

## News You Can Use from the Principal



August 13, 2018

Can you believe it's the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school already? We had such a great 1<sup>st</sup> week that I have no doubt this year will be fabulous. Thank you for choosing St. Joe!

- Mass this week is Wednesday instead of Thursday. It's the *Feast of the Assumption*, and dress uniform is required. Thursday will be a regular uniform day. The Bishop will be here to celebrate the *Mass of the Holy Spirit* Thursday, August 30 at 9:50 a.m.
- Please mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 29 for Back to School Night. Doors will open at 5, and the program will begin at 6 in the Fine Arts Auditorium. This is a great opportunity to meet the teachers and get an overview of expectations for the year. The traffic flow is better if only parents attend. Used Uniforms will be on sale that night. Be sure to visit the tables to join FAST or Booster or BOTH!
- Since we went electronic this year for forms and registration, please make sure you're familiar with the rules of the handbook. I added the exam schedules and school calendar (with early release days) to the back. A field trip permission form is included (for those moments when the one due for the field trip that day has been misplaced, a blank one can be printed and signed, and everyone can go on with the day as usual).
- The school must have permission from parents to give out Tylenol and Advil or other medications to students. Email [frontdesk@stjoebruins.com](mailto:frontdesk@stjoebruins.com) to submit that information if it was skipped on the electronic submission.
- Uniform info: St. Joe t-shirts can be worn with uniform bottoms on Fridays during the school year instead of the polo. Everyone has started the year off looking great! Seniors earn their free dress Friday next semester if they are consistent with following the rules and guidelines this semester.
- Our technology department will be handing out the last of the MacBooks and iPads this week. Please remind your students to treat those with care and to follow the rules of the *Acceptable Use Policy*.
- The St. Joe Clay Shooting Team is starting up. An information session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 at 6 p.m. in the school library for all interested parents and students. Many thanks to parent Stephanie Williams for getting this moving.
- If you are a regular volunteer with St. Joe, it is imperative that you have completed Protection of Children training and are current on your monthly Virtus bulletins. If you went through the training at one of our Catholic elementary schools, that counts. We will need to get our school added to your record. If you have never been through the training, we'll have a session set up soon. Please email Ann Messner, [amessner@stjoebruins.com](mailto:amessner@stjoebruins.com), with any questions or concerns.
- Detention guidelines: If a detention is issued for a rules violation, a paper copy is handed to the student. Teacher-held detentions are scheduled at times determined by the teacher. School detentions are always and only Tuesday mornings at 7 a.m. Punctuality is critical. Should the Tuesday detention be missed, a Saturday detention will be scheduled, and parents will be notified. There is a \$20 fine associated with a Saturday detention. Failure to attend the scheduled Saturday will result in an in-school suspension the following week, which incurs a \$65 fine. Of course, all of this is inconsequential when we follow the rules!

God bless,  
Mrs. Kinsey