

Message from Principal Braun

“Let the children come to me”! How blessed our community is to have St. Joseph School. It is such an awesome task to assist parents in raising their children and seeing that they grow in the faith. The staff is so excited to get started; let the children come to us! This letter will explain some of the pertinent information about the school.

The school handbook can be found online at stjosephpierre.k12.sd.us or pick up a hard copy at the school office.

Lunch-Hot lunches are served daily.

- All children eating the lunch provided by the school are required to take milk unless we have a written permission for them not to. (Please explain the difference between 1% milk (green container) and skim (pink container). Milk is provided as part of the meal. The children are encouraged to try all the foods offered but are only asked to finish **one** item on the tray.
- Menus will be sent home and placed on the website by the beginning of each month. They are also announced on KCCR each morning.
- Prepay for lunch and when the account is low one parent of the family will be notified.
- St. Joseph School is a peanut free facility. Lunches cannot contain peanuts or peanut byproducts.
- Meals from restaurants, soda, and candy are not prohibited.
- Please look over the qualifications for free and reduced lunch. The more families we have who qualify, the more federal funds received.
- Treats brought for the class need to be healthy snacks. Google healthy snacks and over 32,000,000 results come up giving you plenty of ideas.

Milk Break: Children have the opportunity to have a milk break in the morning or afternoon (teacher’s choice). Please purchase a milk ticket if you believe your child would benefit from this. Students may also bring water from home.

Dress code: Neat and modest are the key! The dress code policy is in the Handbook on pages 7 and 8. Because of the comments on the end of the year evaluation, the staff must be more diligent in following school policy. So clothing that snuck by last year may not this year. The biggest offenders seem to be:

- Shorts must reach the middle of the thigh
- Tops must have a sleeve
- Leggings cannot be worn as pants, the rear must be covered
- Mass days dress should be a step up from “regular days”.

Drop Off: The doors open about 7:40 each morning. **All** children are to enter at the north end of the building, where Mrs. Braun usually is. Parents who walk their children in should park north of the school, not by the doors. Parents who drop off, the children should be on the driver’s side and ready to slide out. Please drive up to the farthest cone before stopping, as this allows many families to drop off at the same time.

Medicine: It is best if parents can come to the school to administer medicine. However, when this is not possible, a medicine release form can be completed to allow school officials to give it. Medicine must come in its original container and be carried in and picked up by the parent. Please speak with Mrs. Braun if you feel your child must carry the inhaler. Teachers should be notified if children are on any medications long term; this allows us to watch for symptoms.

Happenings: Extra activities are generally listed on the lunch calendar and the teachers’ wiki space. These can be found at stjosephpierre.k12.sd.us, click on staff and you will find a link to the wiki space. There is also a note from the principal on the back of the menu which provides you with even more information.

Assignment Book or Home Folders: These are designed to provide you with pertinent information about your child, what your child is learning, homework, or missing work. They are also an excellent tool to communicate with the teacher, just jot them a note.

Thank you for entrusting your child to us! It will be a great year!