St. Joseph Academy

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A NOTE FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO, DR. TABIA N. JONES

Greetings Good People,

Proverbs 15:22 reads *"Without counsel, plans fail, with many advisors, they succeed."*

This Academy year has been a busy one! It is an anniversary year. Our organization opened its doors in May 1908. One hundred and fifteen years later, we are still here serving our community and we are welcoming both new and internal faces into leadership roles as well as academic strategic planning for the future.

Strategic Planning is a way to discuss the intricacies of our achievement/successes and then set priorities for the future, while ensuring that we are working toward our mission, vision and goals. This planning also includes identifying areas that need special attention including the threats, strategies, and opportunities for continued success.

Strategic planning is a collaborative process, and the outcomes are consequential. Every person's voice and participation is vital in developing our priorities and making progress on our goals and objectives. SJA just completed Session 4 of four planning and feedback sessions to set our academic approach in place for the next five (5) years.

OUR MISSION

St. Joseph Academy is a Catholic educational organization sponsored by the Felician Sisters. Our mission is to educate children to be successful life-long learners and problem solvers. We are guided by the Felician values for Ministry: Respect for Human Dignity, Compassion, Justice and Peace, Transformation and Solidarity with People in Need. We partner with families and community to fulfill this mission.

Parents, staff, and Board members have participated in this process. I'm excited by the many great ideas and feedback that have been presented due to our discussions.

From these planning meetings, recommendations will be formed and presented to our Board of Directors. They will then review, possibly make suggestions, to form the final version of the SJA strategic plan.

It is exciting to see all of the ideas and hard work come together into a guide that we will use to better support our students.

Thank you again for your continued support!

If you would like more information, I can be reached via email at tjones@sjamilwaukee.org or phone (414) 645-5337 ext. 269. Additionally, if you would like a tour, please let me know. We would be more than happy to schedule a visit.

For the Children,
Dr. Tabia N. Jones

WELCOME NEW PRINCIPAL, MARLENE FIGUEROA

Hello Saint Joseph Academy Friends,

I feel blessed to be joining the SJA family! My name is Marlene Figueroa, and I will begin the 2023-24 school year as your new principal.

I wanted to give you some information about myself and what to expect in this upcoming school year.

As I mentioned in my interview, I am a mom of three beautiful children, a wife, a passionate educator and a woman of faith. My goal is to work collaboratively with students, families, and fellow educators to create the best learning environment at Saint Joseph Academy.

After learning of the Felician Sisters' Core Values, I am excited to educate the whole child! Providing not only opportunities to grow academically and socially emotionally, but in their faith.

Currently, I am a Bilingual Instructional Coach providing to a middle school. I consider myself an instructional leader and have over ten years of experience working with multilingual learners.

I am committed to work tirelessly this summer to intentionally plan for the upcoming school year with the support of Dr. Tabia Jones and Scott Hanson.

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Our Early Childhood children were able to pet and learn about some interesting animals from GEE Family Farms. They had the opportunity to interact with snakes, rabbits, chinchillas, goats and more. We thank GEE Family Farms for bringing some of the animals from their farm to St. Joseph Academy.

MISSION CORNER:
By Sr. Carlotta Myszka

It has been an exciting and busy time for us in the Faith Formation & Mission & Outreach Offices. We were excited to welcome Sister Catherine Marie Rotterman, our Felician Novice, and Monica Edaburn, a Felician Postulant, to SJA mid –January. Sr. Catherine spent her time here providing tutoring assistance to the children at SJA through the end of March. Monica spent her time working in the Early Childhood.

In January, we were excited to welcome our new Faith Formator, Diana Aponte, to our team. She has been a tremendous help in growing our children's faith.

Lent 2023 - On Ash Wednesday, ashes were distributed to the students in their classrooms. The Stations of the Cross were offered to the classrooms who wished to have them presented to the children. Several of the lower grades took advantage of this time of reflection.

As Easter approached, we partnered with our neighbor and Felician Ministry, Villa St. Francis. The staff and residents put together an Easter Egg Hunt for our 2nd Grade students and our students decorated their outdoor walkways following the hunt.

Growing the Faith - On May 6, children who attended their 1st Communion classes and received 1st Reconciliation were baptized and received 1st communion. Five children were baptized and 37 received 1st communion at St. Raphael the Archangel Church. Father Carlos Londono presided over the service.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, June 2 – Completion Ceremonies & Summer Celebration

Monday, July 17, Annual Golf Outing

Sr. Agnessine Scholarship Appeal, May - June

Sponsor a Classroom Campaign, June – August

Sr. Brendan Scholarship Appeal July - August

Angel Shop – December 15, 18, 19, 20.

FREE WAYS TO HELP

- **Save your Coca Cola Caps or Codes from soda cases and turn in to SJA or select us to receive funds at cocacola.com/gives.**
- **Shop Office Depot? Give our code at checkout or online 70236697 to receive 5 % back.**
- **Print from home or work? Save your empty printer cartridges and donate to SJA. We recycle them for cash!**

There are lots of ways to help at SJA! If you would like to volunteer, please contact Kim Schubring for an application and background check form. Here are just a few ways you can help!

- Mystery Readers – September – May.
- Garden Help – Tuesdays & Thursdays, AM June – October.
- Weeding on the grounds.
- Cleaning Toys & Play spaces.
- Office Work.
- Library Help – September – May.
- Angel Shop – more information on pg. 6
- Special Event Helpers.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT – GRACE CZARNECKI!

