

Parent Note 05/17/2017

"The best way to show our gratitude to God and others is to accept everything with joy."

Blackboard Access is: bb.cdolinc.net

<http://worldbookonline.com/student>

<http://stjohnscoln.com/sj/index.shtm>

ATTENDANCE/OFFICE email is st.johns-office@cdolinc.net report all absences to this address.

Find us on Facebook! Follow St. John's School page by searching for St. John the Apostle, or go directly to www.facebook.com/stjohtheapostlelincoln and 'Like' us...

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS: Mondays, 8am – 3pm (NO Holidays). Please call if you need to drop something off to make sure we're around or drop off to the church office.

May 19: 8th grade Graduation 7:00 pm in church

Congratulations Graduates!!

May 22: Field Day with NU Day

(if we use the Rain date of May 23, school uniforms will be worn)

Lost & Found Items

Lost & Found is overflowing! We have set out tables to spread the items out, so please stop and pick up all lost items by the end of the school year. After that, all items will be donated to either our used uniforms or to Catholic Social Services. Thanks!

Office Email Update

The technology office has given us a new email to the office, without the apostrophe! ☺ IF you were having trouble, please try this one st.johns-office@cdolinc.net. IF you were reaching us with the other email, it will still work and we should receive it.

Updated Student/Parent Handbook 2017-2018

The Student / Parent handbook has been updated for the 2017-18 school year. Additions to health and safety concerns as well as updated academic and discipline policies, were added. Some minor changes were made to the dress code, along with a shift from NU Days to Jets Spirit Days. See attached for the Simplified Dress Code – or take a look at the entire updated handbook here: <http://www.stjohnscoln.com/sj/handbook.shtm> (website link) or check Blackboard under the Handbook section for both the handbook and the Simplified Dress Code information.

Your child is invited to join Page One!

Page One, now in the 11th year at St. John's, is a reading program for students entering grades 3-8. The children read a wide range of award winning books then participate in a "Fun Day" in March and a Diocesan-wide Competition in April. If your child is interested, please contact us so we can put you on our email list to make you aware of meetings and information. The book list is available at the Page One website (<http://nebpageone.weebly.com/>).

*Children entering grades 3 and 4 will read books on the Level 1 list, children entering grades 5 and 6 will read books from the Level 2 list and children entering grades 7 and 8 will read the Level 3 list. Please contact us with any questions or to get on our email list...amber.soden@gmail.com.

- Amber Soden, Becky Kramer and Melissa Tvrdy

ELEMENTARY SPANISH

All students 1st-5th will be bringing home their Spanish binders from this year soon. Please take time to look through it with them & see all of the amazing things they have learned this year! They are welcome to use it throughout the summer for practice if they wish. Please find a safe spot for it over the summer so that they can bring it back in the fall. **SAVE ALL PAPERS!** We are building a "book" & add a "chapter" every year they are in school, so each year's papers are important for reference, practice, & to save us from making lots of extra copies. If your child needs a new binder because it is falling apart or doesn't fit the requirements, please move all papers over to the new one.

JUNIOR HIGH SPANISH - Please watch for a letter & form being sent home soon about next year. 6th graders will have weekly ungraded Spanish during their study hall, but not until the spring semester. They should keep their binders & all papers. 7th & 8th graders can sign up for the graded elective class which will be held once a week during study hall period in the fall.

ALL CURRENT 6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS are asked to return their form by next Monday regardless of interest. !Gracias!
~ Senora Furasek

ClassBundl for school supplies 2017-18

We are excited to announce that our school is offering online school supplies through ClassBundl for the upcoming school year! You can simply search our school, select your student's classroom, and have their supplies bundled and shipped to your door. Each purchase earns 5% cash back to our school to fund projects. You can order convenient supplies online at <http://classbundl.com/order> starting June 1.

Home Run for Health-by Bryan Health

Thank you for helping us spread the word about our upcoming Bryan Health event at Haymarket Park! We're excited to be able to provide this FREE opportunity to the families in our community. Families will get to attend a Lincoln Saltdogs baseball game AND receive some great health/safety information during the pre-game event. We ask all of our exhibitors to provide *interactive* activities to make this a valuable learning opportunity.

