



January 16 - 20, 2017

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.

MONDAY – NO SCHOOL

Thank you to Jackson Police; Lieutenant John Convery, Officers Colin Menafra, John Pejoski and Ralph Seda for providing our teachers with a very informative workshop regarding ALICE Training, a program that offers preparation and planning for an active shooter response. Although we are not adopting the program as a whole, we discussed multiple scenarios and worked through various simulations. I pray we will never need to use our training, but I am proud of our faculty and staff for their commitment to the safety and security of our school and students.

WEDNESDAY

Please look for RE-REGISTRATION information in this week's red folder. The process is different this year. All information will be sent with the re-registration forms.

Also, please look for St. Jude's Math-a-thon sign up sheets in the red folders.

FRIDAY

Our Student Council is hosting a dance this evening for our Middle School from 7:00 – 10:00 in the cafeteria. At the end of the evening, please make sure an adult comes in to the school to pick up the students. No child will be released without an adult.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2017 is January 29 - February 4. The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." During the week we will focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

We have two Open House dates; Sunday, January 29 from 9 AM until 12 PM and Friday, February 3 from 10:30 AM until 11:30 AM. For our Sunday Open House we hope that our students will be a shining presence during all masses and ask that all students please wear their school uniform and sit together. We are in need of student tour guides. Please sign up on our [online sign up](#) sheet. All students are welcome and we will buddy our younger students up with our older students. Spread the word for our Open Houses all are welcome!

TUITION ASSISTANCE

Applicants can apply online by going to <https://online.factsmgmt.com>. Online applications are available in English and Spanish. In order to be considered for tuition assistance for Round 1, applications and all required supporting documentation must be submitted to FACTS by **March 3, 2017**. The deadline for Round 2 is May 15, 2017. The application fee is \$30 and must be paid online at the time you submit your application. Forms of payment include debit cards, most major credit cards or an electronic check.

In order to help families that may be unfamiliar with online applications or families that may not have easy access to the technology needed to complete the online application, the Diocese has partnered with several schools to offer Online FACTS Application Workshops during February and March. Staff and FACTS representatives will be on-hand to walk families through the application process. A list of workshops can be found on our school website.

P.T.A. NEWS

Gift Auction News:

Solicitors needed! If you are willing and able to solicit local businesses please sign-up online OR send an email to:

stalspta@staloyssiusschool.com

This is an easy way to help and remember all proceeds benefit our students!

Donations needed - Have gifts from Christmas you don't need or want? Donate them to the Gift Auction! Send in any item to school, labeled "Gift Auction" or drop off to the front office. OR check our "Wish List" on the website and/or feel free to drop off any item you wish to donate. And we will take any **donations of ribbon or baskets**, just drop them off to the front office.

Tickets/Pre-Paid Raffle Discounted Tickets are **on sale NOW!** Please check your mail and/or our website for details.

Catholic Schools Week:

Mega Party - volunteers needed to help at this fun annual event - Sign-up online on the school website.

Upcoming Events:

[Dining to Donate](#) - Panera Bread Thursday January 26, 2017 4-8pm

[Winter Social](#) - Friday February 10, 2017 (Grades K-5) Flyers on website

[Gift Auction](#) - Friday March 3, 2017

Have a great GATOR week!

Peace,
Ms. O'Connor