

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

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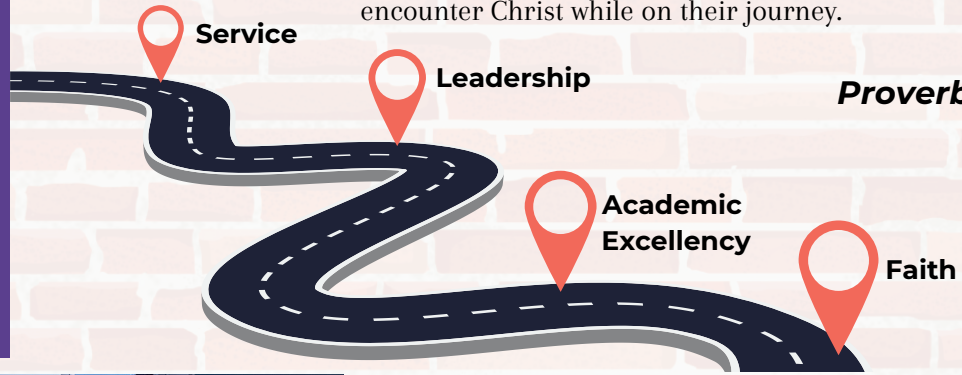


October 27th-November 2nd

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

This Week, October 27th through November 2nd

- Missoula Week 🍷🍷

Friday, November 1st

- All Saints Day Mass at 8:30 am
- Missoula Parent & Parishioners Matinee 1:30 pm
- Missoula Evening Show 5:30 pm

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

ATHLETICS EVENTS HAPPENING

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

AREA EVENTS HAPPENING

Saturday, November 2nd

- New Hampton Holiday Open House starting at 9am on Main Street
- Makers Market starting at 9am in St. Joe's Gym

Visit 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

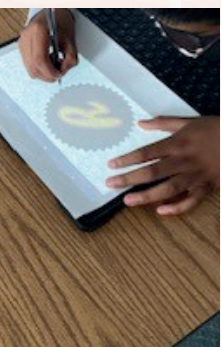
4pm at Holy Family

6pm at IC in North
Washington or St. Boniface

Sunday Mass Times

8am at Holy Family

9am at Holy Family





MEET THE TEAMS

SPECIALS

PE

PE this week was all about floor hockey. Our 1st through 8th graders are excited for the hockey game they will be attending for their PBIS reward, and I thought learning a little bit about hockey before the big day would be a lot of fun. We broke down to the basics and worked on how to hold a hockey stick the correct way. We then went into how to maintain control of our hockey puck. We practiced what we called "tick tocking" the whiffle ball we used as a puck back and forth out in front of us. Once we had some control of it standing in place, we moved into how to move it while walking. We called this walking the dog. From here we added onto this skill by maneuvering it through and around some obstacles in an obstacle course. After this we played a game called pirates where some students had a whiffle ball and some did not. The goal of the students who did not have the whiffle ball, or as we called it the loot, was to try and get one from someone who did. If they were able to get it they then wanted try to keep it. After this we tried our hand at playing an actual hockey game.

- Mrs. Schueth

Music

For music this week we started out with some different warm ups. Our warm ups typically involve warming up our voices as well as our bodies. After doing our warm ups, we moved into adding some more parts to our upcoming Christmas concert as well as continuing to perfect what we have already learned. The students have been working very hard and we are proud of all they have done so far. We also continued to practice our mass songs the mass songs for this month to help us better memorize those. We are looking forward to a great week next week with Missoula!

-Mrs. Schueth and Mr. Speltz

EARLY CHILDHOOD

In three year olds this week we worked on identifying the colors: purple, orange, yellow, and white. We worked on the numbers 0, 6, 8, and 10 and counting to these numbers. We also worked reviewing the numbers 0-6 and matching these numbers in three different ways through a matching card game we played. We worked on identifying the shapes, oval, crescent, rectangle, and our new shape that was introduced on Friday was a hexagon. We worked on the letters Xx, Ww, and Zz. Thursday was our last day of new letter introduction and now we will be going through the alphabet from Aa through Zz to continue our work on identifying letters and the sounds that each letter makes. With it being October we read 10 Little Pumpkins and continued our Finger play of 5 Little Pumpkins. We also continued our work with the nursery rhymes of Star Light Star Bright and introduced Hey Diddle Diddle. During Phonics we also continued to work with rhyming words, first sounds of words, taking two words and blending them together to make one big word, and then taking one big word and chopping it apart to make two small words. We have been working on memorizing our Christmas songs and I would not be surprised if they are singing these some at home now as they are getting better and better at the words each day. Finally, we talked about the feelings surprised and afraid/scared. People who know about different emotions and who are able to identify emotions tend, to have better social skills and interactions with their peers. This is one of the big reasons why identifying emotions is so important to begin working with at this age. It was another busy, but exciting week in preschool. I am already looking forward to seeing all of my students on Monday morning. - Mrs.

