



Weekly Newsletter
September 27,2024

Families,

Advisory Board: The Advisory Board has one vacant position that came open over the summer. If you are interested, please see the attached file and return it to the school office or to aevans@oss-shamrocks.com.

Questions and Answers for Catholic Parents about the new policy for the Catholic Scholarship/Greeting:

Q. What if I forget to bring the blank Mass attendance sheet with me to Mass?

A. Extras are on the table at the center doors. Please make copies of the original you received.

Q. Do I have to get the signature of Father Zach or Father Joe?

A. No. They will collect them and get them to the parish office to be recorded.

Q. Do I need to list all my children on the sheet?

A. Yes, List those OSS students at Mass with you. Attending with grandparents is acceptable occasionally (i.e. you are on a trip out of town).

Q. What if I lost my Family School Agreement?

A. Please let the school office know, and you'll get another copy. Completing the agreement is required before Father Joe signs it.

Q. What if my child is sick and cannot get to Mass on a weekend?

A. No problem. There is no sin in missing Mass when one is sick or staying home to care for a sick child. If there is some chronic illness or hospitalization that prevents you from getting to Mass 51% of the time, then let the office know.

Q. Why am I being asked to be a Greeter at Mass?

A. This is one way to fulfill that part of the Family School Agreement....active involvement in the various parish ministries, each according to his or her time and talents.

Q: How will I be scheduled as a greeter?

A: You should receive an email from MSP with Login and password you can then personalize and request available dates and input dates you are unavailable along with Mass preferences. If you do not add anything to your profile the program shuffles randomly.

The first schedule will be November/December/January and then every 3 months after.

Q. If I qualify and receive the parish scholarship of \$1,000, can I still apply for other scholarships and tuition assistance?

A. Yes, that remains the same as before.

Q: What if our family attends Mass at another Catholic parish (i.e. on vacation, neighboring parish, etc.)?

A: You can take an attendance slip and ask that priest to sign off. If you forget an attendance slip, you can have the priest sign off on a bulletin from that parish and put your name and Mass time you attended. This can be turned to school in the following week.

Q. Can I put my attendance slip in the collection basket?

A. No, those need to be handed to the priest at the end of Mass.

Parent Club Pie Fundraiser

Please help Parent Club fund teacher and classroom activities by selling items for their pie sale. Order packets went home Friday and are due to the office on October 9th. Any size orders are welcome, and you may receive 1 service hour for every 5 items sold. In addition to utilizing the order packets, purchases can be made online at ossparent.org. Web orders will be linked to the selling family for pick up and can be paid for online via credit card or e-check or by returning cash or check through the selling family. More info can be found in the order packet, at ossparent.org, or by contacting Court Hager at 217.370.3649.

The Parish Trunk or Treat is looking for trunk entries. Please see the attached flyer. It's a fun way to earn service hours. Call the parish office at 245-6184 or email office@ospchurch.com to register.

Screen Sanity Event: We are the first generation to raise digital natives -- kids who'd rather text than talk. And, let's be honest, it's hard. In fact, surveys reveal that technology is the number one battleground in homes today. Screens have seeped into every corner of our kids' lives, and many of us are trying to navigate this unpaved parenthood road alone. The upcoming Screen Sanity Parent Night will offer practical ways for families to maximize the benefits of technology while minimizing the harmful side effects.

Featuring expert-led videos, discussion questions and take-home tips, Screen Sanity Parent Night will cover today's most pressing digital health topics. Parents will walk away with a vision for creating screentime boundaries, introducing smartphones, managing screen-related meltdowns and protecting kids from mature or unsafe content. Screen Sanity is an international nonprofit that equips parents to be mentors and guides, so kids grow up happy and healthy in an increasingly digital world. The Screen Sanity mission is to create a world where kids are captivated by life, not screens.

This event will be held at Rount Catholic at 6:00 on November 6th. House points will be awarded to those parents that can attend. Childcare will be offered too! Hope to see you!

Lost and Found: Please have your child check the lost and found as sweatshirts and ¾ zips are beginning to pile up. We also have a few water bottles.

From Routt Catholic: Starting Monday, September 30, Hutchinson Engineering will be working on making all sidewalks handicap accessible. To do this they will be closing Hardin and College streets from 8:30- 2:15 to do the project. This will take about 2 weeks to complete. The above should not impact drop off or dismissal, but I wanted to let parents know, when you see the construction.

