



# End of Year Information

Our mission is to create a faith-centered community that educates and inspires students to reach their God-given potential.

## A Note from the Principal

We've almost made it to the end of another successful school year. As I look back on this year, I'm happy that

1. We adopted [A New Messina](#), the strategic plan that will help us continue to be an excellent example of what a Jesuit grade school can be. I look forward to continuing to share with you how we will continue to work on the goals set forth in the plan.
2. Our teachers continued to offer a dynamic and inclusive education to a diverse student body. These educators are an absolute gift to our school and your children.
3. Our students were daily examples of how we can be people for others. From small acts to big gestures, they showed us how to live lives of service.
4. We continued to explore how we can incorporate Ignatian spirituality in our school.
5. We just last night sent another group of well-formed young men and women out into the world, ready to take on the challenges of high school.

Next week, we'll honor members of our staff who are moving on. We'll do that as a staff on Tuesday, then on Friday at our last all school Mass. On behalf of our whole community, I'm grateful to Sheri, Barbara, Cathy, Cassie, Meg, Diane, Sally Sue, and Julie for sharing their gifts with our school.

As we start to wade into summer, I hope you find it to be a restful one. I hope it's one where our students can unplug, be bored, play outside, and read some books. An [article I read recently](#) reminded me just how important it is to get back to basics in our parenting. I really enjoyed the ideas shared in the article.

Please know you're in my prayers this summer, and I look forward to seeing you when things start back up in September!

Patrick

## A Note From the Directors

Dear Kindergarten - Fourth Grade Parents,

Please join me in celebrating the teachers and students of St. Joe's Primary School as the 2016-17 school year draws to a close next week. It has been quite a year as we worked each day to live out our theme of "People for Others." Students could easily relate to the theme, and countless examples come to mind in all grade levels. I would encourage you to carry on the theme at home this summer.

Our young Jaguars are blessed with devoted, caring teachers who are life-long learners and continually seek professional development opportunities to enhance their teaching and student learning. One particular area of note...we are all loving Writer's Workshop...students and teachers alike! I have seen

Dear 5th through 8th grade families,

These last weeks of school in the middle school are extremely busy with end of trimester assessments, projects, field trips, retreats, and of course graduation. Congratulations to the Class of 2017. We welcome sixty-eight amazing St. Joseph alumni into our community.

Our seventh grade students are in the midst of their finals and are excited to have the 7th/8th grade hallway to themselves at least for one week. I am looking forward to meeting our seventh grade parents Monday night at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium to share what next year's high school application process is all about. The students will learn about the application process in the fall from their teachers.

proud writers eager to share their chapter books, young authors with tremendous imaginations expressed on paper; illustrated stories proudly displayed in classrooms. Strong communication skills support student progress in all areas.

We are involved in incorporating Next Generation Science Standards and reviewing our math program. Students will also be introduced to a new Religion text in the fall, always supported by class prayer, all-school liturgy services and mass with Frs. John and Julian!

Field trips are a mainstay in the primary school and expand our classrooms out into the community. Whether it's a trip to the Pike Place Market, the Burke Museum or the Children's Theatre, thanks to you, parents, we are able to take advantage of Seattle as our "classroom."

Our after-school options for enrichment have grown over the past couple of years and many are enjoying chess, Lego club, Minecraft, French club, etc., with more on the horizon. Our library is a welcoming place for all.

I am constantly reminded of our partnership when parents come by to offer help, suggest new ideas for better communication, share their time and talent in classrooms, the lunch room, and participate in In Touch With Art, just to name a few. We are indeed blessed, and I thank you for being "People for Others." I look forward to next year!

God Bless and have a wonderful summer,  
Lil

The sixth grade students are visiting the Temple de Hirsch tomorrow, one of several field trips included in their capstone experience this year.

Our fifth grade students have been busy preparing for their Colonial Fair this afternoon - a longstanding fifth grade tradition.

We are in the process of hiring a math/science teacher for seventh and eighth grade as Ms. Marion transitions to a learning resource math specialist for the online ALEKS math program and Mr. Hess steps away from some of his science classes to oversee the school-wide implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards and run a Makerspace. We are also in search of a talented, dynamic, enthusiastic, passionate Learning Support teacher for our seventh and eighth grade students. Please spread the word and let me know if you know of anyone who is interested. [For more information check out the job posting on our website.](#)

In closing, I would like to say thank you for a wonderful year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of the St. Joseph community. Thank you for entrusting your children with us, they are a joy to teach. I am grateful for all your support, it truly does take a village to raise our children.

Have a wonderful summer. Even though it's important for your children to continue to read and practice their math over the summer, it's even more important for them to rest, relax, recharge and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Blessings and peace,  
Mary Helen

## Upcoming Events

- June 6** PowerSchool is Closed (through end of the year)
- June 8** Kindergarten Family Pizza Social
- June 12** HS Information Night at 7 pm (7th graders)
- June 15** Noon dismissal
- June 16** Last Day of School; 9:00 am End of Year Mass; 10:30 am dismissal

## Important Information

1. [End of year letter from Patrick](#)
2. [Important Information from the Main Office](#)
3. [Supply Lists](#)
4. [Updated Uniform Policy](#)
5. [Medication Authorization](#)



# 2017-2018 Parent Board Association

The 2017-2018 PAB is comprised of the following parents. The goal of the PAB is to promote and strengthen an environment of hospitality and community among parents, students, teachers and administrators.

Meaghan Carroll  
Amy Cooper  
Hass Babaie  
Iga Zyzanska

Andrea Lines  
Cecilia Cayetano  
Jeff Hawkins  
Najat Cola

Stephen McGrath  
Joe Augustavo  
Laura Vida  
David Hein

Marcia Hood  
Aime Mitchell  
Molly Shearer

## Interested in being a room parent (2017-2018)?

Please fill out the form found [HERE](#) to indicate your interest in becoming a room parent for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in being a room parent for more than one child, please submit more than one form.

Once class assignments are made, you will be contacted. While submitting this form does not guarantee your appointment as a room parent, it's a necessary step to being considered for the role. Please be sure to review the [RP Handbook](#) as there have been some changes.

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