Attached you will find a PDF of the "Home Run for Health" flier to advertise this June 9th event to the families in your school.

St. John Youth Choir

All students entering 5th grade through high school are invited to join the St. John Youth Choir. We practice most Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:30 and sing one Sunday per month. New members can start in June. We are under the direction of Mrs. Soukup and Carolyn Soukup. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Soukup at ellen-soukup@cdolinc.net and she will email you the necessary paperwork. If your student is currently in youth choir, there is no need to fill out new forms.

Summer Mathcounts at Pius

Ann Kotopka, Pius Academic Decathlon head coach and 12 year Mathcounts instructor, Grace Mohr, St. Teresa Algebra teacher and Mathcounts coach, and Chara Eckery, Pius math teacher, will be teaching a Mathcounts series of meetings at Pius throughout the summer for current 5th-8th graders on Wednesdays from 9:00am-10:30am. Each week will focus on a different topic with lecture, classroom and homework problem sets. This is a great way to keep math skills sharp throughout summer, in a non-competitive, open atmosphere. Registration will close with 60 students, so register early if interested. Registration forms can be found as an attachment 5.3.2017 or on Blackboard in Extra-Curricular Activities and Mathcounts section or by emailing Ann Kotopka at: mkotopka@gmail.com.

Middle School Summer Readers

Registration is now open for kids entering grades 6th-8th. This program promotes keeping kids reading all summer long, by meeting weekly in different venues around Lincoln. Registration forms can be found on the Page One website: <http://nebpageone.weebly.com/>, Bb site under Extra Curricular Activities and Page One folder or by contacting Ann Kotopka at mkotopka@gmail.com.

Tuition/Extended Care statements

Beginning next week, statements will be sent weekly until paid in full. Report cards, diplomas, etc. can be held for any unpaid balances (lunches, tuition, extended care, books fines or fees for unreturned books, etc.) **PLEASE take care of these now to eliminate confusion for your students on the last day of school at dismissal. Thank you!**

KFOR Summer Fun Punch Tickets – they are here!

Get your KFOR Summer fun Punch Tickets from the office starting April 24 for all your students. (One per student-they cannot share tickets) It is \$5 per ticket and money well spent. Please see the attachment on Bb for more details! All proceeds stay at school! Thank you!

Jim Rynearson Memorial Bike Ride Raffle

Raffle tickets are still being sold for the Jim Rynearson Memorial Bike Ride. Tickets are \$1 a piece for your chance to win a \$150 gift card to Hy-Vee. Money can be sent to the school office with your name and phone number. The ride will be May 20th at 9:00 AM in the YMCA Spirit Parking Lot. Participants can ride their bikes, walk, jog, rollerblade, etc....we are just encouraging families to get out and enjoy the outdoors! A free will brunch will be held in the St. John's social hall starting at 10:00 AM.

Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus will be June 19-23rd this year. Please complete the registration (found on Bb under special events) and send with check to the school office. ***(Please note: registration form and check must both be received to complete registration.)*** We are again limited to 100 students and space fills quickly-there is STILL ROOM!. If have any questions please contact Melissa Tvrdy at 402-707-9864 (call or text) or at melissatvrdy@gmail.com. We are also looking for host families for the four Totus Tuus teachers (1 family for the 2 women, and 1 family for the 2 men) if you have room and would like to host please let me know, and also for dinners for the team, and lunches to be brought in for the team. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. God bless.

Uniform Store Information

Katy Morphew & Jamie Jakub, parent volunteers, run the uniform store. Their contact information is: Katy, morphjkla@aol.com, and Jamie, jami ejakub@yahoo.com. Please email either of them with any questions.

Pius X Summer Soccer Camps

Check out the flyer on Blackboard for the Pius X Summer Soccer Camps (for incoming grade levels for 2017-18 school year) or to register online at Piusxboysoccer.com/summer-camp/ or for questions contact Micah Chaffee, micahchaffee@hotmail.com.