2024 Volley for a Cure: The 17th Annual Volley for a Cure match between Routt Catholic High School and Jacksonville High School will take place on Monday, Oct 7th at the JHS Bowl. The Freshman match will start at 5:00pm, with a Junior Varsity and a Varsity matches to follow. Admission for the night will be \$5. Again, this year, both schools are selling T-shirts for the annual event. Order forms are available through the players and coaches of both teams. Also, order forms are available on the Our Saviour School website and the Routt Catholic High School website. Orders and payment are due by Sept. 13th and the shirts will be delivered by October 4th. T-shirt orders must be placed in advance; shirts will not be sold at the volleyball match. As always, all proceeds will go to The Mia Ware Foundation. Thanks for helping the Lady Rockets and the Lady Crimson's in their efforts to assist The Mia Ware Foundation in the fight against breast cancer. See you on Oct. 7th.

2024 Shamrock Scramble: On Sunday, October 13th, the 2024 Shamrock Scramble Golf Tournament—the Pat and Mike Garde Memorial Golf Tournament--will be held at The Links Golf Course. The event will be a 12:30 shotgun start. Entry fee is \$75 a person, which includes greens fees, cart, skins game, hole prizes, and food at the KC Hall after the tournament. Proceeds will go to the Knights of Columbus/Pat & Mike Garde Athletic Account for OSS & RCHS Athletics. To sign up your team, call Pat Gibson at 217-370-8890 or The Knights of Columbus at 217-243-1015. If you are not a golfer, but would still like to contribute, Hole Sponsorships are available for \$25 (Shamrock Green Level), \$50 (Rocket Purple Level) and \$75 and up (Golden Dome Level). Contact Pat Gibson at 217-370-8890 to be a sponsor.

Drop off: Please remember that if your child cannot get out of the car alone, can you please park and then walk them over. The line is backing up onto the street. Thank you for your cooperation!

Scrip: Do you want to earn money towards your future tuition!?! If you are not already enrolled in our Scrip Program and would like to know more about how you can earn money to help with tuition costs please email us at ossscrip@gmail.com. Fritzie and/or Eva would love to help you get set up and provide you with more information

JSD 117 Bus Service: Just a reminder that if JSD 117 is not in session and we are, you will need to make other arrangements for your child to get to and from school. We do not necessarily follow their weather-related cancellations, etc. You will be notified via School Messenger on weather-related closings. Also, the local radio and TV stations will be contacted.

Physicals/ exams:

Pre-K -Physical

Kindergarten- Physical, dental and eye exams

2nd – Dental exams

6th – Physical and dental exam

If your child or children are in the grades above, make sure they have the above exams done and forms turned in please.

Many blessings,
Mrs. Amy Evans

Dates to Remember:

September 29 – Confirmation Parent Meeting #1 – after 10:30 Mass – Youth Mass –10:30 pm

October 2 - Parent Club – Pack the Place at Leo’s Pizza – Mention OSS to assist in our fundraiser

Oct 3- Fall Pictures!!

Oct 4 – Blessing of the Pest – bring a picture to have them blessed!

Oct 7- Wear pink and bring \$1 for Volley for a Cure

Oct. 9 **Wednesday Wear House shirt as we are having a House Mass**

Oct 9 - October 9 - Parent Club Pie Order Forms Due

Oct. 10- **Uniform day**/ No JSD pm bus service/ Parent Club- meeting in Art/Science lab

Oct 11 – Bus and Fire Safety presentation/ SIP 11:30 dismissal day/ End of First Quarter/ Spirit wear/ No Bus

Oct. 14 – Columbus Day No School

Oct. 18 – Report Cards go home

Oct. 20 – Parent Meeting for 1st Communion Sacramental Prep 11:30 Routh Media Room

Oct. 23 – Dismissal at 2:00 **NO BUS or AFTER SCHOOL**, Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30 to 6:00

Oct. 24- Dismissal at 2:00 **NO BUS or AFTER SCHOOL**, Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30 to 6:30

Oct. 25 – No School

Oct. 27 – Youth Mass

Nov 18- Parent Club Pie Delivery - 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM - OSS Gym

