

News You Can Use from the Principal

August 12, 2019



Welcome back to school! I hope that your summer break was peaceful and restorative. The first few days of school have been most wonderful. I'm so very glad to have these happy faces back on campus. Schools come alive only when the student body returns. Please join me in daily prayer for a great year for our St. Joe family.

- Our first Mass of the year is this Thursday, the *Feast of the Assumption*. Mass will be at 9:50 a.m. in the Fine Arts auditorium, and dress uniform is required. Please join us if you can.
- The Bruin Boosters will host the annual golf tournament this Friday at Live Oaks. It's not too late to sign up for a team. Click [here](#) for the details.
- The library renovations have taken longer than we anticipated. The painting is done, and the colors look wonderful. We were notified that the furniture we purchased shipped today, and the coffee station plans are in their final stages. Exciting things happening at the Joe!
- Bishop Kopacz will celebrate the *Mass of the Holy Spirit* August 29 in the Fine Arts auditorium at our normal time. Mark your calendars and join us.
- We're in the process of getting all the students set up to access their FACTS account. We will have a parent training specific to St. Joe available to you soon. Until that time, click [here](#) to view a tutorial overview created by the FACTS Management team.
- Join us Thursday evening for *Meet the Bruins* at 6 p.m. on the football field! Come celebrate our fall sports!
- Prayer update on Finn Blaylock: For those of you who are new to the Bruin family, Finn is the little brother of two of our current students and one recent graduate. Finn was diagnosed with a rare cancer last year. Our Bruin family has rallied in prayer and food for them. Over the past week, there's been a mix of results with good news and bad, so we ask you to please continue to lift the Blaylocks up in prayer while providing them some peaceful family time. Tomorrow (Tuesday, August 13) after the 5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Richard Catholic Church, there will be a prayer service that will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by silent prayer, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and a benediction. All are invited.
- I'm concerned about uniform compliance in two specific areas:
 - haircuts for boys should be above the ears, above the eyebrows and above the collars.
 - Skirt lengths should be fingertips. Many are not long enough. I encourage compliance so that repeat offenders will not have to wear required uniform pants.

God bless,
Mrs. Kinsey

BRUIN SHOUT-OUTS

- The Middle School Volleyball girls placed 2nd in their tournament at Millsaps this weekend.
- Parent Association, Bruin Boosters and F.A.S.T. worked together to host our *Chair'ish St. Joe* brunch Saturday morning. It was a cut above! Mark your calendar for the first Saturday after school begins to do it again next year. Start the year with a [comfortable cup of tea!](#)
- Class of 2017 alum Matthew Hendley is interning this semester in New York with CBS and 60 Minutes.

We are St. Joe!!