



St. Joseph School

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March 17, 2023

Dear 8th Grade Families,

As the school year draws to a close, there are many events that you need to be aware of, as they will be here before we know it!

1. **8th grade Retreat: April 25, 26, & 27**—Grandview Lodge in Nisswa. Detailed information is enclosed.
2. **May Crowning and Graduation Pictures on Friday, May 5th.** May Crowning is a special tradition at St. Joseph School. The 8th grade class leads our school community in the rosary and a procession to crown Mary, Mother of God with flowers. All 8th graders help lead the rosary. The 8th grade girls participate in a procession to place flowers in a vase at Mary's feet. This will be followed by the 8th grade graduation pictures, both individual and group. These are the pictures that will be in the yearbook and the group photo will be in our school office waiting area. FOR ATTIRE: girls should wear a dress with their shoulders covered. Boys should wear a shirt and tie and dress pants. **Please note that there will be separate online order links for the individual pictures and the group photo.** These will be forwarded to you once they are available.
3. **St. Joe's Spring Musical will be on Wednesday, May 17.** This year's production, "Doo Wop Wed Riding Hood" will feature the 8th grade students as the stars of the show, with grades 5—7 in the choir. There will be rehearsals for *8th grade only* rehearsals on Mondays (2:30-4:30pm all days) after school on April 17, April 24, May 1, and 8. *Mrs. Mansour will contact parents to request assistance with costumes or set-up as needed. Details will come from Mrs. Mansour.*
4. **Last day of school for 8th grade students is Friday, June 2.** This is also our All-School Field Day! Students are asked to wear colors for the field day, the 8th grade color is black.
5. **8th Grade Graduation is Sunday, June 4.** The 2023 Graduation Mass will begin at 12:30PM, with a dessert reception following. During the reception, there will be a photo montage shown of the students from kindergarten through 8th grade. *We need digital photos submitted of all students (see note in this packet) to make this a success! Photos are due by May 5.* For the reception, the Graduation Planning Committee/Home & School are requesting families to RSVP so they know how much food to have. Please fill out the RSVP form in this packet and return to school by **May 5, 2023.**
6. Finally, please be sure to let the Office know where your 8th grade student will be attending high school.

An envelope is included in this packet so you can return all the forms. Please contact the Office if you have any questions!

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Our St. Joseph School educational vision states that "St. Joseph School achieves academic excellence through a challenging curriculum. We prepare our youth to be leaders in their community working for the common good while embracing the rich traditions of the Catholic Church." As part of living out this mission, we incorporate the Catholic social justice teachings throughout our curriculum and culture of our school.

In addition, we aim to provide students with hands-on experiences and opportunities to live out their faith. To further integrate the social justice principle of *Rights and Responsibilities*, and celebrate your 8th grader's time at St. Joseph School, we take a 3-day 8th grade trip each spring.

This year's 8th grade retreat will be Tuesday, April 25 to Thursday, April 27. The field trip will consist of a tour of the Cathedral, visiting the Minnesota Capitol, a retreat, and a variety of activities at GrandView Lodge in Nisswa, Minnesota. We estimate that the total cost for the retreat is \$275, the final cost will be dependent on the number of students going and final transportation cost. A \$100 deposit must be paid by cash or check by Tuesday, April 4 along with all permission slips. The remaining balance will be charged through the family's TADS account upon completion of the trip. The field trip fee does not include any spending money for some meals or souvenirs. The opt out date for this trip is Tuesday, April 4, 2023; families must notify the school and Mrs. Roche in writing.

Students will depart from St. Joseph School on Tuesday morning, April 25 at 8:00 a.m. Transportation will be provided by Schmitt and Sons/Gray Line with a coach bus. They will return to St. Joseph School at approximately 3:15PM on Thursday, April 27. Please see the detailed itinerary included in this packet.

As the students will be representatives of St. Joseph School during this retreat, they will need to be attired in business casual clothes during program times (slacks, polo shirt, knee length skirt, blouse, etc.). Should the student not have this type of clothing, it is perfectly acceptable for them to wear their school uniform. Other attire for GrandView Lodge during free time should be respectful in taste, including one piece bathing suit attire for girls. Students must follow the St. Joseph School non-uniform dress code policy.

