



# FALCON NEWS

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Dear St. Joseph Families,  
Happy Teacher Appreciation Week! You know, some teachers are like second moms or dads, from whom students experience all the warm fuzzies. I think fondly of my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Granger. Without an aide and 26 kids, she wiped every nose, tear, and bobo. She let you always pick the book you wanted and let you sit in the teacher chair to share it with the class. You got a big kiss on the cheek at the end of the year.

Not every teacher is wired that way. One that comes to mind for me was my 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Lawson. Man, did I think she was tough. I was in her class the last year of her teaching career. Every year, students were concerned as to whether or not they'd have her. What was odd is that the 4th grade students didn't like her but the 5th grade students would always come back to greet her each morning.

When I found out I would have her class, I was bummed immediately. I learned quickly that she had no time for foolishness. I made an A- in behavior because I clowned around once. I realized by the end of the year that she was holding me to a standard that allowed for me to show dignity and self-respect at all times. I even got a warm hug at the end of the year from the woman who I thought lacked all bedside manner.

Teachers are different. Still, they love their students. They love them in the way they feel called to love them and love them in the way the students need to be loved. It is never flawless or perfect. Still, I am grateful for the example that I had from Mrs. Lawson and others through the years. I pray that your children, whether soft or stern, receive the love from the teachers at SJS that they need for their life-long formation. Happy teacher appreciation week! St. Joseph, pray for us.



## 2024 CONFIRMANDI

### UPCOMING EVENTS!

MON, 5/6

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE NIGHT!  
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ABOVE!

TUE, 5/7

1PM- 5TH GRADE D.A.R.E. GRADUATION

WED, 5/8

8:15 SCHOOL MASS FOLLOWED BY  
CHRISTIAN WITNESS AWARDS  
3:05-4:15 4-H MEETING IN THE LIBRARY

THU, 5/9

11AM TEACHER LUNCHEON FOR TEACHER  
APPRECIATION WEEK PROVIDED BY THE  
P.T.O.

FRI, 5/10

7:30 FIELD DAY- MUST GO DIRECTLY TO  
MESSMER STADIUM  
STUDENTS ARE TO WEAR FIELD DAY T-SHIRT  
WITH APPROPRIATE SHORTS  
STUDENTS GO DIRECTLY TO THEIR  
TEACHERS ON THE FIELD  
11:30 PICK-UP OF ALL STUDENTS- MUST  
SIGN OUT WITH HOMEROOM TEACHER!

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!

# Virtue of Patience



## **DEFINITION:**

Bearing present difficulties calmly

## **PRAYER:**

Dear God, Help me to wait without complaining, to see You in my neighbor, and to let Your grace enter this moment so that I may not lose my patience.

## **LOOKS LIKE:**

- Bearing your own difficulties
- Waiting in line for lunch
- Raising your hand and waiting calmly for the teacher to answer your question
- Raising your hand and waiting for Sister to call on you
- Waiting without complaining

## **SOUNDS LIKE:**

- Jesus, I trust in You! I will not complain.
- I will wait my turn. I will not push or cut ahead in line.
- I will raise my hand and wait for my teacher to call on me.
- I will wait for my turn.
- I will wait for you.

## **St. Gianna Molla**

Gianna was an Italian doctor and mother. She loved her husband very much, but he had to travel a lot for work. When he was away they often wrote letters when they could not talk on the telephone. She was honest about what was hard but was never bitter or angry. When she was pregnant with her fourth child, the doctors told her she needed surgery to save her life. She waited as long as she could and then chose the surgery that would be safest for her unborn child. The sacrifice she made for her baby cost Gianna her life.

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL PTO**

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May 7, 2024

Starting May 1, 2024



**No Charging of Extra Food Items!** Students owing lunch money will **not** be allowed to buy 2<sup>nd</sup> lunch servings or extra sale items, i.e., chips, ice cream, water, etc.

Please check your child's lunch account. Simply use [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to access food purchases.

