

# Eagle's Nest News

## St. Joseph Catholic School

We are a Christ-centered community dedicated to empowering students to learn, serve, lead and succeed.



**September 23, 2019**

### ***School Hours:***

**Monday - Thursday**  
**7:50 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.**

**Friday**  
**7:50 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

***School Mass* every Friday at 8:15 A.M.  
followed by Adoration. Please join us!**

***Extended care* available at 6:30 every  
school morning and until 6:00 P.M.  
every school day**

### ***School Office Hours:***

**Monday - Thursday 7:30 - 3:30**  
**Friday 7:30 - 1:00**

***School Phone:* 747-3060**

**215 S. Craycroft Rd. Tucson 85711**

### ***School website:***

<https://saintjosephstucson.weebly.com/>

Dear St. Joseph Families,

This Friday, September 27, the Church celebrates the Feast Day of Saint Vincent de Paul, who said, "Do not be content to say: I am a Christian! But live in such a way that it may be said of you: we have seen a man who loves God with all his heart and keeps his commandments." Saint Vincent de Paul recognized that his faith in Christ needed to be an active faith in service of his neighbor. Through his example of charitable work, we can learn to be more aware of the needs of others.

The mission of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is very simple. It is to grow spiritually by offering support and service to anyone who is in need. It's the helping hand that puts a meal on a family's table and makes sure the lights and heat stay on. It's the generosity that sees to it that men, women and children are clothed, that they have a bed – or needed furniture – or just a place to sleep. It's reaching out to those without hope and giving them the gift of a better tomorrow.

We have a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society here at St. Joseph Parish. Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students help our SVDP members by unloading donations and are invited to volunteer every Friday after school. Beginning in November, SVDP needs help one Saturday per month. Please consider volunteering your time.

I have a very open door policy! Please never hesitate to call, email, or come to my office. I have a strong commitment to Catholic education and the importance of Catholic schools. I am committed to creating a community of faith, compassion, respect, and collaboration.

Peace and joy,

**Mrs. Van Loan, Principal.**

**Mark your calendar:**

Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> Altar server training from 1 – 230

**Wednesday September 25, Thursday September 26 – Parent / Teacher Conferences. Dismissal at 12:30. ESD will be available as usual. NO LUNCH WEDNESDAY - THURSDAY THIS WEEK. NO SPORTS PRACTICE Wednesday and Thursday due to conferences.**

Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:15 followed by Adoration - white Mass shirt

Coming up: October 7 and 8 – Fall Break – NO SCHOOL

FIESTA meeting Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> from 530-630pm in the STEM lab. All are invited to attend.



**Halloween, Thursday October 31<sup>st</sup>:** Halloween costume parade followed by trunk or treating. Trunk or Treating involves parents decorating your car trunks and the students will get to trick or treat. We need parents to volunteer to have their trunks decorated. We need candy for the event donated by everyone! For every \$10 of candy, you receive 1 volunteer hour. You receive volunteer time for the trunk or treating. More details to follow. A BIG thank you to Ms. Monica Blancarte ([mfranco@email.arizona.edu](mailto:mfranco@email.arizona.edu)) who will be coordinating our trunk or treating event.

Altar server training Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 2:30

Meet Fr. Robert in the church

This training is for all those new to altar serving who attended the first meeting and is also for any new interested students in grades 4 - 8

Parent – teacher conferences are this week Sept. 25 and 26. A reminder that as a parent, you are your child’s first and most important teacher. You and your child’s teacher have something in common: you both want your child to learn and do well.

We will have early dismissal (12:30) on these days. **No lunch will be served. There will be no sports practice on Wed or Thursday.** Friday is our usual 12:30 dismissal with Mass at 8:15 followed by Adoration. ESD will be available all of these days.

**Volunteer opportunities**

All of these fulfill parent volunteer hours

- Lunchroom from 12 – 1
- Día de los Muertos altar
- Trunk or Treating event on Halloween
- St. Vincent de Paul

**STEM LAB**

The window coverings will be installed in the next weeks. We have a few bookshelves on order for the library. The students have been very active with STEM projects. Be sure to ask them what they are learning!

“We should spend as much time in thanking God for his benefits as we do in asking him for them.” — St. Vincent de Paul

**“BE HEARD”**

*Keep these principles in mind for an effective parent - teacher conference:*

- Best intentions assumed
- Emphasis on learning
- Home-school collaboration
- Examples and evidence
- Active listening
- Respect for all
- Dedication to follow-up

