



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER May 27, 2019

Dear Families –

This will be our final parent letter for the year. The year has flown and we have accomplished so many things for our school and thus, a big “shout out” to our faculty and staff for their efforts and to you – our parents for all your volunteerism.

An important part of our school is our faith-based environment, where we can talk to our students about being good followers of Christ. We have so many of you that give to our school and in return, we encourage our students to be good disciples and give back to others. As a school, we had several non-uniform days for a cause, in which we provided donations to other charities. We also have our Catholic Schools Week mission project, which was the JOY Challenge this year. However, each grade/class completed a service project each year, which displays their giving to others:

Pre-K – Collected pennies for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive and collected peanut butter and jelly for the Jacksonville Food Panty

Kindergarten – Donated items to the Women’s Crisis Center

1st Grade – Visited with former teacher,, Mrs. Thompson and helped her with yard work. Mrs. Thompson also provided an art painting project and a snack for our students.

2nd Grade - Adopted two families from the Salvation Army during Christmas and purchased gifts, wrapped them, and delivered to Salvation Army

3rd Grade – Donated blankets to the nursing home and provided donations to the food pantry

4th Grade – Donated over 100 pairs of new socks to Kellon Oldenettle’s sock program, donated money to the Jacksonville Pregnancy Resource Center, and Donated money to Cross International Catholic Relief Organization to allow people in poor countries to have clean water

5th Grade – Made and delivered blankets to New Directions Homeless Shelter

6th Grade – Provided summer care packages to the local shelter and made donations to the Treehouse Wildlife Center

7th/8th Grade – JOY Challenge – help build a school in Nicaragua.

Our Saviour School displayed a great effort in “Being the One” to give to others. Thank you!

I want to let you know of some staff changes for the 2019-20 school year. On a sad note, Mrs. Phillips has accepted a position at Blessed Sacrament School in Springfield, eliminating her morning and evening commute. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited for her! With this kindergarten opening, Mrs. Brown will be moving to kindergarten, and Mrs. Evans will be moving to 3rd grade. This week, we will begin advertising for a **4th grade full-time teacher** for the 2019-20 school year.

We are also looking for a **part-time (approximately 20 hours a week) teacher** to instruct our 7th grade Literature and to provide resource/small group instruction for students needing additional focus with reading/phonics, etc.

And lastly, we are looking for a evening/night janitor – approximately 2 – 3 hours of an evening/night, with flexible hours any time between 3:30 and 11:00 p.m. We will be posting these open position with our parents, parishioners, and with the media (papers, websites, etc.) with plans of filling these positions by mid-June. **If you know of anyone who is interested, please have them contact me at svandavelde@oursaviourshamrocks.com.**

As you all know, we have a part-time 2nd grade teacher, Mrs. Wheeler for the 2019-20 school year. For next year, the general plan is to have Mrs. Wheeler in the mornings Monday – Thursday. The class will be divided in the morning for English/Language Arts and Math and then will combine as one class in the afternoon for the remaining subjects. In the afternoons, when the class is combined, Mrs. Johnson will be with Mrs. Elliott as the 2nd grade instructional aide. While Mrs. Wheeler will typically be here Monday – Thursday, there will be some changes in the schedule for days when we go to church on another day besides Friday, etc.

Attached you will find a Luer's flyer regarding their 20% off school uniforms sale. Also, we will have slightly used uniforms available for selection beginning July 30 through August 12th. If you have any lightly worn uniforms (Pre-K – 8th that you would like to donate to our used uniform collection, please drop them off at the office).

Summer office hours for the front office will be as follows:

The front office will be opened May 30 and 31

Beginning May 28, the front office will be opened from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm (closed for one hour during lunch from noon to 1:00 pm) on Tuesdays and Thursday only

Beginning August 5, the front office will be opened from 9:00 am – 4:15 pm.

Please note – the front office will be closed June 17 – 28.

As we prepare for the 2019-20 school year, we tentatively have final registration scheduled for our K – 8 students on Monday, August 12th from 2:30 – 6:00 pm and our first day of school for K – 8 students being August 13th. Please look for your summer parent letter by the end of July with final dates. Pre-K Open House/Orientation is scheduled for 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. on August 13th with a start date of August 19th.

We are looking for substitute instructional aides and substitute teachers for the 2019 – 20 school year. If you are a licensed paraprofessional or substitute teacher and interested, please send me an email at: svandavelde@oursaviourshamrocks.com.

A huge thank you to the following individuals/businesses who have already committed to being one of our Magic Match sponsors for the upcoming 2019-20 school year! Wow! We have such generous and loyal partners in education! These funds help provide those "extras" to our

classrooms and teachers to use to enhance the curriculum! Thank you to: Cors Electric, Dr. Rosemary Koeppel, MPS Jacksonville Pediatrics, H & R Block, Aire Serve/HRI Plumbing, Perma Bound Books, Mike & Nancy Bartlett, Watts Copy Systems, Carolyn & Bob Bonjean, Catholic Daughters of America, The Children of Tom & Eileen Doyle, Graham & Hyde Architects, Inc., Peak Insurance Agency-Pat VanDeVelde, Owner, Fr. David Ryan, and Lincoln Land Animal Clinic, Ltd. **If you or your business are interested in becoming an Our Saviour School Magic Match Sponsor, please contact Polly Jones: pjones@oss-shamrocks.com.**

As mentioned previously, we will be in school on May 28th and 29th. On May 28th, we will have our annual scavenger hunt in the morning and then have activity day in the afternoon. Permission slips have gone home. On May 29th, we will begin the day with our final Mass. Then students will go to their next year grade level rooms to meet teachers and hear more about the next year. They will do that with their current class – no class assignments have been made. We will start our K – 7 grade awards at 10:15 a.m. in the gym with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. May 28th will be a non-uniform day – please consult the handbook for appropriate non-uniform attire. Thank you!

Year-end Items: We need to have dental forms for kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade students. Also, hot lunch balances and after-school care balances need to be paid in full. We run a tight budget and we count on everyone taking care of their commitments. Thank you!

Our Saviour Parish is sponsoring a summer men's slow-pitch softball team through the YMCA. Games are held on Thursday nights at the Jacksonville YMCA ball fields beginning May 16. Need not be present every week to participate. Text or call Evan Wilson at 217.416.4037 for information.

With Blessings,

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

Dates to Remember:

May 28 – Scavenger Hunt/Activity Day - Non-uniform Day

May 29 – Mass – 8:20, K – 7 Awards – 10:15 am. Dismiss at 11:30 am

June 5 – Parent Club “Pack-the-Place” fundraiser at Leo’s Pizza