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“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

-Matthew 19:14

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write to you today, the faculty and staff at St. Joseph School have already been hard at work for weeks, bringing our children closer to Jesus in their classrooms. Thanks to the commitment, efforts and prayers of our community last year, they can build on the success and experiences of the last academic year with renewed vigor. Which is great news because there are lots of exciting things happening at St. Joseph School, including a 4.5% increase in enrollment! Here’s a peek at some of the things you can expect this year:

- Fortifying our school community through activities like weekly Mass, teacher appreciations events, Trunk of Treat, a Daddy/Daughter event, Geography Bee, Spelling Bee, and Veterans Day Flag Service to name a few. Our school year kicked off with a school-wide rosary prayed for our nation.
- Back by popular demand—our 3 year old preschool program has returned this year! We continue to offer half and full day options for Pre-K4.
- Volunteers are back in the kitchen and lunchroom, along with recess.
- Our academic program continues to follow best practices: a new math program has rolled out in our classrooms. Students are assessed three times a year in math and reading, giving teachers immediate results of what needs to be improved & exactly where students are to tailor learning plans.
- Our devoted staff set high standards for student achievement and help them succeed; 50% of our faculty have obtained master’s degrees.

At St. Joseph School, our dedicated faculty supports parents as the primary educators of their children. They prepare students to be resilient, thoughtful citizens led by faith. Parishioners, Deric and Kelly Wilson, parents of 3rd and 5th grade students, have to say about their experience at St. Joseph School:

"My husband and I transferred our children to St. Joseph School for the 2020-2021 school year. As we enter into our second school year, we are reminded how truly thankful for God bringing us to St. Joseph School. It was clear that during the pandemic the health and safety of the students was a top priority. The extensive safety measures taken allowed the school to remain in-person and was evidenced in the academic growth and success of my children.

Our children are thriving at St. Joseph School. We firmly believe the teachers and staff are to thank for this. They all got to know my children which led to their confidence and love of their new school. We are most impressed by the genuine devotion and care the teachers have for the students. They set high standards and help them reach their goals. Our fifth-grade student is encouraged to record her homework assignments in her planner and take responsibility for her work. Our third-grade student is excited to complete a 20-book literacy challenge. Their enthusiasm and pride they have for their school makes us, as parents, so happy for the Catholic education they are receiving at St. Joseph School. We are very grateful that what we teach at home is empathized in school. We are blessed to join a welcoming and caring Catholic community."

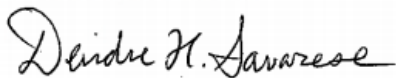
Last year, the community support of our Annual Appeal made it the most successful year in recent history and helped make it possible to continue our school's mission even in the most trying of times. Tuition covers 67% of the total cost to educate each child. The rest of the "tuition gap" is covered by our Annual Appeal. **Won't you join me in contributing to the Annual Appeal to support continuation of Catholic education in York County?** Now more than ever we are called to ensure we bring "the children to Jesus", helping them grow in love of God and neighbor.

Of course, there are other tangible, non-monetary ways to help our school as well. Specifically, we ask for the following: 1) **pray for our students, faculty and staff** that they remain healthy during this academic year and that the Holy Spirit guide both their teaching and their learning; 2) if you are a parent or relative of a student and have your clearances, **volunteer for kitchen, lunch or recess duty** so that our teachers may use that time for planning; and 3) **spread the word** about the good work our little school is doing, educating young minds and promulgating our faith.

On behalf of our pastor, Fr. Steve, our principal, Mrs. Eck, and most importantly, the faculty, staff and students of St. Joseph School—thank you for helping us continue to create community and support to the young people we serve!

May God bless you and keep you.

Sincerely,



Deirdre H. Savarese
SJY Parent

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