



FALCON NEWS

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Dear St. Joseph Families,
Welcome to the first day of school! This document is our weekly newsletter. It goes out the first day of every school week. Families are encouraged to read the document weekly. Today, we began the 73rd school year to 314 students! This total also represents 213 families. Again, we so very blessed to welcome everyone here!

Aside from our students, we welcome ten new members to our faculty and staff. Some faces you may already be familiar with as they were previously part of our school and church family. Others are brand new and would love to get to know you as well as gain your prayers and support.

I cannot stress how important it is for you to review the parent-student handbook. There are changes that impact different areas of the school. Please become familiar with the document and make sure that your children are familiar with specific policies as well. We learned this morning that not everyone has reviewed the updated flow of traffic for carpool. That is a big one.

I invite everyone- faculty and families- to extend a little grace to one another. Again, we have new faculty who are still adjusting to the St. Joseph way of doing things. We also have a number of families who are brand new to St. Joseph that will ask a number of questions. I certainly encourage this to happen. Just like riding a bike for the first time, there are a number of hitches, bumps, and accidents. After a short time, we will all be riding along on smooth path (hopefully).

You will find a number of new things about the school year in the following pages. Additionally, you will see some key dates noted on the right. Again, read the information carefully and mark your calendar for such activities. We are happy to welcome you into the Falcon Family. God bless, and remember: SJS ROCKS!

FALCON FEST '24

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OCTOBER 5 2024
5:30 - 8:30 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION
VISIT SJSFALCONS.ORG

GAMES LIVE MUSIC FOOD FUN RIDES

UPCOMING EVENTS!

8/9 SPIRIT SHIRT DAY

**8/10 MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
@ FLC**

**8/12 FIRST FULL DAY FOR ALL
STUDENTS**

**8/15 8:15 AM FIRST MASS OF THE
SCHOOL YEAR (K5-8TH)- A HOLY
DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**8/22 5:30PM BACK TO SCHOOL
NIGHT, GRADES 1-8**

**8/27 YEARBOOK PICTURE DAY!
6PM PARENT TECHNOLOGY
NIGHT- PLEASE MAKE EVERY
EFFORT TO ATTEND IN ORDER TO
LEARN ABOUT FACTS, BLOOMZ,
AND CLEVER**

10/5 FALCON FEST!

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!

Virtue of Charity



DEFINITION:

Enables one to love as God Himself loves, to love God above all things, and one's neighbor as oneself

PRAYER:

O My God, I love You above all things with my whole heart and soul because You are all good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for the love of You. I forgive all who have injured me and ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

St. Teresa of Calcutta

She was on a train in India when she heard God's call to serve the poorest of the poor. She obeyed him and founded the Missionaries of Charity. She and her sisters took care of the very sick and poor people in Calcutta, picking them up off the streets and giving them a clean bed to lie upon. She was always gentle and patient with those who were suffering, and she taught her sisters to do the same. After she died, the world found out that her joy was the fruit of her patient acceptance of suffering. After that time on the train, Teresa never heard God's voice again. In fact, she felt like He had abandoned her. She even accepted this with a smile and it opened her heart to show God's love to others.



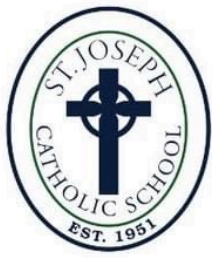
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St. Joseph Catholic School, along with other schools in the Diocese of Shreveport, will conform to all regulations and legislation regarding asbestos inspection/abatement/removal, as required by federal and state government agencies. Written documentation is kept at the school office and the Diocesan School Office.

Asbestos containing building materials are located within St. Joseph Catholic School. In their present condition, they present no hazard to school occupants. An Asbestos Management Plan has been developed to prevent the asbestos from becoming a hazard, and you may find this document on file in the school office. The plan is available for inspection upon request and appointment.



