

**Principal's Post**

**2-16-2017**

**"Learning for Life and Living the Faith"**

**Community Service & Catholic Identity....**The foundation of our Catholic School is based on our Catholic Identity. This involves many facets and is woven throughout our day. It is not just during mass and during religion class. Teachers bring in our catholic faith in every subject, it's visual, and it's throughout the hallways and in the cafeteria. One part of this is our community service. This week on Valentine's Day our student council members and Mrs. Prince, student council advisor with Mrs. White, travelled to spend time with the residents of St. Anne's Home. They took red and pink carnations, cookies and beautiful balloons. The students interacted with the residents and spent time just asking how they were and sharing stories. They also played balloon volleyball together! Learning these valuable life lessons on giving back to the community & sharing their time will follow them forever. We are proud of all our students!!!

**2017-2018 Registration....**I have received approval from the downtown diocesan office for our registration & tuition form for 2017-2018. Mrs. DeVido and I will begin working on these asap and my goal is to get them out in next Thursday's family envelope. Also, since I received approval on this form, I have now submitted this and all the required application paperwork to the state school choice office. Every school who participates in school choice is mandated to re-apply every year. The turnaround for approval is 2 weeks. After I receive our approval notice I can then begin to schedule appointments for families to apply for the school choice scholarships (vouchers) for next school year.

**Technology Updates...** Thank you to all those who are helping us in securing new laptops for staff and student use. I hope to finalize the quote and get things ordered within a week.

**Trivia Night....**SJHC trivia night is quickly approaching!!! Time to get your team together for a very fun and exciting evening at the Cassel!! I know the teachers have put together a table and are also collecting money to sponsor a round or a giveaway. So come on out and enjoy a great evening for SJHC!!!!

**Upcoming Events:**

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| Feb 17       | Knights of Columbus Fish Fry 4pm – 7pm  |
| Feb 20       | SJHC SCHOOL IN SESSION – NO BUS SERVICE   |
| Feb 22       | Student Council sponsored Ice Skating 2:30 – 4:30pm/ School Board Mtg.          |
| Feb 24       | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Carnival at SJHC 6-8pm in the Gym                         |
| Feb 27       | Theology of the Body Parent Meeting at 6:30pm for 7 <sup>th</sup> grade Parents |
| Feb 27-      | ISTEP Part 1: Testing Window Opens  |
| Mar 10       | ISTEP Part 2: Testing Window Closes   |
| Feb 28       | 5 <sup>th</sup> grade Bake Sale FAT TUESDAY!!!!                                 |
| <b>Mar 1</b> | <b>Ash Wednesday All School Mass at 8:15AM</b>                                  |
| Mar 5        | Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Smoker at SJHC 12:30pm – 5:30pm                  |

Have a great weekend!!!!

Mrs. Rose Worman

RE: Text/Email/Voice Alert System

Parents and Staff,

We are pleased to announce that starting immediately, we will add the REACH Alert texting system to send you timely information about events affecting our school whether emergency, alerts or reminders.

What does this mean for you? We will be able to communicate to you and up to three other numbers you provide. This includes weather related closings/delays, special activities, lockdown warnings, or any other important issue affecting our school, we can notify you in seconds. As a user of REACH Alert, you will be in control of how you receive your messages from us. This means you will be able to:

- **Choose up to three ways to receive your messages** – text, voice call, email messaging.
- **Add up to four devices** – phone numbers and/or email addresses that you want to receive your messages.
- **Update your contact information at anytime** – add a phone number or email address when you register, then login to update your info today or three years from now.

**However, if you don't register, you won't receive our messages or the benefits above.** Registration takes less than a minute to complete!

To register, go to [www.reachalert.com](http://www.reachalert.com) and click on **MY ACCOUNT** and then **CREATE ACCOUNT** to establish your initial account. When prompted, please use the following information to register for our Network.

**Network Name:** St. Joseph Hessen Cassel School (you will see our name appear in the dropdown list long before you complete typing our name; just click on our name.

**Role:** Select either **Parent** or **Staff**

**Registration Code:** Enter the school's ZIP Code - 46816.

If you opted to receive text alerts, Reach Alert will send a text message to your cell phone immediately upon completion of your registration. Please enter the 4-digit number on the registration screen and then click the word **VALIDATE**. If you do not receive this message, please call Reach Alert.

If you do not have access to a computer or if you experience any difficulty registering, please contact REACH Alert at (877) 307-9313.

I would appreciate feedback once I begin using this system. I received permission to try this for a trial period and then will decide if we want to go ahead and sign the contract to continue this for next school year. So please let me know your thoughts.

Thank you!

Mrs. Worman