



# Tiger Newsletter



St. Joseph Catholic School March issue

Dear St. Joseph Families and Friends,  
Two weeks ago we had our long-awaited reaccreditation visit from the Florida Catholic Conference. Representatives from Pensacola, Miami, and Orlando visited St. Joseph to see what makes St. Joseph special. They visited every classroom, spoke with teachers, parents, and students. They studied our handbooks, technology plan, testing data, unit plans, assessments, procedures, mission, and values over the course of two days.

While I do not have the final results, and will not have the final results until the fall, we received lots of praise! The representatives came away impressed with your children, their relationship with God, their relationships with each other, and their academic performance.

In a presentation to the faculty on February 23, they complimented the school on our Catholic Identity, our use of data to drive decision-making, our use of multiple funding sources - specifically tax credit scholarships like Step-Up for Students - to create sustainable, balanced budgets, and our zeal for Catholic education.

The entire experience cemented our belief that we truly are moving our students towards college and heaven. I look forward to sharing the final results with you when they are ready next fall.

Blessings,  
Mrs. Budd

## \*Reminders\*

- 1.) Monday, March 19, 2018  
**Feast of St. Joseph - School Mass**
- 2.) Wednesday, March 21, 2018  
**Family Spring Pictures**
- 3.) Friday, March 23, 2018  
**Tiger Spirit Day**
- 4.) Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
**Stations of the Cross - 8th Grade 8:30**  
**Talent Show - 1:30**
- 5.) March 29-April 8, 2018  
**Easter Break**
- 6.) April 9, 2018  
**Classes Resume**

## Attendance and Tardies for the month of :

March

**Attendance: 94.1%**

**Punctuality: 93.6%**

**Every Moment Matters!**



## **Important Links**

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[Sunday Reflection](#)

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## Reenrollment

Reenrollment has been opened up to all families. Please complete your online enrollment and pay your registration fee to make sure you do not lose your spot!

[Family Connection for Sunday, March 18, 2017](#)

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy Week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerfully reflecting on the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as reminder of the salvation that Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Mark's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

### **Sunday:**

Mark 11:1-10 (Gospel at the Procession with Palms)

### **Monday:**

Mark 14:1-11

### **Tuesday:**

Mark 14:12-26

### **Wednesday:**

Mark 14:27-52

### **Thursday:**

Mark 14:53-72

### **Friday:**

Mark 15:1-41

### **Saturday:**

Mark 15:42-47

After reading from the Gospel each night, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time together by praying the Lord's Prayer.



# This Month in Pictures...



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## School Culture



## Ghanaian Independence Day, Boys Basketball Sportsmanship Award, Ms. Doris



## Violin Practice





In order to make this event a success we need your support. Please consider assisting our school with donated items.

Simply complete and return this form to: St. Joseph Catholic School, 2200 N. Gomez Ave., Tampa, FL 33607  
Attn: SJS Gala Committee

We thank you in advance for taking the time to consider supporting our school.

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January 31, 2018

Dear Parents:

**The Florida Department of Health (the Department) reports that influenza, or “flu,” activity levels have increased sharply over the last several weeks.** Flu is a contagious respiratory disease caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Serious outcomes of flu infection can result in hospitalization or death. Some people, such as young children, the elderly, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious complications from flu. The Department is encouraging families to get vaccinated for flu now.

**Vaccination is the best way to protect against the flu and severe complications from the flu.**

Vaccination is most crucial for children with underlying health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart disease, and neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions. The flu vaccine is offered in many locations including pharmacies, clinics, employers, and schools. Contact your health care provider, county health department, or visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/findaflushot> to find a flu vaccine center near you.

**The flu vaccine is safe.** The national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that all individuals six months of age and older receive the flu vaccine **each year**. Since infants under six months of age are too young to get vaccinated against influenza, it is important that family members (including pregnant or breastfeeding mothers) and other caregivers for these children be vaccinated to help protect them from the disease.

It is especially important that parents **keep sick children at home** to prevent spreading the flu virus to others. Additional flu prevention steps include staying away from people who are sick, covering sneezes or coughs with a tissue or your elbow, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and frequent handwashing.

**If your child becomes sick with flu-like illness, contact your health care provider as soon after symptoms begin as possible. Symptoms of the flu often include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headaches, or fatigue.** Antiviral medication for flu has been shown to reduce severity and length of disease, decrease the risk of complications from influenza, and reduce the risk of death among hospitalized patients, particularly in those that start treatment early in their illness. Health care providers can prescribe antiviral treatment if appropriate. Treatment is most effective when started within 48 hours, so contacting your health care provider as soon as your child becomes ill is important, especially if your child has underlying health conditions.

**The best way to keep yourself and your family safe and healthy during flu season is to:**

- **Get vaccinated;**
- **Keep sick family members home;**
- **Contact your health care provider if you or your child are experiencing flu-like symptoms; and**
- **Follow your doctor’s guidance on treatment.**

For more information, please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/parents/index.htm>.

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31 de enero de 2018

Queridos padres:

**El Departamento de Salud de la Florida (el Departamento) informa que los niveles de actividad de la influenza o "gripe" han aumentado considerablemente en las últimas semanas.** La gripe es una enfermedad respiratoria contagiosa causada por el virus de la influenza. Esta puede causar una enfermedad leve o grave. Los resultados graves de la infección de la gripe pueden provocar la hospitalización o la muerte. Algunas personas, como los niños pequeños, los ancianos y las personas con ciertas condiciones de salud corren un alto riesgo de complicaciones graves por la gripe. El Departamento está aconsejando a las familias a vacunarse contra la gripe ahora.

**La vacunación es la mejor manera de protegerse contra la gripe y las complicaciones graves de la gripe.** La vacunación es más crucial para los niños con condiciones de salud subyacentes, como asma, diabetes, enfermedades cardíacas y afecciones neurológicas y del desarrollo neurológico. La vacuna contra la gripe se ofrece en muchos lugares, incluidas farmacias, clínicas, empleadores y escuelas. Póngase en contacto con su médico de cabecera, el departamento de salud del condado o visite <http://www.floridahealth.gov/findaflushot> para encontrar un centro de vacuna contra la gripe cerca de usted.

**La vacuna contra la gripe es segura.** El Comité Consultivo Nacional sobre Prácticas de Inmunización (ACIP) recomienda que todas las personas de seis meses de edad en adelante reciban la vacuna contra la gripe cada año. Debido a que los bebés menores de seis meses son demasiado pequeños para vacunarse contra la influenza, es importante que los miembros de la familia (incluidas las madres embarazadas o en período de lactancia) y otros cuidadores de estos niños se vacunen para protegerlos de la enfermedad.

Es especialmente importante que los padres mantengan a los niños enfermos en casa para prevenir la propagación del virus de la gripe a otras personas. Los pasos adicionales para la prevención de la gripe incluyen alejarse de las personas que están enfermas, cubrir los estornudos o la tos con un pañuelo de papel o el codo, evitar tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca, y lavarse las manos con frecuencia.

**Si su hijo se enferma con una enfermedad similar a la gripe, comuníquese con su médico de cabecera tan pronto como comiencen los síntomas. Los síntomas de la gripe a menudo incluyen fiebre, tos, dolor de garganta, secreción nasal, dolores corporales, dolores de cabeza o fatiga.** Se ha demostrado que los medicamentos antivirales para la gripe

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