Thank you to one of our donors who made a difference for our children year round! A retired teacher, Grace knows the importance of education and giving children what they need. In Fall she donated a piano, delivery & tuning to our Music program; school supplies for students; and books. In December she donated over 300 new items to our Angel Shop! In March, she surprised us with 47 Easter baskets that were given to our 1st Graders. Thanks Grace for all that you do for the children!

VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE!!!!

February 13 - Thank you to our amazing volunteers who came in to help pack our Lead Safe Kits for families with risk of lead exposure in their homes. We are blessed to have ***staff, board members, volunteers from First Federal Bank, parents & even students*** helping! Thank you to United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County for funding the kits valued at $10,000.

February 20 – Thank you First Federal Bank Volunteers for sorting and packing COVID-19 test kits for teachers to be able to hand out to students before they left for Spring Break. The kits were be used to test themselves prior to returning from break.

April 17-Novir & 16th Street Community Health Center

Novir & 16th Street Community Health Center partnered with SJA to provide Lead Safe Workshop to families! 16th Street provided the free workshop and Novir assisted with check-in and childcare. Thank you to our volunteers for your help!

Thank you to our Donors giving at our highest levels January – April 2023.

St. Joseph Society – Gifts of $10,000 & up

- DCF Childcare Counts Program
- DPI School Nutrition Department
- United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

St. Felix Level – Gifts of $5,000-$9,999

Blessed Mother Angela - Gifts of $1,000 - $4,999

- Felician Services
- Dr. Leslie Hertz
- Mark & Lisa Schafale
- Terry & Jennifer Schweizer
- Walmart Foundation

MUSIC PROGRAM

90 – 1 inch Black 3 ring binders with pockets.

GARDEN

Seed Packets, Medium terra cotta pots with lids, All Purpose Garden Soil for In-Ground Use, Rinsed out Gallon Milk Jugs.

SCHOOL SUPPLY NEEDS

Backpacks & School Supplies – Now – August 2023

ANGEL SHOP

Have new or gently used items that you would like to donate? Please consider donating them to the Angel Shop!
Accepting donations Now – December 8.

Contact kschubring@sjamilwaukee.org to make a donation.

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Monday, July 17th, Tuckaway Country Club

SOLD OUT!!!! Limited Sponsorships still available!

This year's 2023 St. Joseph Academy Golf Outing presented in ***Memory of John & Betty Maliszewski*** is **SOLD OUT!** Our event will be held on Monday, July 17th at Tuckaway Country Club & Golf Course in Franklin, WI.

Interested in golfing, but didn't get in? Contact Kim, kschubring@sjamilwaukee.org to be added to the waiting list.

Can you provide a raffle item, raffle baskets or a donation? Interested in being a sponsor? Contact Kim if you can help. The following sponsorships are available:

1 left - Hit the Green Sponsor - $100/each
11 left Hole Sponsorships - $500/each
1 Golf Cart Sponsorship - $2,500
1 Social Hour Sponsorship - $2,000
4 left - Poker Contest Sponsor - $100/each
1 Beverage Cart Sponsorship - $1,750
1 Tee Gift Sponsorship - $3,000
1 Dinner Sponsorship - $3,000

ANGEL SHOP SUPPORT NEEDED!!!!

In December 2022, over 1300 gifts were selected for family and friends by almost 300 students! It was truly amazing! Can you support our 2023 Angel Shop? Here's the ways you can help!

- Donations of new or gently used items for all ages: children, teenagers, adults & older adults, even pets! ***Examples:***
  Kids – Arts & Crafts sets, toys, board games, toys, pokemon, soccer balls, video games or handheld devices, children's movies, action figures, hotwheels, dolls, etc.
  Teens - small denomination ($5-$10) gift cards for Roboblox, Target, Walgreens, Culver's, MacDonald's, Dominos, Cousins, Subway, etc. jewelry, makeup, etc.
  Adults - Ladies: Candles, make-up, nail polish, handsoap, lotions, small kitchen items, hand towels, home decor items, hot cocoa/mug combinations, jewelry, purses, scarves, hats, mittens, tools, Adult coloring books, puzzles, figurines, Christmas Decor, socks, slippers, blankets, soccer items, Men: wallets, cologne, perfume, men's ties, men's personal care items, baseball hats, sports items (especially soccer related), fishing items, auto care items, etc.
  Pets - pet toys,
  We accept any items that supporters think would make a great gift. Our most needed items are for Men & Teens, although we are also very low on Kids Toys.
- Donations of Wrapping Paper, Gift Bags, Bows, Tissue Paper
- Monetary Donations to cover costs associated with the program and to set-up a fund for children who would like to shop, but do not have the money to do so.
- Volunteers – Set-Up Thursday, Dec. 14, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm; Friday, Dec. 15, Mon. Dec.18, Tues. Dec. 19, Wed. Dec. 20 Shift 1: 8:30 – 10:30 am Shift 2: 12:30-3:30 pm. Tear Down – Thursday, Dec. 21, 8:30 am – 2:00 pm.

Collection Goal: We are looking to collect 1,500 - 2,500 items. We are anticipating Academy enrollment to be around 550 and want to ensure that children are able to shop for up to 5-6 people.

Items needed by: Items are collected year round. Final donations for the 2023 Angel Shop are needed by Friday, December 8. All donations that come in after will likely be put away for the 2024 Shop Year.

For larger donations (3 or more bags/boxes), please contact Kim to schedule a drop-off time so that we can assist you. For smaller donations (1-2 Bags/Boxes), you are welcome to contact me to schedule drop-off, however if it is more convenient for you, you can drop them off any time we are open in our Main Office. Our hours are Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5:30 pm. Times to avoid during school year due to high volumes of traffic are 8:00-8:30 am and 3:00-3:45 pm. Summer Hours M-F, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm.

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