2017/18 High School Sports Physicals - Tuesday, May 23

The Pius X Booster Club will sponsor sports physicals on Tuesday, May 23, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at Pius X. Incoming 9th-12th grade Pius X students are eligible to attend. Volunteer Lincoln-area physicians conduct the exams at a low cost of \$15. Please make checks payable to the *Pius X Booster Club*. Participants must bring a completed 2017-18 NSAA Pre-participation Physical Form signed by a parent or legal guardian. Forms are available in May in the Pius X school office or on the Nebraska School Activities

Association website at www.nsaahome.org. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Moore at jake.moore@piusx.net.

Note: These are sports physicals and are not intended to replace a well-child checkup.

If you are a physician or nurse and are interested in volunteering to help conduct these physicals, please email your contact information to Mr. Moore at jake.moore@piusx.net.

Pius X Summer Camps

For a current list, visit www.piusx.net [Activities/Athletics - Summer Camps]. Continue to review these camps on the Pius X website as some changes may occur before the start date. Camp information is subject to change without notice. The costs listed are for early registration. Costs may increase after the registration deadline. Some camps offer a discount for a family that is registering more than one child. Registration forms may be found in the high school office and at www.piusx.net once they become available.

ATTENTION 8th GRADE BAND STUDENTS JOINING PIUS X BAND: Band Camp-Announcement from Mr. Jared Wilhelm, Pius X Band Director: We have set the dates: July 26th – July 28th and July 31st – August 4th. As in years past, we will be doing a morning session and an evening session. Please help your student keep these dates open. It is such an important time and in many ways will define our whole marching season.

Tryouts

Tryouts for both the Junior Legion baseball team, Sandhills Publishing, and for the reserve team, Driven Academy, is on May 14th at Pius X High School at 2pm. Tryouts are for incoming freshmen only.

"There is nothing we do more important on this planet than raise our kids" - Fr. Johnson

Below are links to all of the resources shared by our final HSA meeting speakers Jen and Matt Davis! It is never too late to start these on-going conversations with your kiddos!

BOOKS

*Bringing Up Geeks: How to Protect Your Kid's Childhood in a Grow-Up-Too-Fast World -

<http://tinyurl.com/l38e5hr>

*God's Design for Sex Series - <http://tinyurl.com/m25s84q>

*Good Pictures Bad Pictures: Porn-Proofing Today's Young Kids - <http://tinyurl.com/kebz66k>

*Wonderfully Made! Babies: A Catholic Perspective - <http://tinyurl.com/mmyoyz7>

*Beyond the Birds and the Bees: Raising Sexually Whole and Holy Kids - <http://tinyurl.com/kczw4ds>

WEB LINKS

**<http://www.covenanteyes.com/> - Internet filtering and accountability. (Free month trial and the Lincoln Diocese gets \$20 when you use the code LINCOLN)

**<http://www.lincolndiocese.org/internet-pr.../tools-for-parents> (SO much great stuff here!)

*<http://educateempowerkids.org/> - Information and encouragement for parents

*<http://www.smartgirlsociety.org/> - How to remain safe on social media

*<http://cmgparent.org/> - Learn how to protect your kid from internet dangers and how to guide them

*<http://www.infoforfamilies.com/> - Helping regular families stay informed

*<http://www.protectourkids.com.au/> - Online safety. Every child. Every home.

*<http://integrityrestored.com/> - Help restore the integrity of individuals affected by pornography/addiction

NWU Men's BB Camp 2017

Wesleyan's mens basketball camp information is available on Bb and will be attached to the 5.3.2017 Parent Note. Registration can be printed and mailed to NWU Men's Basketball, various camps in June and July and Grades 3-8 & Grades 3-12 for 2017-18. Contact Dale Wellman, head coach, for questions at dwellman@nebrwesleyan.edu or 402-465-2163.

Upcoming Events

May 17	8 th Graders to Mass – Cathedral
May 19	8 th Grade Graduation- 7 pm
May 21	Pius X Graduation
May 22	Field Day-NU Day
May 23	Rain Date for Field Day
May 24	Last Day of School- 10:00 AM Dismissal
May 16-??	Library Closed for summer renovations
June 19-23	Totus Tuus & VBS Week

First Day of School for 2017-18 is Wednesday August 16, 8am – 12 noon (NO Extended Care this day)