

WELCOME Fall!

Weekly Newsletter, Week of September 21, 2016

And with the change of seasons comes the colors that excite and the air that is free of humidity! Enjoy the spectacle!



School Updates and News...

My sincere appreciation to all the parents who turned out for our first Parent Council Meeting last night. I am particularly grateful to the new parents who joined us. A big part of the conversation was on how we can welcome more people into the FUN of participation. Different classes will be organizing different events and we hope you'll help out. The list of class reps is below so reach out to your rep to get the latest!

Class Representatives on Parent Council	We are looking for another rep for K-0 and Grade 2.
K-0	Amanda Delorey
K-1	Mary Kate D'Souza Gail McCarthy
K-2	Maria Puleo Jenni Tapper
Grade 1	Anne Marie Fleck Christine Murray Melanie Everett
Grade 2	Pascale Burga
Grade 3	Martin Tse Mindy Talluto
Grade 4	Beth Bailey Christine Munn
Grade 5	Diana Hall Cindy Snell
Grade 6	Jennifer Lavin Bob Bender
Grade 7	Helena Hood Katie McDonald
Grade 8	Sue Hannan Mary McGurran



Our annual PIE and GIFT SALE is underway! Flyers went home in the Family Folders today. This is a HUGE event for us as it funds all the enrichment programs and in-house field trips we have. By participating, you are helping us provide many of the important “extras” that make our school such a well-rounded place for your child. Think Whale Day in the Gym, Dr. Seuss visiting during Read Across America Day, a Magic Show to help students understand the effects of their actions and more in store...

Please share the online ordering link with your family and friends. Gift deliveries are made right to their homes and food deliveries are brought here frozen on the Monday of Thanksgiving week so you can thaw and enjoy! I recommend the Pumpkin Cake Roll!



WHOOOOO out there loves Halloween AND doing ghoulishly good deeds? If you said you do, then we hope you will join our team to help at an amazing event. Please keep reading.... The Noreen Deady Foundation was set up by John Deady and his three daughters to honor their wife/mother and to raise money for people in our community who suffered a loss or needed a helping hand. **John and his workers built our new classroom, donated and installed our new speakers in the gym and paid the tuition of a family who hit hard times last year. He does all of this with absolutely no motivation except to help people out.**

On **Saturday, October 15 from 6-midnight** their annual Halloween Party will happen at the IBEW Hall in Dorchester. There will be prizes, raffles, food, music and a great party! Last year 12 of us worked the evening and had as much fun as the costumed guests! We are looking for anyone interested in working the event and also encouraging families and friends to attend. PLEASE let me know if you can help support this worthy cause by giving the night or even a few hours.



Information for our new families and review for those who might not know all we offer...Academic support and enrichment services have long been offered at Saint Jerome School. **Mrs. Christine Connolly** (not our grade 7 teacher!) has been our rock-solid resource teacher for 5 years. She will continue to **offer both remediation and enrichment** to students in K-8 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Additionally, we have **Mrs.**

Irene Starsiak as our occupational therapist on Mondays and Wednesdays. She works with individual students, small groups and whole classes on **both fine and gross motor** activities. I am delighted to share that **Miss Morrissey**, who recently retired as our grade 2 teacher, will be returning to offer academic support for individuals and small groups in grades K-3. The teachers work with all three women in identifying student needs and the time they will spend with these resource teachers. It is important to us that all who seek a faith-based education have their best shot at success. You will be kept informed if your child is selected to participate in any of these programs.



“PINTS FOR HALFPINTS” Children’s Hospital Blood Drive

The Catholic Weymouth Collaborative of Immaculate Conception and Saint Jerome Blood Drive, hosted by the Knights of Columbus, will be held on Friday, September 30 from 1pm-7:00pm at The Monsignor Hackett Parish Center, 1203 Commercial St. East Weymouth. One pint of donated blood benefits several children. To schedule donor appointments please log onto halfpints.childrenshospital.org with sponsor code IMMCON or call the Blood Donor Center at 1-617-355-6677 or Maureen at *82-1-781-337-0380. General questions, Maddie McGinty at 781-331-5190.

Our parents have been great donors in the past. PLEASE think about the life you’ll save and sign up!



Just a reminder that dogs need to stay in cars while children are in the schoolyard. We have had children who have already been dropped off leaving the coned area to pet the pets. This is a safety issue and I appreciate your cooperation on this. Safety first!



Grades 5-8 will be testing next week (Mon-Th) and Grades K-4 will test the week of October 3-7. These tests are formative meaning we use the Fall results to guide instruction throughout the year and then we’ll test again in May to see how much growth has been made. The total time involved is 3 hours (smaller sessions over the course of the

week). The tests are taken on the computer. No preparation is needed. Just get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast do the trick!



