

TIGER TALES

St. Joseph School providing Catholic Education for 125 years
Written by a tale-telling teacher

What a fantastic start to the 2016-2017 school year we have had at St. Joseph School! Monday morning I was walking up the school stairwell, listening to Mrs. Ferrell's Music class singing and I had to stop and thank God for such blessings! Being a school teacher is its own satisfying reward, but being a school teacher in a place that begins each morning with prayer, can use the bible as a constant resource without fear of prosecution and quite literally sings God's praises daily is a whole different level of joy and contentment! I am a tale-telling teacher from SJS and I am happy to be writing this article! My hope for the next year is to deliver SJS news to our supportive community, keeping you all in the know of the goings-on inside the walls of our beloved SJS!

Since starting school this year on August 15, SJS has celebrated Mass weekly, visited the nursing homes once a week, played a few volleyball and football games, had a couple pep-rallies, rested on Labor Day, honored our grandparents and remembered our great country in our prayers on 9/11. We have had lots of learning going on, focusing on the 6 Rs... Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, Religion, Respect & Responsibility. School reminders, rules and policies have been sent home in Friday Folders, placed on the school website and phoned out through school messenger – and our pick-up line has achieved a 12 minute start-to-finish load time (according to the 3:35 release bell)!!! We have welcomed new staff to the campus, including Mr. Sean Mooney as principal, Ms. Laney Barnes coaching PE and athletics, Mrs. Shannon Dreitner in the office and Mrs. Julia Prasek in the library. We are grateful to so many volunteers helping out this year, including all of our Football coaching staff, under the guidance of Coach JC Hermes. We especially thank Yoakum ISD Superintendent, Mr. Tom Kelley, and all of his team who always go above and beyond to help us to be so successful through the generous lunch, facility, and special needs contracts established and maintained.

After last week's long days of ITBS testing, SJS is excited to rally for the 2016 Homecoming – celebrating 125 years as a school!!! Tuesday evening, we had our first Tiger Tailgate Homecoming Party on the school grounds – so much spirit, pizza, cake and car-painting! We welcome all to come celebrate Mass Wednesday morning at 8:05 and we also invite all SJS students, parents, friends, family and alumni to join us at Bulldog Stadium, Wednesday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m. for the 2016 Homecoming Football Game! GO TIGERS!!!