

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



September 7th through September 13th

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 excellence, faith, leadership, and service*. All of these categories are meant for them to thrive and also encounter Christ while on their journey.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

FAITH

LEADERSHIP

SERVICE

Proverbs 27:17



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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



UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Friday, September 12th

- All School Mass at 8:30am

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY EVENTS

Tuesday, September 9th

- 7th grade volleyball at 4:15pm Home
- 8th grade volleyball at Cresco starting at 4:15pm

Thursday, September 11th

- 7th grade volleyball at 4:15pm Home
- 8th grade volleyball at Charles City starting at 4:15pm

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rooms Information

We are still working on clearing up the rooms problems. Hopefully on Tuesday all should be worked out. If you still have problems after Tuesday of next week please contact Ali McDonald. Thanks!

Update about Christmas Concert

Please add December 7th after 10 am Mass to your activities calendar for the Christmas Concert. We have a great program planned!

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

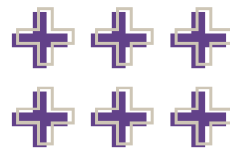
6pm at IC in North
Washington or St. Boniface

Sunday Mass Times

8am at Holy Family

9am at Holy Family





MEET THE TEAMS

Specials

MUSIC WEEKLY RECAP

We are excited to begin a new school year and have a lot of exciting things we're working on! Students are reviewing what we learned last year, and they are learning new songs and techniques that will help us for the rest of the year. We're also beginning preparations for Christmas performances and activities which will allow us to build our strengths as musicians. The students have lead music for Mass and are already excelling at public performance. We're so happy to begin the 2025-2026 school year!

- **Mr. Speltz**

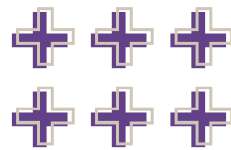


ART WEEKLY RECAP

We kicked off the year in Art by talking about the “ingredients” of art—called the Elements of Art. Just like a cookie needs flour and sugar, art needs its own special elements like color, shape, and line. This week, all grade levels began exploring the element of Line. Students discovered that a line can show movement, feelings, or even spark the beginning of an imaginative design. Through activities like dot-to-dot line drawing, squiggle challenges, partner games, and creative line assignments, students are already stretching their imaginations. We can't wait to see how their ideas grow this year!

- **Mrs. Boge**





MEET THE TEAMS

Early Childhood Team

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: A FUN WEEK OF LEARNING!

Wow what a fun, short and busy week it was in 3 year old preschool. We began working on learning and practicing many new colors, shapes, numbers, and letters. Everyday we had a focus wall and we focused on one of the color, shape, number, and letter each day. We love music and learned many different songs including songs about our shapes, numbers, letters, colors, and many more. We read two different books: The Letters are Lost and Zooborn. During each reading time we focused on different vocabulary words and parts of the story. This week during our S.M.A.R.T. time we learned new ways to try to move or not move our bodies. These included: helicopter, flamingo, pencil roll, and alligator crawl. We also started to work on our vision with the flower power eye movement activity. For phonics we worked on identifying what the sound was that we heard, search and find the letters of the day in our names, and sang the ABC's song. Then, for our social skills times, we learned about more of our new centers including: art, writing, and playdough center. We even were able to meet our new friend Joey (the puppet) and we introduced ourselves to him. He will be joining many of our upcoming social skills lessons and helping us learn about many different things such as patience and how to be a good friend. - Mrs.

Schueth



4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL WEEKLY HIGHLIGHT

Letters- H, B, L

Numbers-1,3, 5

Shapes- square and cube, circle and sphere, triangle and pyramid

Nursery rhyme- Little Miss Muffett

What a busy first full week of preschool. The preschoolers are quickly learning about the centers in our classroom, and we should have them all open next week. Above you will see the letters, numbers, and shapes we talked about each day. During our S.M.A.R.T. time this week we worked on the alligator crawl, balance beam, slap track, and pencil roll along with adding a little more time to our daily stretches. We are counting up to 7 and our goal is to get to 20 seconds! We also did some fine motor work by peeling stickers and placing them on the letters of our names. Thank you for sending in your family pictures. We used them to make a class book for our library. Make sure to check bright wheel for pictures of all of our activities!

