



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER April 29, 2022

Dear Families –

May is here and we are counting down our last days of school. I want to send shout outs to all of our teachers and staff for their strong efforts to ensure success for all of our students. This has been a difficult year for them and I offer them my sincere gratitude.

Plans for the 2022-23 year are in process. There is a lot that goes into these plans each year, including staffing. I wanted to let our families know that Mrs. Anderson has decided to no longer teach full-time. However, we are excited to have her continue as a substitute teacher for the upcoming year. We wish Mrs. Anderson well and we hope she knows how much we have enjoyed having her as part of our team. Thank you for all your hard work Mrs. Anderson!!!!

Next year, 5th and 6th grade will have 4 teachers, rather than the 3 they currently have based on enrollment. With that being said, I am pleased to announce that Mrs. Amanda Martin will be moving from 1st grade to our 5th/6th grade team to teach Mathematics. We are still looking for a 5th/6th grade Science teacher.

We are also continuing our search for a part-time band and/or music teacher as Mrs. Deddo is leaving the Jacksonville area. We have enjoyed having her as part of our Shamrock community! Please see the ad below for our open positions:

Our Saviour School in Jacksonville, Illinois is seeking several positions for the 2022-23 school year. We are a faith-based Pre-K through 8th-grade program focused on the spiritual growth and academic excellence of our 320 students.

We are seeking:

- **5th/6th Grade Science Teacher:** A qualified, motivated, and enthusiastic individual with a bachelor's degree in education or educational area, such as Health, Science, Nursing, etc. to fill this position.
- **A Part-time Band/Music Teacher:** A qualified, motivated, and enthusiastic individual with extensive experience in band and/or music

Please send a resume, copy of Illinois license information (if applicable), and letters of recommendation to Stevie VanDeVelde, principal, at svandevelde@oursaviourshamrocks.com or to 455 East State Street, Jacksonville, IL 62650 by **Wednesday, May 11th**.

To help Mrs. Martin begin a classroom inventory geared towards 5th/6th grade Mathematics, she has created an Adopt-a-Classroom donation page. If you are interested in donating to her new classroom, please visit the link: <https://adoptaclassroom.force.com/donors/s/designation/a1m8b00000556a1AAA/mrs-martins-mathematicians>

More information regarding the 2022-23 school year will be forthcoming in future parent letters.

Congratulations to our Scholastic Bowl team on the Regional Championship!!!! They will be competing in Sectionals on Monday. Congratulations and Good luck at Sectionals Shamrocks!!!!

Congratulations to our Track and Field team on a 1st Place Finish at the “Greenfield Little Six” track meet! Keep running hard!!!! Our Track and Field team will compete in Sectionals on Friday, May 6th – we wish them best of luck!!!!

Jr. Irish Football Sign-ups will be starting - Please see the attached flyer for sign-up and contact information.

Our 3rd and 7th grade students will be participating in May Crowning on Wednesday, May 4th immediately following our 8:20 Mass at the church. I'm so excited to see this ceremony!

Dental for K, 2nd and 6th and Vision forms for K are needed for some students by May 15th. Letters for those missing forms went home this week via email. Please return to the office ASAP. This is a state requirement that the school must report. Thank you.

Volleyball Camp Announcement: Registration forms for the 2022 ShamRocket Volleyball Camp are due by Friday, May 20th. Forms were sent home on Friday, April 29th. If you need a form, they are available on the Our Saviour School website. The camp is for all interested girls, grades 4-12, as of the 2022-23 school year.

Parents, please remember that you must check in at the office prior to going to a classroom – even in the mornings! Only those parents that need to assist with carrying items (special occasion) or having a scheduled meeting with the teacher will be able to go to the classrooms in the morning. Thank you for your consideration.

Please remember to keep your after-school account and lunch account current. All accounts over \$10 will be deducted from their FACTS account in June.

On May 11th our 8th graders and the RCHS Seniors will be honored at a Recognition Mass at 8:20 am in the Our Saviour Church. Our 8th grade Graduation is scheduled for 6 pm on May 19th at the Our Saviour Church.

On May 12th, we will be having our Pre-K – 3rd grade Spring Sing at 6:00 pm in the gym. We will be having a Dress Rehearsal at 2:00 pm that day. If grandparents, etc. are unable to attend the 6 pm performance, they may attend dress rehearsal at 2:00 pm. Please contact Mr. Rose if your child is unable to attend as our concert performance attendance is typically required.

On May 17th, we will have our 4th grade recorders, 5th – 8th grade Band, Mixed Choir, and Youth Choir Concert at 6:00 pm in the gym. Again, we will have a dress rehearsal at 2:00 pm that day if anyone is unable to attend the 6 pm performance. Please contact Mr. Rose or Ms. Deddo if your child is unable to attend as this performance attendance is typically required.

Shamrock Blessings,
Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

May 3 – Advisory Board – 6:15 pm in person

May 4 – Leo's Pizza – Pack the Place – Parent Club Fundraiser

May 4 – May Crowning

May 6 – Spirit Wear Day

May 11 – OSS 8th Grade and RCHS Sr Recognition Mass – 8:20 am

May 11 – No PM JSD Bus

May 12 – Pre-K – 3 Spring Sing – 6:00 pm – OSS Gym

May 13 – SIP – 11:30 Dismissal; No PM JSD 117 Bus

May 17 – 4th Grade Recorders, 5th – 8th Grade Band and Choir – 6:00 pm – OSS Gym

May 19 – 8th Grade Graduation – 6:00 PM – OSP Youth Choir performs, 8th Grade Awards – 8:30 am

May 20 – Last Day of Pre-K ends

May 23 – Activity Day

May 24 – End of Year Mass – 8:20 am then K – 7 Awards. SIP dismissal at 11:30 am – No PM JSD 117 Bus