We will communicate photos and updates of our trip with you via the mobile app, SeeSaw. Instructions on how to access SeeSaw will be sent to your email address prior to our departure.

Sincerely,

Kelly Roche

Terry Hale

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8th Field Trip Checklist

- => Bible- (accessible on bus)
- => Rosary- (accessible on bus)
- => Folder or 3 ring binder
- => pens/pencils
- => colored markers
- => water bottle
- => sleeping bag
- => board games
- => personal snacks (snacks will be provided: popcorn, fruit, granola bars, cookies, s'mores etc.) If your student has dietary requirements, such as gluten-free, please send GF snacks with your child.
- => Cash – Lunch Tuesday (State Capitol cafeteria) and dinner Tuesday (Subway/Culver's)
 - Lunch Thursday
 - Souvenirs

Special Instructions

- Food and snacks provided
 - Breakfast, lunch and supper on Wednesday
 - Breakfast Thursday morning
 - Snacks: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
- Mrs. Roche will collect all medication (Prescription or non-Prescription)
- CELL PHONES, TABLETS, or E-READERS ARE PERMITTED ON THIS TRIP DURING BUS RIDE ONLY. All devices will be collected upon leaving the bus by Mr. Hale and Mrs. Roche. Students will check with Mr. Hale or Mrs. Roche should you need to call parents.
- All students should clean up after themselves in all areas and be willing to serve when asked.
- Students are expected to be polite and respectful at all times
- Business casual dress on Tuesday and Wednesday (No denim, sweatpants, yoga pants, or shorts during program times)
- One piece swimming suit
- Do not use room phone unless an emergency
- Only people assigned to a room are allowed in the room
- Report any concerns or problems immediately to chaperones
- Go to bed at appropriate time
- Violators will be required to call parents with chaperone present and explain
- A second violation and parent will be required to come and pick the student up.

*Mr. Hale's Cell Phone for parents (612) 345-1854

*Mrs. Roche's Cell Phone for parents (651)238-9438

8th Field Trip Schedule

Tuesday April 25

- 7:45 – Load Bus
- 8:00- Depart for State Capitol
- 8:10 – Rosary/Scripture time on Bus
- 9:00-12:00 – Tour of Capitol and meet state representatives
- 12:20 – Lunch (State Capitol cafeteria, student pays)
- 1:00 – Tour of Cathedral
- 2:30 – Depart for Grandview Lodge (Rosary/Scripture time on Bus)
- 5:00 – Stop in Brainerd (pick up subs/etc. for supper, student pays)
- 6:00 – Check into Lodge (May change into casual clothes)
- 6:30 - Supper
- 7:00 – Outside activity (weather permitting)
- 7:30 - Evening activity
- 8:00 - Free time (movie and games)
- 10:00 – Bed

Wednesday, April 26

- 7:45 – Breakfast (included)
- 9:00 – Do you love your neighbor activity
- 9:20 – Session I (God’s Chisel)
- 10:20 – “Jesus Says” game/bible trivia
- 10:50 – Session II (Labels)
- 12:00 – Lunch (included) / Cleanup
- 12:45 – Outside activity (weather permitting)
- 1:15 – Uh Activity
- 1:40 – Take a Stand activity
- 2:15 – How a bill becomes a law/debate
- 3:00 – Mystery activity
- 3:30 – Bill debate/mock trial
- 4:45 – Free time
- 5:00 – Supper (included)
- 6:30 – Swimming
- 8:00 – Fire pit
- 9:00 – Free time
- 10:00 – Bed

Thursday, April 27

- 7:45 – Breakfast (included)
- Pack/Cleanup
- 8:45 – Final session
- 11:00 – Load bus
- 11:15 – Depart for St. Joseph School
- 12:15 – Lunch in St. Cloud/Clearwater (student pays)
- 3:15 – Arrive at St. Joseph School

Friday, April 28

- 8th grade students are not required to attend school on this day.

FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

for 8th Grade retreat

Student/Participant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Parent/Guardian Name _____

Home Address _____ Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Work/Cell Phone _____ Work/Cell Phone _____

St. Joseph School – Rosemount, Minnesota

8th Grade Retreat: April 25—27, 2023

Destination: St. Paul, Minnesota and Nisswa, Minnesota

Individual(s)/Teacher(s) in Charge: Mrs. Kelly Roche, Mr. Terry Hale

Time of Departure: 8:00AM, Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Return: Approximately 3:15PM, Thursday, April 27, 2023

Mode of Transportation To & From Event/Field Trip: Charter bus through Schmitty and Sons/Gray Line

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT: In the event of an emergency, I give permission to transport my child to a hospital. I agree to allow my child to receive emergency medical treatment at my expense at the discretion of the event sponsor. I wish to be advised prior to any further treatment by a doctor or hospital. In the event of any emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the above numbers, contact:

Name Relationship Phone Number

HEALTH INFORMATION:

Medication my child is taking at present _____

For headache or minor pain, my child may be given _____

Allergies _____

Other Medical Conditions _____

Insurance Company _____

Family Health Plan carrier number _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone Number _____

I, _____, give permission for _____
Parent or Guardian Name Child Name

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED EVENT. I warrant that my child is in good health. In consideration of my child's participation, I agree to indemnify the parish/school from any claims or law suits brought by myself, my child, or others, that arises out of any behavior by my child at the event/activity described above. I also agree to pay reasonable attorney's fees or expenses incurred by the parish/school in defense of such a claim/suit.

I agree to drop my child off at the departure location at least 15 minutes prior to departure and to provide transportation home at my expense.

I agree that I am responsible for my child's conduct and actions. The event sponsor is not responsible for any injury or damage incurred or caused by my child. I understand that my child is required to comply with the Code of Conduct provided by St. Joseph School while participating in the event. I understand that if my child violates the Code of Conduct he/she may be required to be transported home at my expense.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

MEDICAL MATTERS: I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. *(Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those that are applicable.)*

Medical Treatment: In the event it comes to the attention of St. Joseph Church, its officers, directors and agents, and the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, chaperons, or representatives associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea, I want to be called collect (with phone charges reversed to myself).

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Medications: My child is taking medication at present. My child will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well-labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage, are indicated on attached Prescription Drug & Medical Authorization Form.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

No medication of any type, whether prescription or non-prescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I hereby grant permission for **non-prescription medication** (such as non-aspirin products, i.e. acetaminophen or ibuprofen, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed appropriate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Specific Medical Information: St. Joseph Catholic Church and School will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.): _____

Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization: _____

Does child have a medically prescribed diet? _____

Any physical limitations? _____

Has child recently been exposed to contagious disease or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chickenpox, etc.? Yes/No (circle)

If so, date and disease or condition: _____

You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child: _____

Prescription Drug and Medication Administration

I, _____ parent/guardian of _____ ask that chaperones of this field trip provide the following medication as stated below. _____ (student) will be in contact with the chaperones at the designated times according to the Health Care Provider's signed instructions. St. Joseph School will assist student in the administration of medication prescribed by a licensed health care provider. It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to furnish the medication. Prescription medications must come in a container labeled with: child's name, name of medicine, time medicine is to be given, and dosage. Pharmacy name and phone number must also be included on the label. Over the counter medication must be labeled with child's name. Medicine must be packaged in original container. Medication will be returned to parent at the conclusion of trip.

Health Care Provider Authorization to Administer Medication in School or Child Care

Child's Name: _____

Medication:

Dosage:

To be given at the following time(s):

Special Instructions:

Purpose of medication:

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To plan how many refreshments we will need for guests,
if you can let us know how many to expect from your family,
we would greatly appreciate it!

Please return this form to the Main Office by

Friday, May 5.

Thank you!

Graduation Planning Committee

Family Name _____

Quantity Attending _____