

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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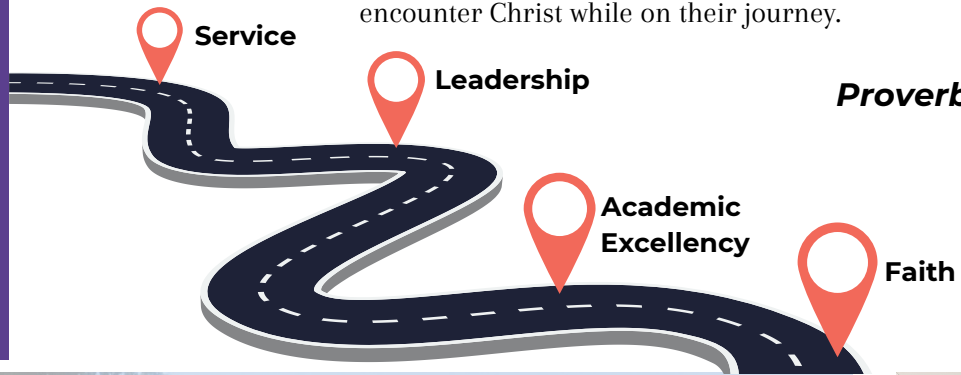


September 8th - September 14th

On Our Journey

Lighting a Path to a Higher Purpose

St. Joseph Community School's mission is that we are here to lead students to their fullest potential. We focus on four main categories: *academic excellency, faith, leadership, and service*. All of these categories are meant for them to thrive and also encounter Christ while on their journey.



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“At St. Joe's, my faith was cultivated and intertwined with academics, volunteering, and athletics, and truly everything that we did. This was so valuable and formative during my growing up years, alongside what I was learning at home and at church about my faith.”

Lydia Gessner // Class of '16



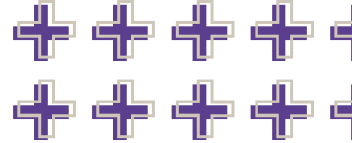
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UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Thursday September 12, 2024

- After School Cheer Camp from 3:30pm to 5pm at the NH Elementary School

Thursday September 12, 2024

- 4th Grade Farm Safety Day Field Trip 🚗🌾
- All School Strengthening and Stretching Class

Friday September 6th, 2024

- Children's Mass at 8:30am
- Cheer Camp Performance 🏆

Monday September 9th, 2024

- Friends of St. Joseph Community School at 5:30pm in the Gathering Space

Visit our school [calendar](#) to see more upcoming events!

ATHLETICS EVENTS HAPPENING

Tuesday September 10th, 2024

- 8th Grade Volleyball at Cresco high school gym at 4:15pm

Thursday September 12th, 2024

- 8th Grade Volleyball at Charles City middle school gym at 4:15pm

Visit the [calendar](#) to see more upcoming events!

OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am

Breakfast is served
7:45am-8:00am

School day begins
8:05am

School day ends 3:15pm



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REMINDERS AND NOTES



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COMMUNITY SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO
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ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A
SPRING LAUNCH WITH FUN NEW
ITEMS!

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MEET THE TEAMS

SPECIALS

ART

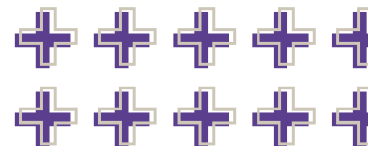
This week in art students were reacquainted with, and for some introduced to, the art room. Class started with a discussion over how the world is filled with color and specifically the primary colors. Students then listened to the book *Broken Crayons Still Color* by Toni Collier. We talked about emotions and how colors can reflect how we are feeling. We also talked about how our art can make someone else feel something. This book helped remind students that even when their feelings are big and messy God can still make masterpieces out of them.

- Mrs. Boge, Ms. McDonald

EARLY CHILDHOOD

For **3 year old preschool** this week we have been doing a lot of work on our fine motor skills and social emotional learning. We have been working on how to use our words to let someone know we would like them to stop, how we feel, and to take a deep breath when someone makes us feel upset. We even practiced saying these things to our puppet friends. We had a new puppet friend join our class, Josie, and she will be apart of our class this year along with Joey to help teach us about emotions and ways to be a good friend. We worked with dot dobbers, pencils, and playdough to work on different fine motor skills. Last but not least for phonics, we reviewed our letters Aa and Rr from last week and added the letters Ss and Cc this week. We have been using a lot of different motions to help us learn the sounds each letter makes and a special song to help learn about rhyming words. It was a short week, but a great week together.- **Mrs. Schueth**

