



## Issaquah and Snoqualmie E-News

September 6, 2018

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### INFORMATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! Please take time to read this weekly E-News for important school information.**

#### *MAP Parent Education night - tonight*

Learn more about MAP testing and what your student can expect during our MAP Parent Education night on the Issaquah campus tonight, **September 6**, from 6:00-7:30pm.

#### *All School Mass - Friday, September 7 at 9:00 am*

Please join us for our opening All School Mass on Friday, **September 7**, 9:00am, at St. Joseph Church in Issaquah. All students need to be dropped off at St. Joseph Church in Issaquah starting at 8:45 am. All 4-8 grade students should meet their teacher in the Church Hall. All K-3 grade students should go directly to their classroom. **FULL DRESS UNIFORM** is required. Girls – plaid jumper, plaid skirt, plaid skort, navy skirt or navy skort (6-8 only) or navy pants, plain white, collared shirt, and sweater or vest, no leggings. Boys – long, navy pants, white collared shirt, and sweater or vest.

**No red shirts, khakis, sweatshirts or shorts.**

**There will be no morning bus service. The afternoon bus schedule will run as usual.**

Bus transportation will be provided for 4 - 8 grade students after Mass to take them to the Snoqualmie Campus.

#### *Bus Ridership*

**All students are required to sign a Bus Ridership Rules and Regulation Form.** The signed forms are due tomorrow, Friday, **September 7**. If your child is not a regular bus rider they will still be taking the bus for field trips or may be transported between campuses during the school year. A couple of important reminders: no use of electronics on the bus and no food on the bus.

Bus passes can be purchased at either school office.

[Bus Routes and Times Information Sheet](#) and [Bus Ridership Rules and Regulations Form](#).

#### *Pizza Fridays*

Parents' Club will be organizing pizza for us again this year. Pizza may be purchased by the trimester or for the entire year. If your child would like pizza for lunch on Fridays, please complete the form and send in a check by **September 7**.

First Pizza Friday is **September 14**. Click [here](#) for the pizza form.

#### *Milk Program*

Milk, half pint containers of 2% milk, provided by Smith Brothers Farms, may be purchased by the trimester or for the entire year. If your child would like milk, please complete the form and attach a check. All forms are due to the school office by Friday, **September 7**. Click [here](#) for the Milk Form.

#### *Zero Period Choir and Band - Snoqualmie Campus*

Snoqualmie students were given an information and sign-up sheet for Zero Period Choir (Grades 4-8) and Advanced Band (Grades 6-8) in today's Thursday envelope. The forms are due back tomorrow, Friday, **September 7**. Zero Period Band will start on Tuesday, **September 11** and Zero Period Choir will start on Wednesday, **September 12**.

#### *SAFE training class*

St. Joseph Parish has scheduled a SAFE class for Sunday, **September 9 from 3-5pm**. This class is mandatory before you can volunteer at the school. If you have not taken this class, this is a great opportunity to do so. You can find information about training and registration from the Archdiocese of Seattle website by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions call Issaquah office manager, Roxane Barkley at 425-313-9126.

#### *Middle School BYOD*

Students should bring their devices to school Monday, **September 10**. On Monday, we will log students on to Office 365 for Education. At that time, new users will receive their accounts and passwords for our online learning management system, and 7 and 8 grade students will get to see what is new for the 2018-19 school year. Students will also have the opportunity to download Office 2016 for free if needed. Besides being sure that your child can login to the computer on their own, parents should read and sign the [Responsible Use Agreement](#) form with their child. Students can only work online when the form is signed and turned in to homeroom teachers. Otherwise, there are no downloads or other steps necessary before Monday.

#### *Back to School Nights*

Please plan to attend St. Joseph Back to School nights. The Issaquah Campus night is Thursday, **September 13** at 7:00pm. The Snoqualmie Campus night is Thursday, **September 20** at 7:00pm. These special parent nights will give you an opportunity to meet the staff and teachers. *This is a parent only event.*

Sign-up sheets will be available for parents to schedule their November conference. Conferences are scheduled for **November 8 and 9**.

