

# OUR WEEKLY NEWS

*“Lighting a path to the Higher purpose.”*

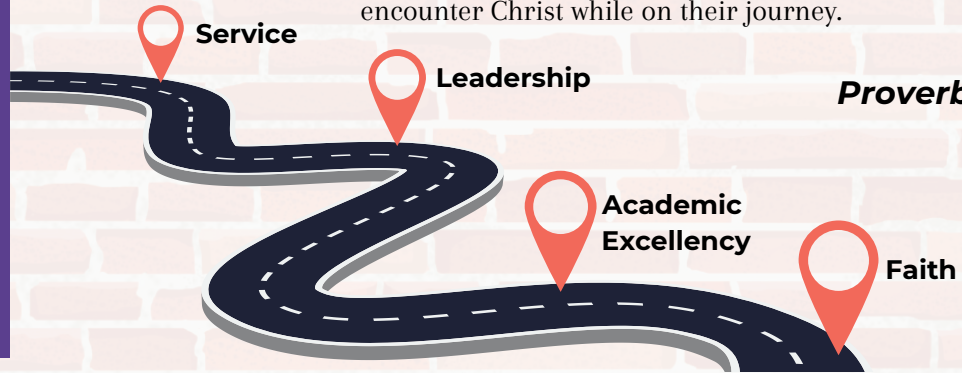


November 17th-November 23rd

## 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

**Wednesday, November 20th**

First Reconciliation Service at 6:30pm in the Gathering Space

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

## ATHLETICS EVENTS HAPPENING

**Monday, November 18th**

- 5:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ New Hampton Elementary School
- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 7th Game vs. South Winneshiek @ New Hampton Elementary School

**Thursday, November 21st**

- 4:15pm Basketball: Girls 8th Game vs. Nashua-Plainfield @ Nashua - Plainfield Middle School

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

## AREA EVENTS HAPPENING

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

This week we did our music warm up as always. We then worked on fitness stations. Each station there was a different activity to do that helped to work on different parts of fitness. The students had to rotate based on when the music was going or stopping. After this we did a walking activity to promote walking as a great form of exercise that can be done with friends or by ourselves.

- Mrs. Schueth

### Music

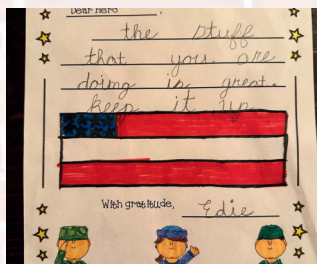
We are getting closer and closer to the Christmas concert every week, so the focus of our time this week was spent practicing for that. We started to practice with the other classes we will be singing songs with at the concert. We have some students who wanted a solo or to sing with others, so we incorporated that into one of our songs. This practice time together this week and in the two weeks ahead will be nice for all of the students to work together to perfect their performance and work on memorization for the concert.

-Mrs. Schueth and Mr. Speltz

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

During 3-year-old preschool, we had short but full week. We worked on the colors white, brown, and gray and the numbers 0, 2, and 9—the week's shapes were Rectangle, Rhombus, and Hexagon. The letters we worked on were Ii, Jj, and Kk. When we review these letters we work on what their names are, skywriting them, and saying the sounds. We also added a sound alphabet song to merge our letter review and phonics time. Rhyming words, beginning word sound identification, blending two words to make one word, and taking one word and breaking it apart into two syllables are all skills we continued to work on. We added saying a sentence and then counting the number of words in a sentence to our phonics time this week. We started to work on our Turkey Dot Coloring/Painting project and also used this project to work on some rainbow writing for the word TURKEY. We also did a project where we painted, tore paper, glued on rectangle strips, and used cotton balls to make a pie of our choice. We created a chart in our class on what everyone would like the best for a pie flavor. The Turkey Dot project and the pie activity went along with two of our read-aloud books this week: 10 Fat Turkeys and There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie. It also had students work on their fine motor skills, shape identification, and math. Through center time and outside play, we worked on incorporating some of the problem-solving skills we reviewed this week during social skills. We also discussed during our social skills time how people can have different feelings about the same event that is happening and that all feelings are okay to have. We also continued to work on learning our Christmas songs and they are doing a pretty good job of getting some of the words and actions down. Last but not least we added two new friends to our room. We are super excited to have these new friends to grow, learn, and play with. - Mrs. Schueth

