



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER March 9, 2023

Dear Families –

The end of 3rd quarter will be here on Friday and we will be down to our last quarter of the 2022-23 school year! It is hard to believe how fast this year has gone. Please make sure that you are current on your after school and hot lunch balances. Don't forget we now have an online payment option.

No School Monday, March 13th as our faculty/staff will be attending the faculty retreat.

Next Friday, we encourage all of our students to wear their “Live Like Kelly” shirts or green/white. Jeans or uniform bottoms are acceptable.

Digital Safety Training will be presented to our 4th – 8th graders on March 22nd by The Illinois Attorney General's Office. Today's youth have integrated the use of digital devices into their daily lives and utilize social media apps to communicate with the world around them. Technology integration that encourages social interaction and self-expression presents new opportunities for youth. The Internet Safety Specialist from the Attorney General's Office will engage in a discussion with students to identify ways to protect themselves online and make the Internet a more positive place. This training will be age-appropriate – small groups by grade levels. They will also be providing a presentation to our parents that same day at 6:00 pm. We hope to see many of our parents attend to hear the important information these experts have to say. Please reserve your space by contacting the school office or contact me via email. Thank you.

The Spring Play has been postponed to March 24th. We are wanting to give our Shamrock performers a few more weeks to practice with so many activities, illnesses, etc. competing with our play practices. Therefore, we have postponed our play to Friday, March 24th at 7:00 pm. Please come out and support our students as they demonstrate their strong acting skills. If you are unable to attend this evening performance, we will be having a dress rehearsal at 2:00 pm on March 24th. Tickets for the Friday night performance can be purchased at the door: adults - \$5.

Yearbooks are now on sale! Orders are due by Friday, March 10th, 2023. Online ordering is available until Friday, March 17th, 2023. To order online, you may visit: inter-state.com/order and enter this code: 73827D. Or return the envelope, which was sent home with your student(s), with cash or checks payable to Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. Additional order forms are located in the school office.

Lent/Mite Boxes/Rice Bowls went home this week. Children may collect coins in their mite box as a special love offering for Jesus. Please return them to the school by **APRIL 5th**. Thank you!

Service Hours: Letters went home regarding outstanding service hours. Please turn those hours in ASAP. **Final hours must be submitted by April 30th.**

Enrollment for 2023-2024 is occurring now. All current OSS students need to register for next year. Please note, tuition increases \$200 per student after March 22nd. The Springfield Diocese was recently here to help all of our Catholic Schools market our enrollment period. Please enjoy this cute video showing the wonderful environment at Our Saviour School at: [VIP Catholic School Tour](#)

Have you been thinking about ways to get involved in your child's school? OSS and Routt have a perfect

volunteer opportunity for you. Family Fun Festival is a successful festival that has volunteers coming together to share fellowship and fun all while raising money for our schools. FFF is in need of one, two or even three individuals who would like to spearhead the 2023 event. Each individual event has their own established committee chairperson. The FFF chairs organize each group by holding meetings to brainstorm, troubleshoot and offer support to each group. If you are interested in volunteering to help chair the 2023 FFF please contact Mrs. VanDevelde and/or Mr. Carie. Last year's chairs would love to talk with you and answer any questions to help you get started.

Advisory Board Opening: Please see the recent email from Advisory Board President, Scott Marshall regarding an opening for the fall, 2023. The advisory board position is for a three year term. Deadline for submitting an application is Thursday, March 30th.

With Shamrock Blessings,

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

March 10 – Spirit Wear and End of 3rd Quarter

March 13 – Faculty Retreat – No School for OSS Students

March 17 – Green/White Day/"Live Like Kelly" Shirts day – Jeans or uniform pants only.

March 17 – Report Cards Home

March 18 – IESA Solo and Ensemble

March 21 – Sports Pictures for Music, Band, Bowling, Track, Chess, and Speech – Bring uniforms

March 22 – Registration Ends – Tuition increases \$200 per student

March 22 – Digital Safety Presentation for Parents by Illinois Attorney General Office – 6:00 pm

March 24 – Play – Dress Rehearsal at 10:30 am and Play at 7:00 pm – OSS Gym

March 24 – SIP – 11:30 Dismissal

March 26 – Youth Mass - Youth Choir – please be there at 10:00 to practice.

March 29 – No PM JSD Bus

March 30 – Advisory Board applications due

March 31 – Scholarship Forms and Tuition Assistance Due in FACTS

April 5 – Rice Bowls to be returned to the office

April 22 – Opening of the Dominican Sisters and the proclamation by the mayor at the Jacksonville Area Museum at 10:00am • pilgrimage to Calvary Cemetery at 1pm • celebration of Eucharist at Our Saviour Parish at 4:30pm • reception at the lobby of Routt High School at 5:45pm

April 23 – Youth Mass - Youth Choir – please be there at 10:00 to practice.

April 30 – Service hours due

May 21 – Youth Mass - Youth Choir – please be there at 10:00 to practice.



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OUR MISSION: Our Saviour School teaches Roman Catholic values in a faith-centered environment. The faculty and staff assist families in the total development of their children's potential, instilling spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth. Our Saviour School prepares students to lead and serve.