



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER April 18, 2024

Dear Families –

We would like to announce a few changes for the 2024-25 school year. Mrs. McQueen will be leaving at the end of the school year to spend more time with her family. With only 20 students in 4th grade next year, Mrs. Wellenkamp will move to 3rd grade and Mrs. Davis will be the sole 4th grade teacher. We are hiring another 2nd grade teacher to join Mrs. Gibson.

BOWLING: Congratulations to our Girls' bowling team on their 5th place finish at the IESA Bowling Sectional tournament in Peoria. The 5th place finish qualified the team for this week's State Tournament in Joliet. Good luck girls!

Our Boys' bowling team placed 7th out of 17 teams and barely missed out on qualifying for state as a team. The 7th place team finish is the highest team finish at Sectional competition in program history.

Individually, Caden C and Korbin M advanced to the State Tournament in Joliet. Caden placed 3rd out of 80 bowlers with a three game series of 571. In addition, Caden bowled a 226 game to set a new school record for highest score in a single game. Korbin placed 22nd overall and advanced as an individual bowler with a 437 series. Both Caden and Korbin bowled well above their regular season scoring averages. Good luck to both of you at the State tournament.

Teacher Appreciation Week: We want to make teacher appreciation week the absolute best for our amazing OSS staff. Please reach out to Amy Nickel (217-883-2029) by April 29th if you would like to make monetary donations for the week or help in some way.

For the last day of school (May 20) for K – 7, we will begin with 8:20 Mass. Then our 2nd – 7th graders will attend a brief Awards Program at 10:00 am and then we will dismiss at 11:30 am. We will be recognizing the following awards at the program: spring athletic certificates (we awarded fall athletic certificates at the Christmas program), recycling recognition, keyboarding and fitness awards for particular grades, choir and band recognition, alter server recognition, Student Council recognition, and then ending with the Dixie Thompson Angel Award, The Luber Award, and the Lockman Scholarships. Kindergarten and 1st grade will not be attending the awards presentation.

The Spring Sing and Band and Choir performance is just around the corner. On Thursday, May 2, we will have the Spring Sing for Pre-K at 6 pm in the Our Saviour Parish Church, followed by the K – 3rd grade sing at 6:30 pm. A dress rehearsal will occur at 2 pm that day and anyone who cannot attend the evening performance is welcomed to come then. It will also be at the church. Then on Tuesday, May 14th, we will have our 5th – 8th grade band and choir performance along with our 3rd and 4th grade recorder performance at 6 pm in the OSS gym. On that day, we will have a rehearsal at 2 pm and anyone who cannot attend the evening performance is welcomed to come to the rehearsal. We are looking forward to seeing our students' many talents!

On Wednesday, May 1st, immediately following Mass, we will be having our traditional May Crowning with the 3rd grade and 7th grade students participating. (K – 8 will attend). More information will be coming home from the classroom teachers.

Volleyball Camp Announcement: Registration forms for the 2024 ShamRocket Volleyball Camp, aka, Gibby Camp are due by Friday, May 10th. Forms were sent home on Wednesday, April 10th. 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 2023-24 school year.

We are looking to fill 2 positions on the Our Saviour School Advisory Board. Please see the email sent out today (4/12) for information and an application. Applications are due on May 6th in preparation for our May 7th meeting.

JSD117 is in session on May 3 and May 10 so there WILL be bus service on those days.

Our Saviour Athletics/Extra-curriculars Hog Raffle: Get your tickets! We will draw our winning tickets on Monday, May 20th. Funds raised will benefit our athletic and extracurricular programs. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the KC Hall. Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20. A big thanks to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring this fundraising effort and to Jones Meat and Locker for providing the processing at a reduced rate.

School play: Don't forget the dress rehearsal at 2:00 on April 22 and then the performance for our parents/family/friends will be that evening at 7:00 pm.

To help with planning vacations for the next year, we have the following tentative dates:

Meet & Greets – August 12 – 13 with 1st day of school for K – 8 – August 14

1st day of Pre-K – August 20 with Pre-K Camps on August 16 and 19

Labor Day – No School – September 2

Columbus Day – No School – October 14

P/T Conference Friday – No School – October 25

Thanksgiving Break – No School – November 27 – 29

Christmas Break – No School – December 23 – January 6 – students return on January 7

Martin Luther King Jr – No School – January 20

President's Day – February 17 – No School

Spring Break – No School - March 24 – March 28

Good Friday – No School – April 18 and Easter Monday – No School – April 21 with Emergency Day #1 – April 22

8th Grade Graduation – May 15

Last Day of Pre-K – May 16 and Last Day of K – 7 w/11:30 Dismissal – May 19

Emergency Days – May 20 – May 23

With Shamrock Blessings!

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

April 22 – Our Saviour School Play Performance – 7:00 pm

April 24 – Secretary's Day – Thank Mrs. Burgess for all she does!

April 25 – Spelling Bee

April 26 – No school

April 28 – Youth Mass – 10:30 am Mass

April 29 – No school – Faculty Retreat

April 30 – Service hours for 2023-24 school year due

May 1 – Mass Crowning immediately following 8:20 Mass

May 1 – Parent Club "Pack the Place" at Leo's Pizza

May 2 – Spring Sing – 2:00 Dress Rehearsal, 6:00 Program for Pre-K and 6:30 Program for K – 3 – All at church

May 3 – Spirit Wear Day

May 6 – Advisory Board applications are due in the office

May 7 – Advisory Board meeting – 6:15 pm

May 10 – SIP – 11:30 Dismissal – No after-school care

May 14 – Band and Choir and 3rd/4th Grade Recorders – 6 pm – OSS Gym – Dress Rehearsal – 2 pm

May 15 – OSS 8th Grade Recognition Mass – 8:20 am

May 17 – 8th grade awards – 8:30 am – Our Saviour Parish Church

May 17 – 8th grade graduation – 6 pm – Our Saviour Parish Church

May 20 – Last Mass at 8:20 am – K – 7 Awards at 9:30 am and Dismissal at 11:30 am – No after-school care

May 26 – Youth Mass – 10:30 am

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