There's no school for the kids on Sept. 30, Jan. 13 and March 17. These are all days the staff will be here working on the preparation for the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) visit April 2-5. This is an intense review of all we do from teaching to finances, facilities to evaluation, resources to support academics to safety and administration. Thanks for your understanding.

Parent Council Updates/News



A few ways to help

The Parent Council is looking for a few people to help out throughout the year with the following tasks. We need to organize the PC storage room. If we could get 3 people to help keep this room clean and make it easy to find items, that would be great. We need 1 volunteer to keep the uniform room neat and tidy. We are also looking for 1 or 2 people who would be able to make copies periodically for the family folders. If you have supplies and equipment to make copies, please let us know. If you are able to help out with any of these tasks, please contact Justine Pazdyk at pc@stjeromschoolweymouth.org



Bottle and Can Drive: Please remember the ongoing bottle and can collection for grade 8. You can drop off your donations in the parking lot dumpster. Arrangements can also be made for a donation pick up.



Restaurant Fundraiser

Our first **Bertucci's Dining for Dollars** is Tuesday September 27, 11am - 10pm at the

Derby St Hingham location. Present [this flyer](#) and 15% of what you spend will be donated back to Saint Jerome's. If you choose to order online please select the "pay in store option" and present the flyer so that SJS receives your donation.



Another way to get a raffle ticket for our Dollars for Doers program is by taking pictures. We need people to send in photos from school events. Sue Hannan does a great job capturing moments at school but if people could forward pictures to help out, that would be a great help. Please send your pictures to pc@stjeromeschoolweymouth.org. Thank you!

TRIVIA Night

This year's Trivia Night will be held on **Saturday, October 1 in St Paula's Hall**. Doors open at 7 pm with questions starting promptly at 7:30 pm. 4-6 people to a team - \$20/person. Forms were sent home today in your family folders. [Click here for another form](#). If you do not have enough people for a full team, please contact Justine Pazdyk at pc@stjeromeschoolweymouth.org and we may be able to help you create a complete team. We need volunteers for the night too. Grade 5 is responsible to help out with this event. [Please click here to volunteer for Trivia Night](#).



Road Race News

The 4th annual South Shore Running Scared 5k Walk/Run will take place on **Saturday, October 15 at 10:30 am**. This is a huge event for not only our school community but for the larger South Shore community.

We would love your help:

1 - We are looking for sponsors at any donation level. Everyone from Friend (\$50) level and up will get listed on our website (<http://ssrunning scared.com>) and everyone Silver (\$500) and up, gets listed on our shirt. All money raised goes towards financial aid and scholarships. No amount is too small!

2 - Race registration is open on Racewire <http://ssrunningscared.racewire.com>. Be sure and register early to guarantee you a free t-shirt. We are again having a contest to see which student can fund-raise the most for this race. Whether they are walking or running, they can obtain sponsors. If you register via racewire, there is an option to create a fundraising page by which friends and relatives can sponsor your child.

Thanks for all of your support!



The after school **Run Club** begins today. This is a free activity open to any student who is registered to walk or run the road race. Please see paper work in last week's folder to get all the details.



Craft Fair

The Craft Fair will be on **Saturday, October 29th from 9 am – 3 pm** in both the school hall and St. Paula Hall. We still have a handful of tables left. We are looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of the event. Go here to check out what tasks are available (<http://signup.com/go/AcJn1D>) Any questions, please contact Kim DiModugno at stjeromecraftshow@yahoo.com.



Penny Races

Since October is jammed packed with fun activities, we have decided to give the kids more time to save their pennies and other coins this year. We are planning to have the Penny Races in May this year. We will share the details with our new families and announce the new dates soon.

And always our reminder...



My Coke Rewards: If you purchase Coke products, please send in your rewards. We can donate the rewards to the school! [Please follow this link to find out more information.](#)



FREE MONEY from Stop and Shop...Go to:

<https://stopandshop.com/savings-and-rewards/rewards-program/plus/> to register your existing card or sign up for a new card. Select St. Jerome School Weymouth, MA 02191 as the school you want to benefit and, simply by shopping at your local Stop and Shop, you help fund important programs at our school. If you email your Stop & Shop card number and your last name to pc@stjeromeschoolweymouth.org we will gladly sign you up for the program!

So easy and yet so important! We made over \$900 last school year through this program!



MORE FREE MONEY...Box Tops for Education... Box Tops for

Education: The school gets 10 cents for every box top and there are so many products that have them. [Click here](#) to see the complete list of products that participate in this program. Our goal is to raise \$1500 with Box Tops. Don't forget to ask your grandparents and other family members to save those Box Tops!



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