



PANTHER PRINTS

Music

It has been a wonderful year so far in music class and with many exciting opportunities available to us. The 3rd and 4th grade students have practiced being independent musicians this semester through the 3rd grade keyboarding unit in the music room as well as the 4th grade recorder unit. Both grade levels focused on reading standard music notation and developing independent habits such as practicing alone and performing individual playing tests. The 4th grade students concluded their unit on April 7th and 8th with their annual "Rockin' Recorders" classroom concerts which were a big success. Each 4th grade class performed their songs in the music room as a recorder ensemble and demonstrated to their family and friends everything they have learned along the way. I am very proud of what all of the students have accomplished this year through the hard work and effort they have dedicated to learning their musical instruments.

On April 5th, all of the 2nd and 3rd grade students took a field trip to the Krannert center to see a live youth orchestra concert. Every year, the Champaign-Urbana Symphony Orchestra provides a youth concert that introduces the repertoire and instruments of the symphonic orchestra to the students. The focus of this year's concert, *We've Got Rhythm*, was to explore the upbeat rhythms that the instruments of the orchestra can produce. The students spent several weeks preparing for the concert by studying the featured composers and pieces in class. I'm happy to say that the concert on April 5th was an enjoyable toe-tapping event where students were encouraged by the conductor to clap, stomp, and say "mambo!" as part of the performance.

April 19th marks another important date on our music calendar as the 4th grade classes will be taking a trip to see the jazz performance *Hangin' With the Giants* at the Krannert center. The 4th graders will spend some time learning about the history of the jazz style and some of the influential figures from the jazz genre before attending the performance. At the conclusion of this jazz unit, the 4th grade students will review their music opportunities for next year in preparation for their time over at the Middle School.

Thank you to all of the parents and students for all the hard work and support they have dedicated to the music program so far and I look forward to continuing our music activities for the rest of the year!

Miss Lenhart
♪♪♪ Music Teacher ♪♪♪

St. Joseph
Grade School
May 2016

Special Points of Interest:

- May 23-Full Day of School
- May 24-Teacher Institute (dismiss 11:30 bus/11:40 Town)
- May 25-Report Card Day (dismiss 11:30 bus/11:40 town)
- August 4-Registration (8am-1pm & 2pm-8pm)
- August 17-Teacher In Service (dismiss 11:30 bus/11:40 town)
 - August 18-1st Full Day of School

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Notes from the office:




Fees Owed

Just a reminder, if you have any fees owed to the school (library books, lunch payments, etc) then please pay by May 25 or report cards will be held in the school office.