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CATHOLIC SCHOOL



FALCON MERCHANDISE

Spirit Shirts
\$15 each

Available in Adult Small - 3XL AND
Youth - XL



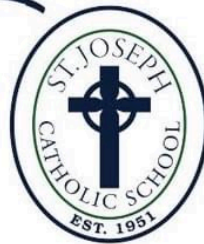
Spirit Socks
\$12 each

Available in Adult AND Youth
Sizes
One Size Fits Most!



This is just for reference only

SJS Car Magnets
\$3 each



Yard Signs
\$5 each



**SJS Falcon
Decal Stickers**
\$2 each

PRESALE ONLY! SHIRTS WILL BE ORDERED
AND SENT HOME AFTER SCHOOL STARTS

NO EXCHANGES, ALL SALES ARE FINAL
SAMPLES AVAILABLE AT ICE CREAM SOCIAL



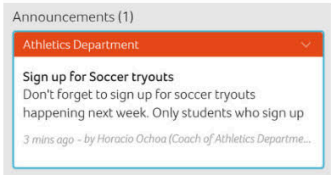
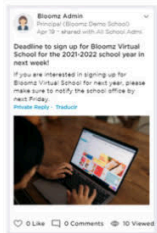
St. Joseph Catholic School is moving away from Dojo and GroupMe and adopting a new program. Other than FACTS, Bloomz will be our official form of school communication. Please take the time to read over what the product is and how we will utilize it this year. You will receive more communication from the school in the upcoming days. For now, download the app and be on the lookout from Bloomz for login instructions. Our goal is a more seamless form of communication.

Unified Communications for Families

Bloomz' social media-like interface makes it easy to view activities & updates in your district, school or classroom. You can engage with the teachers and staff quickly and easily see what is going on in your community.

1. Posts

You can view updates from the district, school or classroom. You can view any attach pictures, video, voice or even documents that are part of the message sent in order to get the full communication.

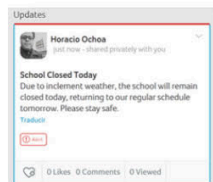


2. Announcements

Your time is important and keeping track of school announcements is easy since they are pinned to the top of the feed. Simply login to see the most current announcements so you know what is going on in the community.

3. Alerts

Urgent information is important to get right away from the staff in your district or school. Alerts will be sent out immediately to you via email, text or Bloomz App on your phone phone or voicecall.



Friendly Access of Communication

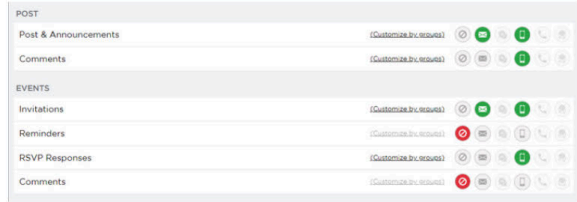
Parents and students can access Bloomz on various devices & receive notifications via email, app, text or audio recordings; and all communication is visible in the web or mobile apps. Bloomz adapts to you. Use it on a smartphone (Android, iOS phones), all major browsers on computer (Safari, Google Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Internet Explorer), chromebooks, or tablet.

4. Personalized Notification Preferences

- Bloomz takes the configuration to the next level with a combination of feature and group level settings. This gives the ability to customize notifications exactly as users prefer to receive at every level.



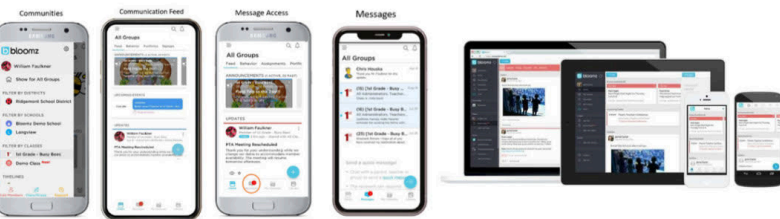
- Bloomz also provides feature-level configuration for each channel. Optionally users can block notifications for certain types of updates.



