

# OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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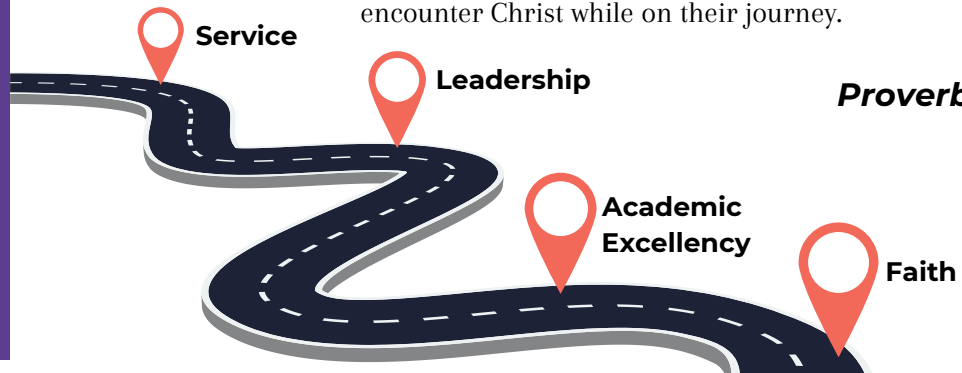


October 13th-19th

## 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**



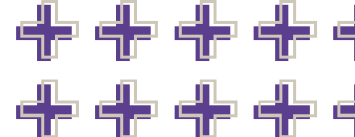
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## UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

### Monday, October 14th

- No School - Teacher Service

### Tuesday, October 15th

- School Board Meeting starting at 6pm

### Wednesday, October 16th

- Picture Retake Day starting right away in the morning

### Friday, October 18th

- Children Mass starting at 8:30am

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

## ATHLETICS EVENTS HAPPENING

### Tuesday, October 15th

- 7th grade football at North Fayette Valley starting 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

### WEEKEND MASS

#### Saturday Mass Times

4pm at Holy Family

6pm at IC in North  
Washington

#### Sunday Mass Times

8am at Holy Family

9am at Holy Family



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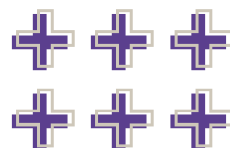


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# MEET THE TEAMS

## SPECIALS

### PE

PE this week we went from sports that throw to a sport that the majority of the time we only use our feet. If you guessed soccer, you are correct. We worked on basic ball fundamentals throughout all grade levels and as the students got older we added in some dribbling practice individually. Then we continued into dribbling practice with partners. We practiced both inside of foot pass as well as shoelace pass. We also worked on trapping the ball. The older students also practiced running a dribble pass drill down the basketball court according to my whistle. There were some activities that involved defense/offense in the older grades. The students also enjoyed a couple of extra games including a new one called firefighter in the younger grades since it was Fire Prevention Week. - **Mrs. Schueth**

### Music

Music class has been a great place to be. We have been practicing the new mass songs for Fridays. The kindergarten and first graders are doing a great job learning many of these songs as they are new to them and are not easy songs. We are also continuing to improve our Christmas songs and learn new parts to the songs. The students have been doing a great job and many words/ actions are being memorized.

-**Mrs. Schueth and Mr. Speltz**

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

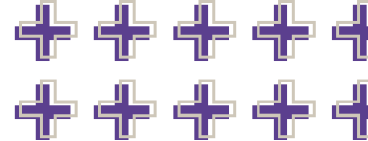
This week was Community Helper Week in preschool. We had a lot of items we worked with and did that were related to community helpers. On Monday, Sally Shekleton came to talk with the students about going to the Dentist. We were able to see different tools that are used there and did an activity where we tried to get the soda off of an egg with a tooth brush and toothpaste. In our room we also painted a tooth on paper with white paint and then gave it some sparkles so it was sparkly clean. We had the fire truck, ambulance, and rescue squad come to school on Thursday and the students were able to hear all about ways they try to help people when they are in need. They were able to look at different tools they all use to help people and also were able to go inside of them. We painted a flame on this day well. On Friday, we had Debbie Schissel come in to talk with the students about healthcare. She showed us some of the tools that they use and were able to try some of them out. We read the nursery rhyme Humpty Dumpty this day and received poor ole Humpty Dumpty broken apart. The students glued him back together again and gave him some bandaids to help his cracks get better. We also had community helper puppets we played with and a firetruck and firefighter clothes in the dramatic play area. We also worked on the letters Hh, Jj, Ff, and Gg. Our numbers for the week were: 3, 4, 5, and 6. The colors of the week were: black, white, blue, and brown. Last, but not least the shapes were: rectangle, triangle, and circle. We continue to work on rhyming words, beginning of word sounds, and blending words together to make a new word. The new one the students seem to be liking is when we work on segmenting a word. We clap the word together and then chop it apart. Our puppets, Josie and Joey also helped to teach us about listening to directions and asking a teacher if we need help. We continue to work on our other social skills through out our center times and the students have been doing a great job with using the timers when they would like a turn. - **Mrs. Schueth**