**There will be a New Parent Volunteer Training at 6:15 pm before both Back to School Nights. This is a one-time mandatory training if you would like to volunteer.**

#### *School Hours and Office Hours*

Welcome back to school! We hope your summer was relaxing and fun! Welcome to all of our new families! Here's to a wonderful school year! Just a few reminders as we start the new year:

Elementary school hours are as follows:

Issaquah Campus Hours: 8:55 am to 3:20 pm

Issaquah Wednesday Early Release: 8:55 am to 2:05 pm

Snoqualmie Campus Hours: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Snoqualmie Wednesday Early Release: 8:30 am to 1:45 pm

Issaquah Campus Office Hours: 8:45 am to 4:00 pm (doors lock at 4:00 pm)

Snoqualmie Campus Office Hours: 8:10 am to 3:30 pm (doors lock at 3:30 pm)

**All parents and visitors must sign in at the school offices before going to classrooms. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher please email them first to set up an appointment. Teachers are preparing for the school day in the morning and only meet for scheduled conferences.**

#### *Campus opens at the following times for Students*

Students are not allowed on campus before school unless they are in Extended Care in Issaquah or before school activities in Snoqualmie. Students may not be left unattended or dropped off before the drop-off attendant is present. Attendants are present at the following times:

Issaquah Campus: 8:45 am

Snoqualmie Campus: 8:10 am

### *Students walking off campus after school*

If your child has permission to walk off campus after school, a letter signed by the parent must be on file in the school office. A new letter is required each school year.

### *School Nut Free Policy*

#### **Food Allergy & Nut Policy**

For some students exposure to any kind of nuts may cause a life-threatening allergic reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. To reduce the chance of this occurring, **both campuses are NUT FREE at all times**. Please do not send any nuts or nut containing products to school with your child. If your child has eaten any nuts before coming to school, please ensure your child's hands and face have been thoroughly washed before entering the school. However, the school cannot guarantee a totally nut free environment.

### *Medication at School*

The Washington Board of Health requires that **ALL medication (over-the-counter or prescription)** given during school hours requires an "[Authorization to Administer Oral Medication](#)" to be on file in the school office. This form includes the condition requiring medication, the drug to be administered, and the physician's signature. All medications must be kept in the office in a secure location with clearly labeled written instructions. A student will report to the office at the prescribed time to have medication administered. Students will take all medications in the office and staff will initial a record keeping form. Teachers do not dispense medications. RCW 28A.210.260 and 28A.210.270 and 28A.210.280 and 28A.210.290.

### *Directory Information for the 2018/2019 School Year*

If you wish to have contact information excluded from the directory please email Patty at [snoqualmie@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:snoqualmie@sjsissaquah.org) by the end of the day Thursday, **September 13**. Please specify what information you want excluded (for example: exclude address only, exclude phone only, exclude all information including names). Also, please specify if you want your child's name and phone number excluded from the class list section. Any changes after this date will be published in the second trimester updates.

### *Middle School Boys Basketball tryouts*

Tryouts will be Saturday, **September 15**, from 4:30-6pm in the Snoqualmie Campus gym. Look for a flier with more information in today's Thursday folder.

For questions, contact Andy Matthews at [andy@fasstraining.com](mailto:andy@fasstraining.com).

### *St. Joseph Cub Scout Pack 200*

Welcome to another year of Cub Scout Pack 200! We're headquartered here at St. Josephs and comprised of boys in grades 1-5. We focus on helping boys growing physically, mentally and morally through fun, skill-based learning, community service and unique adventures! Our program runs from September through June and is an easy commitment of 1-2 events each month. Please contact Cubmaster Brendan O'Reilly at [brendan463@gmail.com](mailto:brendan463@gmail.com) or (206)391-3442 and see the flier in today's Thursday folder for more details. Our kick-off event is an exciting day-camp on **September 23**, join us!