Lost and Found

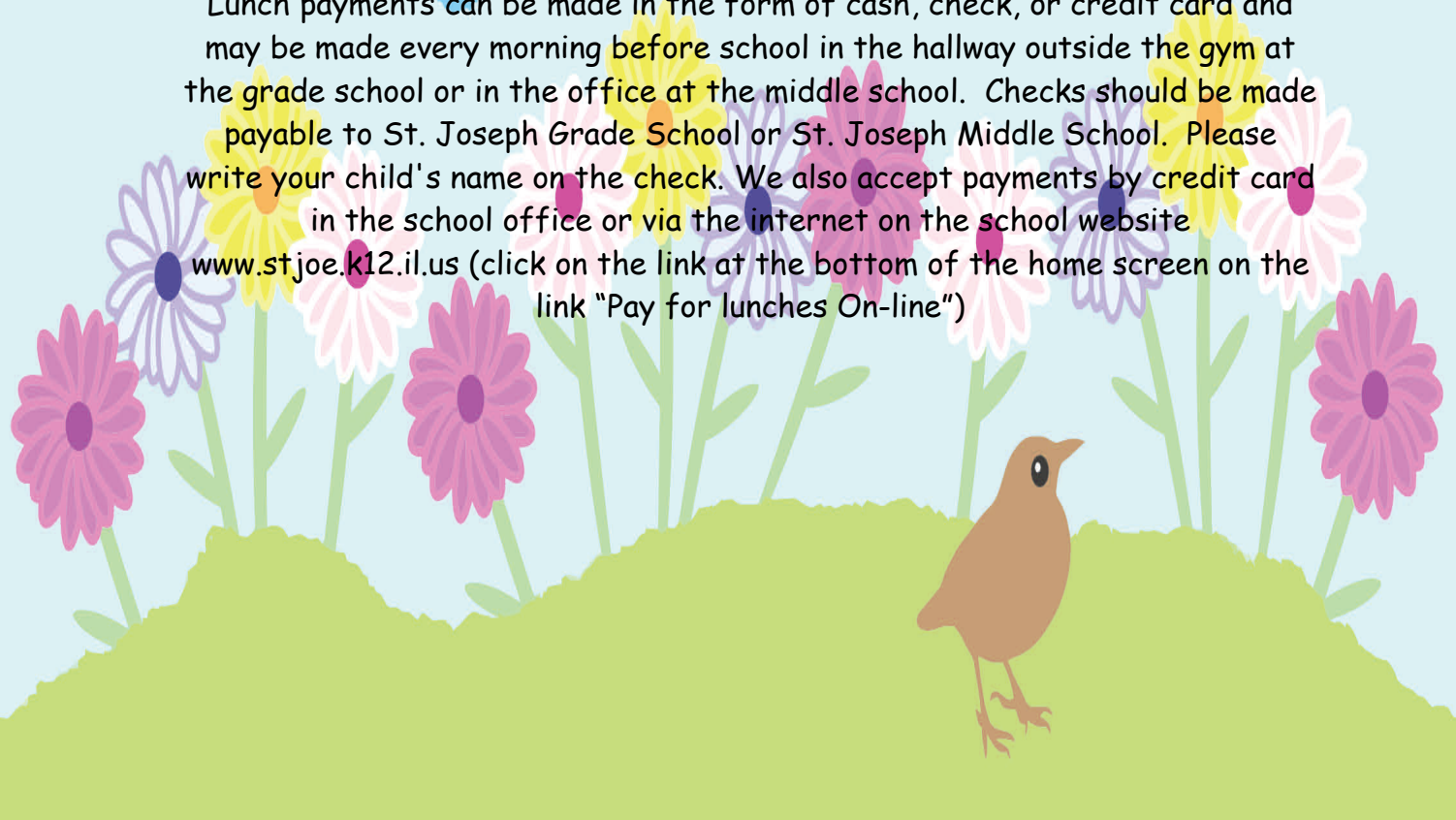

If your child has lost something, please have them check the lost and found box located in the stairway landing near Mrs. White's room. For smaller items such as glasses or jewelry have them check in the office. Any items left at the end of the year will be donated to a local charity.



Lunch Payments



Lunch payments can be made in the form of cash, check, or credit card and may be made every morning before school in the hallway outside the gym at the grade school or in the office at the middle school. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Grade School or St. Joseph Middle School. Please write your child's name on the check. We also accept payments by credit card in the school office or via the internet on the school website www.stjoe.k12.il.us (click on the link at the bottom of the home screen on the link "Pay for lunches On-line")





PTC Fun Run

Basic Fun Run / Fun Day information:

- What:** Each grade will have a certain distance to run/walk (K-6 miles; 1st-2nd 1.2 miles, etc.. determined by the PE teachers)
- Where:** St. Joseph Grade and Middle School grounds
- When:** Wednesday May 25th, 2015 from 9-11am (during the regularly scheduled school day). We'll be indoors if it rains.
- How:** Each student is asked to collect donations that will be put towards providing Smart Boards and Chrome Books in every classroom at the St. Joseph Grade and Middle Schools (we raised enough to provide 18 Smart Boards last year and have a goal of 15 more this year!!!! AWESOME work last year, I know we can do it again!!!!).



*JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS, THE TRUE STARS OF
ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL!*

May 2nd – May 6th, 2016

- Monday:** 'Fan Mail' - Write your teacher a note and tell them why they are a star teacher.
- Tuesday:** 'VIP Treats' - Bring in a special treat of your choice (food, drinks, flowers, gift card, school supplies, etc.) to recognize your teacher. The teachers will enjoy a special breakfast provided by the PTC.
- Wednesday:** 'Red Carpet' - Wear something red. A walk down the red carpet would not be complete without a swag bag! The PTC will provide the stars with some of their favorite school supplies.
- Thursday:** 'Hats Off' - Wear your favorite hat to show your support for a wonderful performance this year
- Friday:** 'Glitz and Glamour' - Dress to impress to celebrate our Oscar winners. The PTC will be providing a special cash award to each staff member for their star performance.

REMINDERS FROM THE NURSE:

Please remember if you have a child going into the following grades the state of Illinois requires the listed paperwork to be submitted to the school nurse. Please call your doctor **TODAY** to schedule your child's physical as the summer is a busy time for school physicals. If your child has had a recent physical/dental/eye exam you can submit the paperwork to the office at any time.

Kindergarten: Physical form with updated immunization records, Vision exam (completed by an eye doctor), Dental Exam, Birth Certificate

2nd Grade: Dental form

**St. Joseph Grade School
Informational Dates
2016-2017**

August	16	Teacher's Institute – NO SCHOOL
August	17	Teacher In-service – Early Dismissal (G.S.—11:30 a.m.–bus/11:40 a.m.–town & M.S.—11:20 a.m.–bus/11:30 a.m.–town)
August	18	First Full Day of School (G.S.—8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m. & M.S.—8:05 a.m.-2:55 p.m.)
September	5	Labor Day – No School
September	8	School Pictures
September	16	Teacher In-service – Early Dismissal (G.S.—11:30 a.m.–bus/11:40 a.m.–town & M.S.—11:20 a.m.–bus/11:30 a.m.–town)
September	23	1 st Quarter Midterms
October	7	Teacher Institute – No School
October	10	Columbus Day – No School
October	21	End of the 1 st Quarter
October	28	1 st Quarter Report Cards
November	3	Early Dismissal (G.S.—1:50 p.m.-bus/2:00 p.m.-town & M.S.—1:40 p.m.-bus/1:50 p.m.-town)
November	4	Parent Teacher Conferences – No School
November	22	2 nd Quarter Midterms
November	22	Early Dismissal (G.S.—1:50 p.m.-bus/2:00 p.m.-town & M.S.—1:40 p.m.-bus/1:50 p.m.-town)
November	23-27	Thanksgiving Vacation
December	21	Early Dismissal (G.S.—1:50 p.m.-bus/2:00 p.m.-town & M.S.—1:40 p.m.-bus/1:50 p.m.-town)
Dec. 22 – Jan.	3	Winter Vacation
January	13	Teacher In-service – Early Dismissal (G.S.—11:30 a.m.–bus/11:40 a.m.–town & M.S.—11:20 a.m.–bus/11:30 a.m.–town)
January	13	End of 2 nd Quarter
January	16	M.L. King Birthday – No School
January	20	2 nd Quarter Report Cards
February	16	3 rd Quarter Midterms
February	17	Teacher Institute – No School
February	20	President's Day – No School
March	17	End of 3 rd Quarter
March	17	Teacher Institute – No School
March	24	3 rd Quarter Report Cards
April	7	Early Dismissal (G.S.—1:50 p.m.-bus/2:00 p.m.-town & M.S.—1:40 p.m.-bus/1:50 p.m.-town)
April	8-16	Spring Vacation
April	21	4 th Quarter Midterms
May	22	Teacher In-service – Early Dismissal (G.S.—11:30 a.m.–bus/11:40 a.m.–town & M.S.—11:20 a.m.–bus/11:30 a.m.–town)
May	23	Teacher In-service & Report Card Day Early Dismissal (G.S.—11:30 a.m.–bus/11:40 a.m.–town & M.S.—11:20 a.m.–bus/11:30 a.m.–town)

Note: May 24, 25, 26, 30, and 31 are emergency snow days built into the calendar (May 29th is a holiday). Each snow day used will add a day to the end of the year. If not used, these will be days when students are not in attendance. If used the Teacher Institute and final report card day will be moved accordingly.