

News You Can Use from the Principal



February 26, 2018

Happy Monday! February ends this week bringing us closer to the end of the 3rd quarter. As time moves quickly, let's pause and remember the families in the Florida school shooting tragedy. Their lives are forever altered. Prayers for peace, kindness and love for our nation.

- Mass is Thursday in the auditorium. Mass uniform is required since this is the first Mass of the month.
- Security: in conversations with various levels of law enforcement and with the St. Joe faculty and student body, we discussed the importance of being attentive and aware. The first point to be made is that kindness is everyone's responsibility. We are called in faith to treat one another with love, compassion and empathy. Unfortunately, in today's angry society, people's reactions are violent. In that situation, students should listen to the teachers and find a place to be safe and protected. Duck and cover. If possible find a place that will not only hide your body but protect from violent penetration. Silence cell phones, and silence yourself. I'm continuing to seek methods to make our campus safer. ***If you see something, say something.*** And as we do with all things, pray that we can be the people who make things better. Should something happen on our campus, when the campus is secure, students will be walked to St. Anthony's gym for parents to pick them up. No one would be allowed to enter our campus.
- St. Joe *Family Crawfish Boil* is this Friday, March 2, 4:30-7. Click [here](#) for more information.
- TC's Uniforms has been selected to be our uniform providers. They're expanding and will be providing me the information to distribute to you soon. Their current uniform store (for scrubs, etc.) is located on State St. in front of Sal & Mookie's. Khaki Pants, shorts, and skorts will be available quickly. Plaids will not be ready until closer to summer. Tops will be ordered and then monogrammed. Online ordering will also be available with delivery to homes, the store, or St. Joe. I look forward to a great working relationship with them. Remember that the PA still holds used uniform sales!
- Course selection meetings for next year will be held the week before Spring Break. Paper copies of choices and graduation requirements will be sent home that week, and electronic submission through student portals will be after Spring Break. Directions will be emailed to you. The counselors will start meeting individually with students after we have the group meetings to explain the process.
- Dates to remember: Spring Break – March 12-16; Baccalaureate Mass – May 22; Graduation – May 23

God bless,
Mrs. Kinsey

BRUIN SHOUT OUTS

- Thespians competed in a tournament in Tupelo this past weekend. Leah Blevins received *Superior* ratings and was appointed to *Thespian Hall of Fame*.
- Reed Collins was selected to play on the 2018 All Star North State Soccer Team.
- Varsity Boys Bruins Soccer are 1A/2A/3A State Champs!
- 7th Grade Science Olympiad team qualified for State. John H. Turner and Angela Bethea both placed in their divisions. Everyone is hard at work to improve their chances of winning at State.
- Our Math & Science Team placed 2nd in Quiz Bowl at the annual MC competition. Individually, Nezhiah Igwebuiké placed in the top 2% in Biology. The following placed in top 10%: Franco Frascogna (math & physics), Sam Indest (math & chemistry), Robert McGee (physics) and Catherine Cook (biology). Smart Bruins!
- Varsity Boys Basketball is going to the *Elite 8* Friday at the Coliseum. Game is at noon vs Leflore Co. Go Bruins!
- Trey Frierson was named to the *Clarion Ledger 40 Seniors to Watch Heading into 2018 Baseball Season*.