### *Put MAP test dates on your calendar:*

#### **Issaquah & Snoqualmie – September 17 through October 11**

Students in grades 2 through 8 will take the Measures of Academic Progress test or MAP test starting in September. The MAP test will determine your child's instructional level and will measure academic growth throughout the school year, and from year to year, in the areas of mathematics, language arts, and reading. This test will be administered on a computer. MAP tests are unique in that they adapt to be appropriate for your child's level of learning. As a result, each student has the same opportunity to succeed and maintain a positive attitude towards testing. With MAP tests, we can administer shorter test and use less class time while still receiving detailed, accurate information about your child's growth.

**Although students will not be testing all day of every day during the weeks indicated above, it is important to avoid making doctor and dentist appointments or taking any vacation during this time.**

### *Carpool Procedures*

Please remember that these procedures are in place for the safety of your children, as well as being good stewards to our neighbors. Snoqualmie Campus carpool procedures can be found by clicking [here](#). Issaquah Campus procedures are available in the Issaquah office.

#### *Lunch Program*

We will be trying a new service this year called Hot Lunch Box. Please see an email sent to all parents from Shauna Cogan on Tuesday, September 4, explaining the details of the program.

#### *Music Concerts*

Please mark your calendars for our annual St. Joseph School Christmas Concert on **Tuesday, December 11, 2018**, our Spring Concert date is to be announced. Both events will start at 6:30 pm at Mary, Queen of Peace Church in Sammamish. Band students need to arrive at 6:00 pm for warm-up and all other students need to arrive by 6:15 pm to be seated with their teachers. Dress is Sunday Best. Please be sure to join us for these wonderful events.

#### *Stay Connected*

St. Joseph School is now on Yahoo Groups! Unlike Facebook, Yahoo Groups, allows for back and forth conversation without the ads. Per the suggestion of a parent, we have decided to try it out! Our SJS group is a great way to stay connected, get information, and talk to parents in different grade levels in a positive space. To join simply subscribe here - [stjosephschool19-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:stjosephschool19-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

SJS is on [Facebook](#). Like us and stay connected for all the latest news, announcements, and pictures from school events.

#### *Newsletter Blurbs and Flyers*

Please submit all Newsletter blurbs by Tuesday if you would like them in Thursday's E-News. All fliers and blurbs must be approved. We try to keep the fliers to a minimum. Send all information to Patty at [snoqualmie@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:snoqualmie@sjsissaquah.org).

#### *Archived Newsletters*

You will find archived Newsletters on the left hand corner of the E-News page.

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## **FROM THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT**

#### *Bridge the Gap Annual Fund*

**Our Annual Fund is Happening Now!** September 2018 is our opportunity to help bridge the gap between tuition costs and the actual cost to educate our students. We enthusiastically encourage all St. Joseph School parents, grandparents and other supporters to **make a difference** in the lives of our students and be as **generous** as possible!

#### **Annual Fund FAQ's**

##### **Q: Why Give to the Annual Fund?**

**A:** Tuition costs do not cover the full cost of educating our students. The Annual Fund helps to supplement our operational budget to "Bridge the Gap" between tuition costs and the actual cost to educate. Your generous gifts to the Annual Fund allow us to educate the hearts, minds and souls of our students! We are proud of how St. Joseph School Alumni are responsible citizens and leaders who live out their Catholic faith!

##### **Q: Can I make my Annual Fund donation with my monthly tuition payment?**

**A:** Yes, pledges made now can be added to your 2018-2019 tuition contract and made payable until June 2019. Please see the options below, or contact [business@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:business@sjsissaquah.org) for more information.

##### **Q: Can I pay by credit card?**

**A:** Yes! To donate by credit card, please use this link found under giving on our website: <https://sjsissaquah.org/giving/annual-fund>

**Q: Can I pay by check?**

**A:** Yes! Please drop your check by our Issaquah or Snoqualmie campus offices. (Checks can be made out to St. Joseph School. Thank you!)

**Q: What is the goal of this year's Annual Fund?**

**A:** Our goal is to have 100% parent participation.

**Q: Is my annual fund gift tax deductible?**

**A:** Yes. Contributions made to the Annual Fund are tax deductible as allowed by law and are eligible for company matches, which can double or triple your donation and impact!

