

SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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Football Mania:

Mary Ellen Berning is our \$25 winner for week #2 of Football Mania. Congratulations!

Great job to everyone who purchased and sold Football Mania tickets. This year we sold 279 tickets and made a \$3,906.00 profit for our school. Way to go everyone and thanks so much for supporting St. Joseph School!

Help our School:

As you know, we have many little items that we collect to help our school. We are currently collecting Prairie Farms Milk Caps and Moola Milk Caps. We also collect Box Tops for Education. We still collect IGA bar codes until the end of October, but they are discontinuing this program.

We now have a new one for people who like Coke products. It is called Coke Give. Feel free to check it out by going to: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/>

All you have to do is go to this site; scroll down to the bottom where it says Give; click on Donate to our School; type in the zip code for our school; set up your email and password; and then type in the codes. There are different values for each product, but we can earn anywhere between \$.05 and \$.30 for the various Coke products. If you do not want to enter the codes yourself, please send them in to school and we will enter them for you.

As you know, every little bit counts. Thanks so much for helping our school.

Bookmobile:

The Hazel Green Public Library is continuing to offer the Bookmobile to our students this year. In fact, the students had a chance to check out books yesterday. Megan, our librarian, will be coming to our school every other Thursday. All of the students in 4K-8 have a library card and can check out 3 books. The students can take these books home to read and then bring them back to school before the next Bookmobile date. Our next bookmobile will be October 5th. We are working with Megan to get our 3K students started after the first of the year.

The students can have an extension on their books if they need more time to read them. You may also request books and Megan will try to locate them for you.

We just ask that you keep the books in a special spot in your home to help avoid them being misplaced. If you have any questions about our Bookmobile program, please let me know. Happy Reading!

Mulligan Baskets:

Please remember to send your money to school for the Mulligan Baskets by October 3rd so that the teachers can start purchasing the items for their class basket. These baskets are part of the Silent Auction at the Mulligan and the proceeds help the parish and the school. Thank you so much for your help with this activity.

STAR 360 Testing:

The students have been taking their STAR 360 tests these past two weeks. The students in grades 5-8 are finished and the 3rd and 4th graders will be finishing next week. Our diocese has switched over to this form of assessment last year after using the ITBS assessment for a number of years.

ITBS was a summative test that only gave us information on how each student was doing during the second week in October each year. This test was not given again until the following year so it was hard to see true growth.

With the STAR 360 assessments, the students are tested in the areas of reading and math. The tests are taken on a computer, the tests are customized for each student, and the results are generated quickly. The tests take anywhere between 20 and 30 minutes to take, so we are not losing part of a week of instruction like we did with the ITBS assessment. We will be giving STAR tests at least three times during the school year which will give us a true reading of student growth as well as areas each student needs to work on.

We will be sharing the results of the tests with you at Fall Conferences. If you would like to see them sooner, please give me a call and I can have you stop in and I can share them with you.

Mark Your Calendar:

9/25-A-Girls Volleyball Game at Cuba City

9/27-B-Girls Home Volleyball Games

9/29-No School

10/15-St. Joseph Parish Mulligan

Have a great weekend!

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