- Members can control notifications on a specific post or message. Example: a very active thread in a group that I am part of with many replies may need to be muted for a period of time that you don't want to see interaction.
- Email digest can be configured at a preferred time by each recipient. This allows them to process information according to their time of choice.
- Quiet hours can be configured when users do not want to be bothered with notifications. Please note that Alerts are still sent during the Quiet Hours. The sender of any 1-1 message will know that they are trying to reach during the quiet hours and so they have expectation set that they may not receive responses.

Student Communication

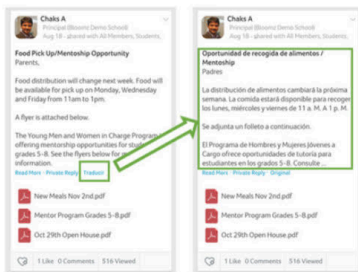
Bloomz provides all the same functionality to communicate easily and securely with students in middle and high school. For example, teachers can share assignments, test reminders and other class files with students through the app. Sharing is streamlined for families as students are able to share to both parents and/or teacher, to keep in communication with the ones that support them in their learning.



6. Equitable Translation

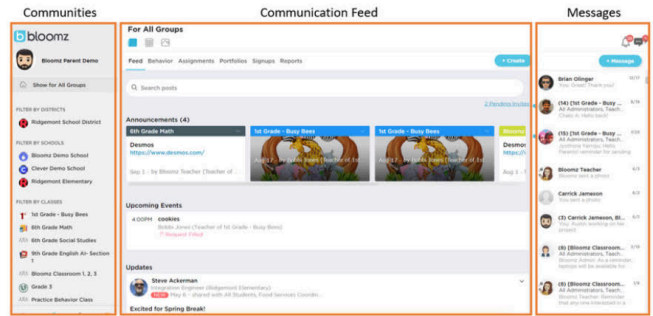
Parents and students receive notifications via email, app, text or audio recordings; and all communication is visible in the web or mobile apps.

Members can set their account to automatically translate all communication into their preferred language. This provides an inclusive environment to allow everybody to communicate in any of over 100 languages available on Bloomz.



5. Powerful Communication Community

- Communities: Members have access to the communities (School District, School, Classroom/Groups, Teams, Daycares, etc.) that they have been invited to, and they reside on their landing page with Bloomz for easy access.
- Communication Feed: Members access and engage with the communication activity at a global level through "Show for All Groups", or at the community level to view communication and event updates.
- Messages: Members have access to the message feature of Bloomz to correspond with the staff and/or other members of the community, if allowed by Class Administrator.



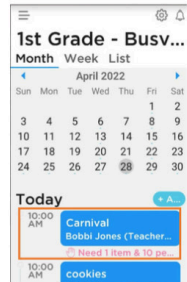
Two-way Messaging

With Bloomz you can have separate conversations with the teacher & staff in your community.

- Members can respond privately to a post via messaging functionality.
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- You can also print or save your conversation history for record keeping.

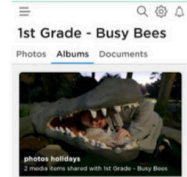
7. Calendar- Events & Activities

Parents can access the community events through the notifications they receive and the calendar within the Bloomz app. Bloomz gives teachers calendar features to communicate events, activities, volunteer sign-ups & conference sign-ups to parents/guardians to keep the community organized and with the most current information for planning.



8. Photos & Photo Sharing

Parents can access the community photos that are posted in class and the school as well as share student photos within their classroom if the teacher allows contribution. All photos are stored so parents can download and save for keeping important milestones and memories from the year.



9. Additional/Optional Classroom Bloomz Features

These features may or may not be used at your school depending on the usability of the features by the school and classrooms.

- PBIS/SEL Interactions Tracking: Daily Student performance is tracked in the Bloomz Interaction System for school oversight and student growth & reward.
- Student Portfolios: Safe and Private sharing within the students portfolio allows teacher to have parent discussion around student growth and progress.
- Health Check: Student health checks are accessed and stored within Bloomz, and used for schools monitoring student health.
- Assignments & Activities: Optional access to provide parents and students with assignments are available in Bloomz for use when students are absent or in virtual learning.