

News You Can Use from the Principal



September 11, 2017

Today marks 16 years since the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Please continue to remember those families in your prayers as we pray also for the victims of recent natural disasters. We have so many opportunities to give thanks.

- Last week I attended a workshop about *Protection of Children* in our diocese. In all the training and research, the best method of prevention remains good conversations between children and parents. The threat is not strangers but people we “know” through the internet. No app is totally safe. St. Joe can only control so much on the MacBooks. Remind your students about giving out personal information and engaging in behaviors that they wouldn’t otherwise do if their favorite grandparent was not standing next to them. We will have a *Protection of Children* presentation in October for students.
- St. Joe finally has a development team in place! I’m happy to announce that alum Todd Therrell has joined the Bruin family as our development officer. He, along with Tricia Harris, events coordinator, and Vicki Runnels, alumni relations, complete the trifecta. Great things are happening at the Joe!
- *Juice and Jesus*, a morning devotional open to all SJ students, will begin again this week in the field house.
 - Tuesdays, 7:25 – 7:45 for High School
 - Thursdays, 7:25 – 7:45 for Middle School
 - Timeliness is important. Get there by 7:25. It’s about the message!
- As weather starts to turn cooler, remember that only St. Joe sweatshirts are allowed to be worn in the classrooms. Non-St. Joe jackets and coats may only be worn to and from school. They must be removed during the school day. Outerwear can be ordered from the Booster Club’s online store: [The Bruin Shop](#).
- Mass this week is a feast day: Exultation of the Cross. Dress uniform required.
- We’re taking donations for victims in the Diocese of Galveston-Houston. See [BNN](#) for details. We hope to pair up with a Catholic school in the affected area to help them rebuild. I’ll keep you posted.
- If you have concerns about a particular class, please contact that teacher for help.
- Mark your calendar: Homecoming at St. Joe is October 13 against Canton Academy with *Crowning of the Queen* during the half. This year, we’re kicking the week off with the Homecoming Dance in the gym Saturday, October 7 for grades 9-12. More details to come out closer to the semiformal event. School is out that Monday, October 9 for Columbus Day. Presentation of the Court followed by “tailgating” Thursday, October 12 at 6 pm at the Fine Arts Building.

God bless,
Mrs. Kinsey

BRUIN SHOUT OUTS

- Emma Adkins won all 4 of her swim events at the meet in Vicksburg Saturday! Great job!!!
- Football Friday and Swim Saturday showed the excellence of our athletes.
- Halftime show at St. Andrew’s was incredible! So many of our students are involved in multiple activities. It’s a benefit of being at St. Joe. Academics, athletics and fine arts work together to provide an education like no other. Go Bruins!
- Click [here](#) to vote for Hayden Brice for End Zone Play of the Week!