

Faculty Changes

Since the welcome back letter went home in August, we have had to make a few changes in the faculty. Mrs. Cerruti will be teaching first grade, Mrs. McGerry second grade, Mrs. Hume fourth grade and Mrs. Carolan will be in the Library. We welcome them to St. Jerome. Mrs. Bogdanoff retired in August. Mrs. Quenzer and Miss Murtagh took positions elsewhere. We wish them all well.

Ballroom Dancing

Thanks to the support of our Home and School Association we will continue to provide Ballroom Dancing for our fifth graders. The students will learn five different dances as well as the culture in which the dances were popular. It is a ten week program. At the end of the program there will be a dance competition among all the schools participating in the program this trimester. Hopeful outcomes include self-discipline, manners, and a sense of etiquette not to mention the exercise involved in dancing. We are looking forward to having this program.

Fees

For this year, computer, art, and lunch fee is being collected by Smart Tuition.

Shelter-in-Place

Shelter-in-Place emergencies are issued by the city, the state or at a national level. In the event that this should occur, we do have a Shelter-in-Place Plan. The students move into the hallway outside the classrooms and sit down. Here they are away from all windows and possible dangers outside the building. Each teacher has a detailed plan for such emergencies.

We ask that you send into school a NON-PERISHABLE snack and a bottle of water in a brown paper bag for each of your children. Staple the bag closed and put your child's name on the outside of the bag. These bags will be stored in a large container within the grade. Should there be a declared Shelter-in-Place that lasts over an extended period of time the snacks will be distributed. Hopefully there will never be a need to do this but it is better to be safe than sorry. We ask that you send this to school by Friday, September 16th. Please DO NOT pack anything with peanuts/peanut butter. We have some children who will have an allergic reaction even to the smell of the peanut butter.

Goodsearch.com

When looking for information on the internet instead of using Google, go to goodsearch.com. When the screen comes up go to where it asks what organization you want to fund. Type in Saint Jerome School. We will receive a penny for every time it used. It may not sound like much, but the pennies will add up and it won't cost you anything. We appreciate your support.

Home and School Association

Members of the Home and School Association have already met to begin planning for the new school year. Members of the board are:

President	Helene Custren
Secretary	Melissa Deeley
Treasurer	Christine Walters

Member at Large: Linda Monari, Jen Benussi, Janine Cancelliere, Kelly Barber, Anna Marie Parkinson, and Shannon Branton.

We appreciate all the time and effort they put into making Saint Jerome a better place. There is a \$5.00 Home and School Association membership fee. This can be paid at the Back to School Night. One name will be picked from those registered to receive a tuition payment for one month. All of our children benefit from the efforts of the Home and School Association and the support that you give to their activities and functions.

With your help the Home and School was able to provide the following services for our school:

- Gifts for the Communion & Confirmation classes
- Mimios
- Catholic Schools Week & Spirit Day treats
- Donation and award for the graduation class
- Ballroom Dancing

Envelopes

Please make sure that all money sent into school is in an envelope. The outside of the envelope should be clearly marked with the following information:

Name:

Room Number:

Purpose:

Money for your child to purchase lunch should be marked "Aramark" and can only be CASH.

Each envelope must have cash or a check in it. It is not possible for us to accept one check for several things. Different people are responsible for counting and keeping a record of the money that comes into school.

Emergency Plan

Please have an emergency plan with your children should it be necessary to close school early due to weather conditions. It may not involve making a phone call from school. On such days the phones are usually quite busy. Your children should know what line to get in, or who will meet them, or where they can go if you are not home. If school closes early due to weather, there is NO CARES. Therefore your plan cannot be to go to CARES.

Safe Environment Clearance

All volunteers must have a child abuse clearance and criminal check on file, as well as a certificate of participation in the Safe Environment Program. If you need information concerning clearances, please contact the school office.

To register for the Safe Environment Program, go to www.Virtus.org, click "registration", go to "view list of sessions", select Philadelphia Archdiocese, then click "select". You will see a list of places and dates. You can register for any of these by clicking "registration" at the bottom of the page.

The regulations governing volunteers apply to all volunteers: coaches, classroom aides, chaperones, CYO and Home & School Volunteers.

Back to School Nights

Back to School Nights will be on September 12th for grades 1-4 and Sept 13th for grades 5-8. Both nights start at 7:00 PM.

PreK Car Line

Cars should enter the parking lot by the church and park in the lot. Parents are to walk to the building. PreK children will be dismissed at the ramp. Cars should exit the parking lot at Colfax Street.

Dismissal

We ask that you remain diligent to dismissal times if you are getting your children in car line. We understand that circumstances can cause an occasional lateness, however, we have some parents who are getting their children late quite frequently. You may register your child in CARES in case you are late or if this happens more than 3 times and your child is not registered for CARES, we will be charging a \$10.00 a day fee for late pick-up. If you are picking your child up from a corner (which is against procedures) you also need to be on time since the crossing guards usually return the children to school.