Upcoming dates

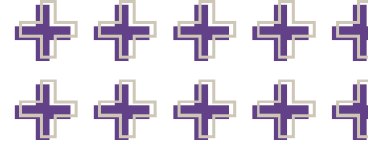
- September 15 - No school for PD
- October 3 - Little Caesar's fundraiser starts- more information soon
- October 7 - Dental screening
- October 20 - No school for PD

- Mrs. Abbott





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Early Childhood

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

It was another fun week in kindergarten! In religion, we are learning that prayer is a conversation with God. We can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, and He is never too busy to hear from us. In phonics, we have been practicing categorizing and sorting to build a foundation for recognizing phonics patterns. During our read-aloud time, we enjoyed a couple of fun alphabet books. In math, we are working on counting, identifying, and writing the numbers 1, 2, and 3. In social studies, we are exploring the importance of rules.

- Mrs. Flugum



FIRST GRADE NEWSFLASH:

This week in first grade we were able to establish a start to our routines which is great. We started our writing unit which focused on adding the words with, by, to and for in our writing. In religion we worked on our prayer circle and working on prayers as well as the sign of the cross. We had art, music and PE. The weather was cool which was great and we are off to a great start! We also had a fire drill. Just a reminder on Monday to return Friday folders and send a water bottle. Have a great week!

- Mrs. Heying



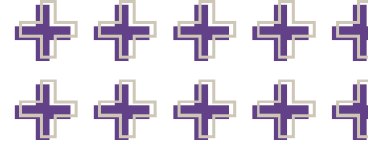
Elementary Team

SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class enjoyed a visit from Jessica Rochford with Ag in the Classroom. We learned about milking cows and made a book to learn more. In math, the class is learning about parts and whole. We reviewed vocabulary and learned new concepts. We started writing research questions for writing and discussed the steps of the process. - Mrs. Rochford



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Elementary Team

THIRD GRADE:

We're off to a great start, and the students are settling into the routine of our busy days! This week, we've been doing beginning-of-the-year assessments and reviewing expectations to set the tone for a wonderful year ahead. Our story, *Last Day Blues*, might seem like a funny choice to begin the year since it talks about the last day of school—but its message of kindness was a perfect fit for us. In math, we reviewed number forms—expanded, standard, and word—and in writing, the third graders began their very first masterpiece, *My Prized Possession*. We also celebrated St. Mother Teresa's feast day on September 5th by learning about her life of caring for others, which tied in beautifully with our reading theme and classroom expectations. It's been a fantastic week together!

- Mrs. Herold

FOURTH GRADE:

It has been a busy week in 4th grade. We hit the ground running with Math this year. We have been learning about place value and comparing numbers. We spent time this week looking at the IXL lessons that match up with our lesson and have been doing them as extensions to help us better understand the concepts. We also kicked off our persuasive writing letter unit. The students had to pick a rule they would like to see added or changed at school and write a persuasive letter explaining their stance. We also talked about adding predicate expanders. Mrs. Denner has been leading us in religion this year. The students have been learning about how to look up verses in the Bible and will start learning the Story Of Creation. This week we prayed and thanked God for the beautiful weather we had as well as for the health of those that were feeling under the weather. - Mr. Larsen



Middle School Team

MIDDLE SCHOOL:

This week in Middle School, we became familiar with our new schedule and have been incorporating routines and expectations into each class. We are off to a wonderful start!

On Thursday, the students watched a movie about the life of Mother Teresa in preparation for the Memorial of Saint Teresa of Calcutta on Friday. Afterward they discussed the life of Mother Teresa and her commitment to help the poor. We as Christians are called by God to help others no matter their faith, and spread the good news. A special thank you to our 7th and 8th graders for leading the school in Mass about Mother Teresa on Friday—you did a great job!

Looking ahead, we invite you to join us at Mass next week as our middle school students will be leading the school in song. Have a great weekend!

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

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