Please make payments online or by sending money (cash or check) with your child to school. *Make checks payable to CNP.*



**How much lunch money  
do you owe?**

**All accounts must be  
current.**

**Sorry,  
no Extra Sales without money!**

**Effective May 1, 2024**



## 2024 SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

DATES	TIMES	CAMP NAME	GRADE LEVEL	COST
JUNE 3-7	8 AM - 3 PM	Miracle Quest: Journey with Jesus	K5 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200
JUNE 3 - 7	8 AM - 12 PM	Camp Louisiana	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$100
JUNE 10 - 14	8 AM – 3 PM	Cowboys for Christ	K3 – K5	\$200
JUNE 10 - 14	8 AM – 3 PM	Summer Olympics	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
JUNE 10 - 14	8 AM – 3 PM	Summer Reading Camp I	7 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
JUNE 17 - 21	8 AM - 3 PM	Once Upon a Summer Camp	K5 – 2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$200
JUNE 17 - 21	8 AM - 12 PM	Imagination Station	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$100
JUNE 24 - 28	8 AM - 3 PM	Read, White, and Blue	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$200
JUNE 24 - 28	8 AM - 3 PM	Summer Reading Camp II	8 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
JUNE 24 - 28	8 AM - 3 PM	Summer Reading Camp III	6 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
JULY 8 - 9	8 AM-12 PM	Basketball Camp I	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup>	\$50
JULY 10 - 11	8 AM-12 PM	Basketball Camp II	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$50
JULY 15 - 19	8 AM - 3 PM	Faith Builders	K3 – K5	\$200
JULY 15 - 19	8 AM - 3 PM	Sports Mania	4 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
JULY 22 - 24	8 AM -12 PM	Mini Cheer Camp	2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$100

Space is limited, to sign up visit [SJSFalcons.org](http://SJSFalcons.org)

# Camp Descriptions

**Miracle Quest: Journey with Jesus:** The Bible invites us into the greatest adventure of all- following Jesus. It's important for children to learn all that the Bible teaches about Jesus' ministry on earth and the amazing miracles he gave to the world. Join us as we dive deep into a different miracle each day of this camp. Children will have the opportunity to learn about miracles through hands-on science experiments, art projects, acting, and playing games.

**Camp Louisiana:** We will explore the geography and rich cultural diversity of the Bayou State. The information and activities will be centered around foods, music, agriculture, physical geography, festivals, and French language.

**Cowboys for Christ:** The overall camp week consists of hands-on faith based Crafts that incorporate the Cowboy/Cowgirl theme. We will have daily Christian song and dance time along with story time. The afternoons will be filled with safe water outdoor activities. The week will conclude with a field trip to A.C. Steere Park.

**Summer Olympics:** This camp will teach the children the value of hard work, giving them the skills to support each other, and have fun getting active. The children will experience a Mini-Olympics, with running races, bean bag throwing, egg-and-spoon races, tug a war, sack race, and much more.

**Reading Camp I, II, and III:** This week will be a fast-paced and fun way to complete a student's assigned summer reading requirements. We will read the books and complete the required assignments, but we will also enjoy some fun activities and projects using our books as our framework during this terrific camp. This will be a great way to complete the assigned reading while having fun for the students (along with less stress for their parents).

**Once Upon a Summer Camp:** Join us for a week-long celebration of reading! Each day, we will discover a beloved children's book author. Our activities will be designed around the themes of some of the authors' most adored books. Have fun learning about Eric Carle, Mo Williams, Eric Litwin, Jerry Pinkney, and Jan Berenstain's exciting life journeys. Children will love listening to so many wonderful stories paired with engaging crafts, lessons and science experiments!

**Imagination Station:** Students will enjoy incorporating art, music, and drama within stories including: mystery, comedy, poetry, adventure, and science fiction.

**Read, Write, and Blue:** Join us on a journey through books! The books will consist of Caldecott Honor books, science books, patriotic books, character education books, cultural books, and more. Each day will be filled with reading, writing, art activities, centers, snacks, and videos.

**Basketball Camp I and II:** Come work on your basketball skills with Coach Z. Campers will work on foundational basketball skills. You do not need to currently play basketball.

**Faith Builders:** The overall camp week consists of Lego Building with hands-on faith based and Lego themed crafts along with many Lego themed and Christ filled interactive movement activities. The afternoons will be filled with safe water outdoor activities. The week will conclude with a field trip to A.C. Steere Park.

**Sports Mania:** In this camp, kids can try at a variety of sports and physical activities. They might learn new sports skills, participate in team-building activities, and have fun getting active.

**Mini Cheer Camp:** Students will spend the week learning cheers and chants!

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