**Q: How can I double or triple my donation through a company/employer match?**

**A:** Many employers sponsor matching gift programs that match charitable contributions made by their employees. Some companies may even match gifts made by retirees, spouses, and board members. Most of these programs match contributions dollar for dollar, and some will even double or triple the amount of the gifts.

Click the link to see if your company participates in matching gift programs and all the relevant details and links: <https://doublethedonation.com/sjsissaquah>

If your company is eligible, request a matching gift form from your employer it will make a huge impact!

Please email us at [development@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:development@sjsissaquah.org) if you have any questions.

**Our information:**

St. Joseph School Tax ID # 91-0933910

**Q: I still have questions about the Annual Fund. Who can I contact?**

**A:** We're here to help! Contact us at [development@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:development@sjsissaquah.org).

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!**

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## FUNDRAISING

### *Scrip*

**Scrip, your everyday purchases working for SJS.** Purchasing Scrip cards lets your everyday shopping support St. Joseph Parish and School. Our top sellers included Amazon (3%), Target (2%), Starbucks (7%), QFC/Fred Meyer (5%), Safeway (4%), and PCC (5%), just to name a few. Consider picking up one Scrip card weekly. Scrip rebates add up. Scrip has purchased the following items:

- PE Equipment
- New awning for the Issaquah office
- Outdoor lighting in Snoqualmie
- \$3,000 to Issaquah for various teacher needed items
- Water fountains in Issaquah & Snoqualmie
- \$2,000 to Snoqualmie for various outdoor activities for the students
- Raising the crucifix in the church
- \$5,000 towards the church's new roof

Forward your order to either school office anytime. We will fill your order with inventory on-hand (cards on backorder will be ordered). Snoqualmie students will receive their Scrip order in their child's backpack or within their Thursday folder. Issaquah students will receive their Scrip order within their Thursday folder. Place orders through [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) using SJS enrollment code is BC664D6833L5L.Or using the [ScriptoGoOrderForm](#) found on the school's website under the "Giving" tab. SJS Grab-n-Go order form is below. Have questions, contact us at [scrip@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:scrip@sjsissaquah.org)

### **Many ways to place your order:**

*Grab & Go* [ScriptoGoOrderForm](#)

Our top sellers include QFC/Fred Meyer (5%), Safeway (4%), Starbucks (7%), Target (2%), Amazon (3%) and PCC (5%). Consider picking one Cash Card weekly.

These cards & many more can be purchased during our SJS Cash Cards Sale times in Issaquah or Snoqualmie. See the bottom of the e-news for the dates & times for SJS Cash Cards Sales.

*Online Ordering* [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com)

As always, SJS Cash Cards offers "Special Orders" every week. Place orders through [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) SJS enrollment code is BC664D6833L5L or use an SJS

[Family Order Form](#) by 9:00am Monday and receive your order by Thursday afternoon of the same week.

Have questions, contact us at [scrip@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:scrip@sjsissaquah.org), [Scrip Volunteer Opportunities](#), [Q&A](#), and [Scrip Potential Earnings Flier](#)

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## **HIGH 5'S**

If your child or child's team has an outstanding success or achievement, we would like to acknowledge them in the E-News. Please send a short blurb to Patty at [snoqualmie@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:snoqualmie@sjsissaquah.org)

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## **PARENTS' CLUB**

### *Parents' Club Secretary*

Hello All Parents! Looking to get some volunteer hours? Looking to be involved with the school? The Parents' Club Executive Board has an opening for Secretary. Requirements are to make all meetings at the Issaquah campus (9:00am on the first Monday of every month and one summer meeting, time and date TBD), take detailed notes for the President to review prior to having the board approve at the next meeting. If you're interested, please email [parentsclub@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:parentsclub@sjsissaquah.org).

### *First Parents' Club Meeting*

Parents' Club first official meeting will be held on Monday, **September 10**, in the St. Theresa Room (parish library), of SJC Issaquah from 9:00-10:00 am. All parents are encouraged to attend as often as possible throughout the year.