Schueth

Letters- G, U, V, Y Numbers- 13, 15, 17, 19 Shapes- square, rectangle, triangle, oval Nursery Rhyme- Little Bo Peep Finger Play-Little Mouse's House In small groups this week, we are working on making patterns, matching rhyming words, and using fine motor skills to tear paper and glue the pieces onto a Halloween picture. We talked about different things the preschoolers know about and can do with balls. During our social skills time, we are talking about different emotions and appropriate actions when we have those emotions. We are also working on getting someone's attention and asking for an item. The farmer's market has come to our dramatic play center! The preschoolers are enjoying selling, sorting, and buying different foods. Thank you to everyone who supported our Little Caesar's fundraiser. The funds raised are going to help with the playground updates. - Mrs. Abbott



MEET THE TEAMS



EARLY CHILDHOOD

This has been a great week in kindergarten. We really enjoyed our kick off to Red Ribbon Week on Wednesday. The dodge ball game with law enforcement was so much fun. We also finished our apple stands this week. We have really enjoyed working with our big helpers. In phonics we have been working on m,a,t,p,s, h,i,c,d,f,r and o. We have also learned our first heart words. They are the, in, and my. In our reading we started talking about the difference between fiction and non-fiction books. We learned about using is and was as verbs in our writing this week. We also learned that every sentence has a verb and a noun. In math we are working on numbers to 10 and what one more is from a number. We are looking forward to Missoula and Treasure Island next week. - **Mrs. Westwater**

We finished up our kindergarten apple stand service project this week. We have enjoyed visiting with the guests in our classroom and serving up a yummy fall treat. We are grateful for all of your support! We have been working with wordless picture books this week for our read aloud text collection. We really enjoyed "The Boy and the Airplane" and "Float". In phonics this week, we worked with the letters Dd, Ff, Rr, and Oo, matching phonemes with their graphemes and writing the lowercase form of each letter. In writing this week we learned about action verbs. We drew a picture and wrote a sentence about something we do outside. We know that complete sentences have both a subject and a predicate. We completed a test this week over Topic 3, numbers 6 to 10. Our next topic is comparing and ordering numbers to 10. We are looking forward to Missoula Week! - **Mrs. Flugum**

What a week filled with fun and learning. We are ramping up for Missoula as well as celebrating Red Ribbon Week. We had fun with the dress days as well. In religion we focused on how God created the world and the people in it. We also practiced our music for church last Friday. Reminder that our next mass that we lead is on November 15th. In reading we are focusing on diving deeper into the story and building background to help us learn more vocabulary. In writing we finished up our place poems while working on singular and plural nouns. In science we are learning about parent and offspring traits. They were working to identify which baby went with which animal. In math we worked on adding and subtracting using ten frames. The addition is going well, but subtraction is going a bit slower. Any practice at home would be great! We hope you have a SPOOKTACULAR WEEK!
- **Mrs. Heying**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The second graders proclaimed God's word beautifully at mass this week! The third and fourth graders talked about showing kindness to their neighbors. Our bible story went along with the reading from their mass last week. That was pretty cool! They created a pledge that their family signed and hopefully revisits about how they will love one another. We also discussed warm fuzzies and that these small little actions make a huge difference! Narrative nonfiction books are what we read and discovered how similar and different they are from other nonfiction books. As a class we worked on activities to help us know when to use the digraph ch and tch. We all greatly enjoyed the Red Ribbon Week dodgeball game! - **Mrs. Herold**

"Dodge, Dip, Duck, Dive, and...Dodge"-Dodge Ball Movie. We had a "Ball" in 3rd/4th grade this week when we got to spend some time on Wednesday playing dodgeball against local Law enforcement to kick off Red Ribbon Week. In math we are going back and reviewing our basic multiplication facts and rules as we get ready for more complex and difficult math problems. In reading, we are working on sorting words based on the sounds we hear. We have also been working on writing a summary over what we read during our B.A.A.R.F.F. time. We spent some time this week in P.E. learning the rules and how to play the game of hockey as we prepare for the Nov. 12th School Day hockey game. If your child has not turned in their permission slip, they are due by Nov. 1st. The 7th/8th graders have been learning about the election process with the candy bar election. They have been making campaign posters to promote which candy bar they think the school should vote as the best Candy bar of 2024. We continue to pray for our families and for the beauty that God provides us with the warm and cold weather.

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

MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Monday, Mrs. Shatek and Student Council went to the Leadership in Action Conference put on by Iowa State University Extension and Outreach. The day started with a TED Talk about not being a "lone nut," which set the stage for students working together with other schools in the area to discuss qualities of a good leader. Later in the morning, students went to different breakout sessions relating to leadership: creativity, problem solving, self-awareness, communication, and decision making. Rylie said, "I learned about handling stress during the self-awareness session." After lunch, students took a survey to learn about their own leadership style, and why it is important to know your own and others in order to work together effectively. Kaden said, "I learned about different communication styles and why that is helpful." Finally, the day wrapped up with each school working on an action plan of something these student leaders can do to grow/develop in our school. Stay tuned for more information to come! Also, big shout out to the ISTEP students, Mrs. Knutson, local law enforcement, and all those involved in making Red Ribbon Week a huge success! - **Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Denner**

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