



SJA Today - September 1, 2009

Saint Joseph Academy - Established 1896

Montessori Children's House | Elementary School | Middle School

WELCOME BACK!

Dear SJA Families,

The floors are polished, the classrooms are set up, the new materials have been unpacked--we're ready for a new year of exploration and discovery! Are you?

Can you believe that this is the 113th year that new students have come through the doors of Saint Joseph Academy? As always, they come full of the promise of a new school year--new skills, new life lessons, new and renewed friendships, and your vital



support as loving and encouraging parents. We hope you will continue to journey with us, despite the occasional bump along the way. Our alumni, students and families tell us every year that it is all worth it!

See you at our **Open House** on Thursday, September 3rd, 11am to 1pm, Adrian and Tecumseh campuses.



Peace,

Sister Pat Fischer, Principal (pfischer@sjaschool.org) and Pam Esterline, Director of Montessori (pesterline@sjaschool.org)

We need soccer coaches and "helpers" for our Fall soccer program--soccer expertise not required! Please contact the office if you can lend a hand (263-4898 x10 or info@sjaschool.org). Thank you!

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

Toddlers: Jack Engle, Ava Fowler, Paige Luck, Troy McLaughlin, Muriel Winkhofer, Margurite Zellen

Preprimary Adrian: Owen Barber, Lily Bayles, Matthew Canales, Andrew Engle, Chloe Griffiths, Braden Hanosh, Jonah Heckman, Pender Liberi, Rosemary Olsaver, Conner Pino, Avery Sieler, Genevieve Zellen

Preprimary Tecumseh: Daniel Mattson & Zoe Rymanowicz

1st Grade: Ethan Schattner & William Urbanic

3rd Grade: Alexandria Ford

4th Grade: Katelyn Weatherford & Isabel Valdez

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu - Sep 3
Open House for all students and their families, 11 am to 1 pm, both campuses.

We've Been Busy...

Coming back from summer vacation you will notice our improvements:

- New toddler play equipment and landscaping at our east entrance was installed in June (from a grant by the Hickman Family Foundation).
- Our front entrance got a face-lift. Old bushes that had grown over our railings were removed in August. Now you can really see our beautiful school!
- Showcases on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd floors were repainted and shelves were installed.
- A new sign will be installed in our "front yard" soon so that the community will be able to know exactly where St. Joseph Academy is.
- Tecumseh campus received safety updates to the playground, powerwashings, and trim paint.
- New resources for 2nd-8th grade English and Math are now available at the school to reinforce learning.
- New "State of Michigan" materials for 3rd grade will enhance their social studies learning.

Montessori Program

These are our Magnificent Montessori educators for 2009-2010:

Tecumseh--Terri Kaczor, Monica Ireland, Karen Merrell

Toddlers--Peggy Simms, Tracy Clegg, Mary Rossman, Carey Wilson



Planners are required for students in grades 3-8 and will be available for \$5 outside the office.

Mon - Sep 7
Labor Day

Tue - Sep 8

- Classes begin for grades 1-8 (full day, 8 am to 3:15 pm) and Montessori Group A students begin Orientation schedule
- TAP orders processed, 8:30 am

Wed - Sep 9

Classes begin for Montessori Group B students, Orientation Schedule.

Sun - Sep 13

SJA Golf Outing, Lenawee Country Club

Mon - Sep 14

- TAP orders processed, 8:30 am
- Family Directory and Emergency info due to office
- Soccer Registration Due
- Advisory Council, 7 pm

Mon - Sep 21

- TAP orders processed, 8:30 am
- Fall Soccer begins, 3:20-4:20 pm (K-8)

Thu - Sep 24

- Opening Mass, 8:30 am Lumen Chapel
- All Parent Meeting, 6:30 pm Cafeteria (Adrian campus)
- Curriculum Night for Elementary & Middle School and for Adrian Montessori Programs, 7:15 pm

Thu - Oct 1

Curriculum Night Tecumseh Campus, 6:30-7:30 pm

Adrian AM--Debra Cagle & Rose Camahan; Linda Salenbien & Coral Sackett; Mikie Rion & Shayna Elliot

Adrian PM--Linda Salenbien & Coral Sackett; Valorie Veld & Shayna Elliot; Deb Starinki & Rose Camahan



Elementary & Middle School Program

This year we will again be featuring multi-grade classrooms for the middle school program. Fifth Grade is now considered part of the Middle School Program, though they are "transitional" and so will not have all privileges quite yet.

We are excited to tell you about our "Starting Line-Up" of Excellent Educators for the 2009-2010 school year:

- Mrs. Zaszczurynski: 1st grade homeroom, 1st-4th math, computers, social studies
- Mrs. Ewert: 2nd grade homeroom, 1st & 2nd language arts
- Mrs. Ledergerber: 3rd & 4th grade homerooms, 3rd & 4th language arts, social studies
- Mrs. Machniak: 5th-8th religion & social studies, 1st-8th art & Spanish
- Mrs. Knape: 5/6 homeroom, 5th-8th math & language arts
- Mrs. Anderson: 7/8 homeroom, 1st-8th gym & science
- Mrs. Collings: 1st-8th music
- Sister Pat Magee: 1st-4th religion
- Mrs. Wathen: 5th-8th computers
- Mrs. Veld: Library

Teachers can't wait to see you at the Open House!

Prayer Request

The parents of teacher Sarah Anderson were recently in an auto accident and Sarah's mother is in critical condition. Please keep Mrs. Anderson and her family in your prayers.

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