Letters- H, I, J Numbers- 19, 11, 17 Shapes- hexagon, rhombus, trapezoid Nursery Rhyme- Little Boy Blue Finger Play-Little Mouse's House In small groups this week, we are working on measuring using non-standard units, number bingo, and spatial recognition with an activity called 4 squares, more squares. This week we explored how water can move balls and used blocks to retell The Three Little Pigs. The preschoolers have done some taste testing of kohlrabi and cabbage. They also made and tried black bean and corn salad as a dip for some tortilla chips. There were only a few who liked any of these foods, but almost all were willing to give it a try! We have enjoyed reading some books about fall and talking about some changes we are seeing outside. More work was completed on the playground-the new play structure is up and the preschoolers are having a blast using it! When talking about our number each day, the preschoolers are taking turns building it with 10 frames on the floor. We've started working on writing our names and holding our writing utensils correctly. There's so much going on in preschool! - Mrs. Abbott







# MEET THE TEAMS



## EARLY CHILDHOOD

We have been busy learning in our room. We took a math test and they did worked really hard and did really well. We are now working on longer and shorter. In phonics we added the graphemes g, u, n, and l this week. We have also added more heart words. We are working on my, the, in, is, for, a, I, am, here. Please review these words with your child. We have been talking about fiction and non fiction during our read alouds and have been classifying our stories. In writing we have been learning about asking sentences or questions. We have been writing about what we do for fun and asking our friends what they do for fun. We had our stretching and mindfulness yoga this week. We celebrated Veterans Day. - **Mrs. Westwater**

In religion this week we worked with the story of Noah's Ark. We also created a saints decoration for our homes so that we can remember throughout the month of November that we have saints in Heaven that are cheering for us and wanting the best for us. We know that we can look to the saints for examples of how to live a holy life. Our text collection for this week was books about the importance of kindness. We loved the book, "Lost!" by David McPhail. In math this week we worked with comparing numbers to 10. We used 10 frames to learn about 1 and 2 more as well as 1 and 2 fewer. We are also working with a number line to understand that when we move right on the number line we are showing more and when we move left, we are showing fewer. In writing, we worked more with verbs. We enjoyed passing the microphone and naming words that are action verbs. - **Mrs. Flugum**

Happy Sunday! What a whirlwind of a week we had in first grade. On Tuesday we started the week off with our hockey game and we were able to see the Toro's win. What a great experience for the children. Many had never been to a game before so it was great! In religion we prepared for our mass on this past Friday. The students have done a great job preparing for this. In math we have started Topic 5 which is building on addition using the ten frame. We not only use our manipulatives, but we have been working with using our number lines. In reading we are focusing on characters, their feelings, and which characters we love the most and why. In science we are working with camouflage and how animals hide from predators. Have a great week! - **Mrs. Heying**

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The students had a great time at the hockey game on Tuesday! What a fantastic reward for the first quarter. There were tons of smiles, laughs and cheers throughout the day! We also showed our support for Clara on Thursday by wearing our Support Squad shirts. On top of it all, each second grader was gifted a book from the Jensen family titled "Just Like Caitlin". It is a well-written book with an excellent message of never giving up, work hard for your goals, losing isn't all bad, and most importantly- love your people more than the game. The second graders learned about different genres of books- narrative nonfictions, fantasy, how-to, and folktales. Narrative nonfictions have been super interesting to them, but fantasy is fun to read as well. The students had their Reconciliation retreat in anticipation for the beautiful sacrament next week. We have been spending class time reviewing and understanding this great gift they are receiving.

- **Mrs. Herold**

"Hey, Hey, What do you say, LET'S GO TOROS! This was the students battle cry on Tuesday as we headed off for the Mason City Toros 2nd Annual School Day game. The students and teachers had a blast watching the Mason City Toros take on the the Minnesota Moose in a 4-3 victory in front of 1,184 students, teachers, and fans from across North Iowa. The students are already asking about the possibility of going next year. If you missed the highlights they can be found at Mason City Toros on Youtube or on the St. Joseph Facebook page under the comments of the game. (Their next home game is 11/29 and 11/30 at 7:10 PM) We spent time this week reading and discussing books written and illustrated by Allen Say. The students read 3 books this week; Tea With Milk, The Sign Painter, and the Kamishabai Man. We spent time talking about how towns change over time and looked at pictures of South Bridge Mall, where the hockey game was held, and discussed how the town of New Hampton has changed in the past couple of years. We prayed this week for our family members who are traveling to visit with us this upcoming Thanksgiving season.

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

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

It was a short week, but a fun one! The hockey game was a blast and was a fun way to celebrate all the hard work students exhibited first semester! The students also heard from Mr. Will about his time in the service and spent guidance class writing letters to show their gratitude for our veterans selfless service. In art this week students were exploring tertiary colors. They started by tracing maple leaves in an overlapping pattern. Then using a primary and a secondary color, and meeting in the middle to create a tertiary color. This project will continue to be worked on over the next few weeks and will result in a beautiful fall painting.

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

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