



Parent Newsletter

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If we would just support each other, that's ninety percent of the problem.

Edward Gardner

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for demonstrating your support for our school by your attendance at our meeting last Tuesday. To tell you the truth, I was dreading your reaction to the news about the middle school, but I am so pleased that you **showed your understanding** for the difficult decision that Father Steve has had to make. Please know that it was not without the good counsel of Bishop Dave and Dr. Baxter, the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Abelein, whom many of you have met, Mrs. Silva, and a lot of good people who are still fully vested in our school's future success.

Now, the future St. Joseph School is in your hands. I feel as though most of you will be supportive and will take the **Leap of Faith** with us, but, to be sure, we will send the **Letter of Intent**, by which you will indicate your intentions for next year, out on **Tuesday, Feb. 20** with your oldest child. We require only one per family, and ask that you, please, **return it by Friday, Feb. 24th**. We will use the information you provide, to configure the school and its curriculum to fit your needs, and design our marketing strategy. I am confident that after reflection, you **will make** the decision that is right for you and your family. God bless you as you discern.

You should know that we are experiencing a problem with inappropriate words, stories, and actions going on at school. As we begin the Lenten season, **I ask you to speak with your children in an age-appropriate way**, perhaps using the same theme as I, "...in my thoughts, in my words, in I what I do, in what I have failed to do..." to encourage them to be careful about what they say or do, **and to tell the teacher or me if they see, hear, or experience someone behaving badly**. Remind them that Jesus would want them to speak up, so that the offending child can be corrected and guided toward making good behavior choices. Thank you for helping us; it takes a village.

As Father reminded us yesterday at Mass, Jesus asked us to, "Be perfect as the Father is perfect", and Joel, in the first reading cried, "Now, is the time." I pray you have a **transformative Lent**. As always, you know where to find me. Until next time, be happy, be prayerful, and be well! God bless you!

Diane Gehner, Principal