### *Parents' Club Event Check Form*

If you were unable to attend Taking Care of Business Day please be sure to fill out the Parents' Club Event Check Form. Fees included on this form are: Class Auction Project, Lazarus House, Emergency Supply, Field Day, and optional Yearbook order. The form is due Friday, **October 5** to either office. [Event Check Form](#)

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## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Click [here](#) for an overview of 2018-2019 school year volunteer opportunities

### *Mandatory Volunteer Requirements:*

At St. Joseph School the safety of our students, mind and body, is important to all of us. In order to volunteer in any capacity that involves students such as classroom volunteers, coaches, scout leaders, or field trip volunteers, volunteers must meet the following requirements:

### *NEW VOLUNTEERS:*

- Attend a volunteer training at St. Joseph School. Scheduled for just prior to either campus' Back to School Night.
- Sign a Confidentiality Pledge yearly (last page of the Volunteer Handbook),
- Go online at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org) to request and pass a [Volunteer Background Check](#).

- Attend a free, 3-hour Safe Environment training program “Protecting God’s Children” for Adults held in locations throughout the Seattle Archdiocese. (Register for classes at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org))
- Send a copy of your certificate of completion to Roxane Barkley in the school office. [office@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:office@sjsissaquah.org)

**RETURNING VOLUNTEERS:**

- Go online at [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org), fill out and pass a **Volunteer Background Check** every 3 years. Complete associated on-line class.
- Review the **Volunteer Handbook** yearly
- Sign a **Confidentiality Pledge** yearly (last page of the Volunteer Handbook)

For questions, please contact Roxane Barkley in the Issaquah office, 425-313-9129 x 321.

**CYO SPORTS**

**Cross Country:**

Registration still open:

<https://www.sportspilot.com/Register/Family/Default.asp?ASOID=106206>

Grades: K-3 - Practices Thursday, immediately after school at Tibbets Valley Park starting Thursday, September 6.  
 Grades: 4-8 - Practices Tuesday/Thursday, 3:30 - 5:00pm at Centennial Field. First practice Thursday, September 6.

Contact Patrick Murphy with questions: [pxmurphy@hotmail.com](mailto:pxmurphy@hotmail.com)

**CHURCH NEWS - To view the weekly church bulletin [click here.](#)**

**UPCOMING DATES**

Thursday, Sept 6.....	6-7:30pm MAP Parent Education Night – Issaquah Campus
Friday, Sept. 7.....	9:00am All School Mass – Issaquah – Full Dress Uniform
Sunday, Sept 9.....	3:00-5:00pm SAFE environment training at SJS Issaquah Campus
Wednesday Sept 12.....	Free Dress Day
Thursday, Sept. 13.....	5:45pm New Parent Volunteer Orientation – Issaquah Parish Hall
Thursday, Sept. 13.....	7:00pm Back to School Night - Issaquah
Friday, Sept. 14.....	First Pizza lunch
Thursday, Sept. 20.....	5:45pm New Parent Volunteer Orientation – Snoqualmie Gym
Thursday, Sept. 20.....	7:00pm Back to School Night - Snoqualmie
Friday, Sept. 21.....	9:00am Mass at SJC – Issaquah – Full Dress Uniform
Friday, Sept. 21.....	1:45pm Mass at OLOS – Snoqualmie – Full Dress Uniform

September 17-October 11. Issaquah and Snoqualmie MAP test window

Friday, Oct. 12..... No School - Archdiocesan Professional Development Day

**WEEKLY DATES**

Wednesday..... 1:45 pm Early Release, Snoqualmie

Wednesday..... 2:05 pm Early Release, Issaquah

Robotics Team Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00-4:00 in Snoqualmie

Monday..... 8:00 - 8:45 am Scrip/Cash Card Sales, Snoqualmie

Monday..... 8:45 - 9:30 am Scrip/Cash Card Sales, Issaquah

Wednesday..... 8:45 - 9:30 am Scrip/Cash Card Sales, Issaquah

Thursday..... 8:00 - 8:45 am Scrip/Cash Card Sales, Snoqualmie

Thursday..... 3:00 - 3:45 pm Scrip/Cash Card Sales, Issaquah