

From the Principal's Desk

UPDATES

Just a reminder to all our school families that playground supervision will not begin until 8:00 am. First bell will continue to be at 8:10.

Our bus service pick up time for the end of the school day has once again changed for the 2011-12 school year. The change will only affect bus riders at dismissal. Durham Bus Service has requested that all buses stop in front of the school on Rt. 14 at around 2:35 – 2:45 pm to pick up St. Joseph's School children.

OPEN HOUSE

On Tuesday, August 30th starting at 6:30pm we will have our school Open House. This year we are very pleased to have the Diocese of Rockford Superintendent of Catholic Education, Mr. Michael Kagan be our guest speaker. I will also be giving a "State of the School Address" and we will be unveiling our new 2011-12 Family Handbook. This will also be a great time to meet and greet the teachers (especially our new teachers) and ask any questions you may have concerning your child's education.

GOING GREEN

St. Joseph's School will be "Going Green" this year in an attempt to help the environment, develop less waste and save money. Much of the monthly paper work that goes home will now be found on the school's website (we have already been doing this the past few years). Some of the things you will find on the school's website will include the principal's newsletter, hot lunch info, the monthly school calendar and our new Family Handbook. These items and most other home correspondence will now be found only on the school website, www.stjoeharvard.org/school.htm. If you do not have a home computer please make a request to the school office by August 19th for your monthly hard copies.

OLD COMPUTERS

With the addition of 22 new laptop computers, we will have a number of our “older computers” for sale to our school families. I will have our computer company go through to make sure we sell only our best working computers. We will sell them for around \$25 each. If you wish to purchase one of these computers please contact the school office.

NO CROSSING GUARD

Due to the lack of students who utilize the crossing guard and also due to a lack of funding, the City of Harvard has decided to not employ a guard to cross students who walk across Rt. 14. If any family sees the need for a child to cross Rt. 14 please contact the school office so we can set up a staff member to help them cross safely.

YEARBOOKS

The yearbooks just arrived and they look great. If you wish to purchase a wonderful memory book from the 2010-11 school year, you can pick them up from the school office for just \$10.00 per copy. I would like to thank Tina Viray for all of her hard work in developing this outstanding keepsake.