This week in **4 year old preschool**, we continued adding to our routines. We started our stretching each morning to get our bodies and brains ready to learn. The literacy center, light table, and play dough center were added to our center time options. The preschoolers are working hard to remember to clean up centers when they are done playing and learning how to wait to play in a center that is full. They enjoyed a listening to mystery sounds and guessing what they were....they did a great job! - **Mrs. Abbott**



EARLY CHILDHOOD

This week we started our first social studies unit on why we have rules. Rules are there to keep us safe so we can have fun and learn. As a part of this we continue to work on following expectations and staying safe and learning here at school. In math we have been categorizing items by count. Sorting things based on how many items are in a group. In reading we have been learning how to use our materials and following a rotation schedule. We are learning to write our letters in handwriting and learned the capital letter A and M this week. In writing we worked on writing our names with only the first letter capitalized and the rest lowercase. - **Mrs. Westwater**

In religion this week we continued to work on the Sign of the Cross. We created prayer buddies to help us practice moving our hands in the correct order. We also went into the church to practice blessing ourselves with holy water and genuflecting before going into our pew. We started a new book collection this week that has books about starting kindergarten. We enjoyed guessing which vehicle was pulling up to the bus stop next in "The Bus for Us". In math, we are working with the numbers 4 and 5. We are enjoying being astronauts in training as we work through our space themed handwriting lessons. We learned to write the capital letter A this week. In our phonics lessons, we have been working with words such as first, next, last, beginning, middle, end, above, and below. Understanding these words will help us build foundational skills in reading. The kindergarteners have been doing a great job of learning their morning routine. It is exciting to see them independently check in on their iPads, fill their water bottles, and settle in to their day.

- **Mrs. Flugum**

This week we have really started diving into learning and setting up our routines. The students are doing very well with this. In religion this week we have been reading from the Children's bible and learning more about God. We then pray our special intentions as a class. These students have such big hearts! In math we are learning addition of 6, 7, 8, and 9. It is very helpful to give them some practice questions at home to keep their minds sharp and help them with fact fluency as well. In writing we are working on writing a complete sentence. This requires 5 things. It must start with an uppercase letter, have a subject, a predicate, be a complete thought, and end with an ending mark. Orally they do a great job! In reading we are learning about the centers we go to, what the noise level looks and sounds like, etc. Basically reviewing the expectations to set them up for success. Please remember to sign their reflection sheets in their Friday folder and return tomorrow! Enjoy the rest of your Sunday!- **Mrs. Heying**

MEET THE TEAMS

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

We jumped right into our math lessons with word problems to use addition or subtraction. This has been challenging because they have to look for key words to help decide the operation to use. Our first test will be the middle of next week. The students learned about the four kinds of sentences and used them to write a draft about themselves. We have read some great stories about taking care of family and showing kindness to others even when it is a challenge. On Thursday we talked about Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta. We were all reminded to do the Corporal Works of Mercy and have a heart like Jesus. - **Mrs. Herold**

We had our first Mass last week and it felt so good to be back and see Father Jim again. It was great to see the students interact with him and to be able to get together and celebrate our faith and God. The 3rd/4th Graders are wrapping up our unit on the Great Depression. Students had a blast with their stores and even go to go through the hard ships that people would have experienced during those days. Some even lost their money when they put it in the First National Bank of Larsen. Next we are going to be talking about some of the big crime bosses during that time period and talk about how some of them made a stop through the state of Iowa. In Math we are finishing up our unit on number patterns and number sequences as we get ready to start taking a look at multiplication. In reading we have been reading a series of books around the central theme of inclusion and making others feel welcome. We continue to pray for our families and others each morning. The 4th graders will be heading out next week for Farm Safety Day. I pray everyone has a great weekend!- **Mr. Larsen**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

If you were forced to flee your home and could only grab one thing, your most prized possession, what would it be?

We recently read Chachaji's Cup by Uma Krishnaswami. In the book, Neel loves his great-uncle Chachaji and enjoys listening to his stories about his childhood; especially about the special cup his great-uncle uses every day which was carried for many miles by his mother, a refugee. While Neel accidentally breaks the cup, it's not the cup that is important but the memories it holds that are. This story tied in perfectly to our new writing unit on personal narratives. Each student was tasked with picking one prize possession they have and telling the story of why it is important to them. Their story will contain characters, a setting, a problem/solution, and a theme. We look forward to sharing their writing with you! - **Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. Schueth, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Denner**

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