers or tickets to a local wine event.

**Movies:** Use a large popcorn bowl for the container of this themed basket. Unsalted and unbuttered popcorn provides a fun filler for the basket. Options for the movie basket include DVDs, gift certificates for movie rentals, tickets to a local movie theater and assorted candy typically found at a movie theater concession stand. The gift basket idea can be expanded to family fun night activities, including gift certificates for pizza, an ice cream shop, miniature golf or a local arcade.

**Work it Out!:** Fill a gym bag with sport socks, Propel, health bar, sweat band, workout DVD, stretch bands, towel, water bottle, gift membership to a gym

**Gardeners Deluxe:** Everything a gardener would need in a terra cotta pot (gloves, hand rake, vegetable and flower seed assortment, gardening book, magazine, gift card to Watson's)

**Pampered Pet:** Free grooming, pet walking service gift card, gourmet pet treats.

**Light Up My Life:** Candles of all sorts, snuffer, holders, rings, lighters

#### **Holiday Themed Baskets**

**Athens First United Methodist Church**  
**Youth Basketball League**  
**2009-10**  
**Nov 17<sup>th</sup> –Feb 27<sup>th</sup>**



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Girl or Boy

Mothers Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Father Name & Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Volunteer coaches needed, if interested please indicate on the registration*

**Leagues:**

Pre-K & K	(Co-ed)	.....	\$60.00 _____
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup>	(Co-ed)	.....	\$60.00 _____
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	(Boys)	.....	\$70.00 _____
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	(Girls)	.....	\$70.00 _____
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	(Boys)	.....	\$75.00 _____
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup>	(Girls)	.....	\$75.00 _____

*Practice to begin November 14<sup>th</sup>*

**Disclaimer:**

The Undersigned hereby assumes full responsibility for risk of bodily injury, death, or property damage due to negligence of releases or otherwise while in, about, or upon the premises of the Athens First United Methodist Church and/or while using the premises or any facility equipment or participating in any affiliated with the Church.

This is a Christian organization and I am expected to conduct myself in accordance with the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Parent/Guardians Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_