Letters- R, P, I, T Numbers-7, 2, 6, 10 Shapes- circle, square, rectangle, triangle Nursery Rhyme- Humpty Dumpty Finger Play- Five Little Pumpkins In small groups this week, we met and learned how to build Mat Man, played number bingo, and worked on fine motor skills with loose parts. We have been busy meeting community helpers this week. On Monday, Sally Shekleton came to talk with us about dental health. Tuesday, the Lion's Club volunteers came to do vision screenings. On Thursday, the fire department, rescue squad, and ambulance talked with us about staying safe and what to do in an emergency. On Friday, Debbie Schissel told us how doctors and nurses help us stay healthy. The preschoolers have been enjoying Halloween stories and created spider web paintings to add to our entry way. Our middle school reading buddies came too! It has been a busy week in preschool. - **Mrs. Abbott**





# MEET THE TEAMS



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

This week we enjoyed seeing the firetruck, ambulance and rescue truck, and learning what they do on each. We had prayer pillows blessed and we each got to bring one home. We also had our hearing checked. In math we are working with numbers 6-10. We have been putting graphemes (letters) with their phoneme (sound) for m, t, a, and p. We are learning how to separate the sounds in words. This will help us as we write them. In reading we have been talking about how sometimes the characters do the same things we do. We then added pictures of some of those things in our reader's notebook. We had our first apple stand this week and boy were we excited. We continue to work on our handwriting and have started with our lowercase letters. This has been a bit tougher for us, but we have done a great job working hard on it. -

**Mrs. Westwater**

In religion this week we learned about the different roles we could have while working in our kindergarten apple stand. We practiced welcoming customers to our stand and asking questions like, "would you like sprinkles"? Students from Mrs. Westwater's classroom were in charge of our opening day on Wednesday. They did such a great job! We are looking forward to serving the rest of the school throughout the next couple of weeks. Our favorite story from this week was "I'm the Best". We had a great discussion afterwards about how God has given each of us talents and we all shine in different ways. In phonics this week we began matching sounds to letters. We worked with Mm, Pp, Tt, and Aa this week. We are working to know the names of these letters when we see them in both capital and lowercase forms, as well as the sound they spell. We also learned to write the lowercase form of these letters in handwriting. We continued our work with nouns this week in writing as we completed sentences about places that we think are fun. We tested over topic 2 in math this week as well. This was a tough one, but we did our best. We will continue to practice the concepts of 1 and 2 fewer and 1 and 2 more as we move on to numbers 6 to 10 next week.-

**Mrs. Flugum**

Happy Sunday! We had another great week of learning! We have 35 days of learning in already which is hard to believe. In religion we focused on Chapter 3 which was about God and how he teaches us and we also learned about St. Augustine. We will be singing at mass on October 25th and our next mass will be on November 15th. In math we wrapped up Topic 3 which was about parts of 10 using the ten frame. We will be starting a unit which will focus on adding 0, 1, or 2 more and doubles this coming week. In writing we worked on our character stories. They chose a character, wrote 4 things to describe their character in their web, then wrote about their character. In social studies we continue our unit on community and why rules are important. Reminder that there is No School tomorrow due to inservice. We hope you have a great week! - **Mrs. Heying**

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Our week started with Jessica Rochford to teach us about pumpkins. They are good for decorating and food, and she brought in samples of different types of pumpkins. The best part was the students got to make pumpkin pie in a bag and it was very tasty! In math we started Topic 4 learning about repeated addition and arrays. In reading we read some very interesting stories about animals and traits that keep them alive. This led to some interesting questions and discussions. In writing we focused our attention on narrative writing, especially characters. They are creating a character sketch full of great details. - **Mrs. Herold**

The 3rd and 4th Graders had a busy fun filled week. The students were excited to finish the book Holes this week. We had the opportunity to watch the movie. The students loved this book and got their won copy of it to bring home and put on their own book shelves. We started our unit on addition and subtraction. We talked about when to use borrowing when we subtract and even used the "Big Bottom Borrow" strategy. Ask your child about this fun way to remember to subtract. (I'm betting they will giggle about it). We also had the opportunity to enjoy the Apple Stand with the Kindergartners this week. They had fun enjoying some apple treats as well as playing with toys and games with some of the Kindergarten students. We continued to talk about the amazing things our bodies can do as we discussed our brains and the central nervous system. We finished the week by being song leaders at Mass. The students can always sing much better than Mr. Larsen and for that I am thankful. We have been praying for our families that they have good days and safe travel to work. We also prayed for those affected by the recent Hurricanes and those in the path of this newest storm.

- **Mr. Larsen and Mrs. Rochford**

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

We are excited to share with you that our middle school will be participating in Genius Hour, an opportunity for students to take their own direction in their learning by focusing on a topic that is of a high interest to them. The idea is based on Google's 20% Time, where Google allows employees to work on a project of their choice for one day a week, one that employees are passionate about and will hopefully result in advancing the company. The idea is simple: when people work on a topic that interests them, productivity increases. In our classroom, students will be taught how to choose an inquiry question that intrigues them and learn how to investigate and research to find answers. Genius Hour will be occurring in our classroom once a week. Students are encouraged to be a part of an interactive learning environment throughout this process. The final component will be a presentation of their inquiry and what information they found to help answer their question. We are so excited to get started. More details to follow!

- **Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Denner**

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