



St. Joseph Catholic School

October 5th, 2022

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Oct. 10th - No Bus Service
Classes are in Session

Oct. 10th - 14th
- Father Schrader will be at Priest Institute

Thursday, Oct. 13th - Vision Testing for K-4
- Flu Clinic for any students, parents,
and parishioners (3 pm - 5:30 pm)

Saturday, Oct. 15th - Scrip

Sunday, Oct. 16th - Scrip

Monday, Oct. 17th - No School
(Professional Development for all teacher of the Diocese)
- Aluminum Can Drive Begins

Tuesday, Oct. 18th - Mass (Grade 4)
- Confirmation Sponsor Papers Due

Wednesday, Oct. 19th
- Safe Environment Training (Virtus)
(6 pm in School Cafeteria)

Thursday, Oct. 20th
- Father Schrader visits Grades 3 & 4
- Wear Spirit Shirts with uniform pants

Friday, Oct. 21st - Mass (Grade 3)
- Confessions (Grade 8)
- Confirmation Baptismal Records Due
- End of First Quarter

[St. Joseph School Google Calendar](#)

School Mission Statement

With the intercession of St. Joseph, our school community guides the formation of Christ centered learners, leaders and citizens on a foundation of Catholic beliefs and academic excellence.



Stewardship

Nine Elements of Stewardship

1. Stewardship is well defined, as opposed to being vague. We have defined stewardship as “The grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.”
2. Stewardship is a “climate”, not a program. A climate is often defined as a “prevailing condition or environment.” The prevailing environment that, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we share our gifts generously, sacrificially, and proportionately, in a committed manner, in love of God and neighbor. Outside of this environment, we wither and die spiritually.

To be continued.

(Taken from: What I Have Learned About Stewardship)

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

On Wednesday, October 19th at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria Dr. Vader will be at St. Joseph giving the Safe Environment Training. All parents must be trained in the Safe Environment program in order to participate in any of our parties, field trips, or work with any athletic event that we have at school. If you are unable to attend a classroom party or field trip and the grandparent is asked to attend, that grandparent must be trained in the Safe Environment Program. Please put this event on your calendar or tell your parent (grandparent) about his event in order for you to participate with us.

Principal's Letter Continued

Testing this week is going very well. Thank you for not scheduling any doctor's appointments this week.

On Thursday, October 13th we will have the Osage County Nurses here to give Flu shots. Please see the information in the Principal's Newsletter concerning what you will need to have with you in order to receive the Flu shot.

Many thanks to the families that are saying a Rosary for an unborn baby and returning the blue case with your baby's names on the blue or pink strip of paper. The Rosary Case will be sent home with the Wednesday Folder to each family during the school year. It needs to be returned on Monday. To date we have had 30 Rosaries said. Remember October 7th is the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

With Blessings,

Miss Patricia Kirk
Principal

No Bus Day

Monday, October 10th will be a No Bus Day. Please send a note to the school office letting us know who will be picking up your child(ren). We will have After Care on this day.

Updated Parent/Teacher Conference Information

Parent/Teacher Conference directions and links are on FACTS. All conference dates need to be made by October 19th. All parents are required to attend this Parent/Teacher Conference.

Fall Festival - Drive-Thru Only

Please put October 16th from 11 A.M. – 6 P.M. to drive-thru for a delicious German Pot Roast & Fresh Pork Sausage dinner. The worklist and a flyer have been posted on FACTS. A hard copy of the worklist and raffle tickets will be available soon. Please help us make this another great event for our parish. Any questions please contact Father Schrader/ Caleb & Stephanie Dake/ Brent & Jill Schulte / Logan & Alora Gentges / Brent & Meghan Gentges.

Fall Festival Pie and Bread orders

If you would like to order your 2 pies and 2 loaves of bread, the cost will be \$25.00. Please make your check to St. Joseph Parish or cash in an envelope marked "pie order" and put it in the collection basket or give to Jennifer Oliver. Thanks.

The Fall Supper work list and raffle tickets that were left in the back of church have been placed in the Wednesday Folder.

Thanks,
Meghan Gentges

Message from Our School Nurse, Mrs. Sallin

VISION SCREENING The Osage County Health Department will be at school on Thursday (10/13) to help with vision screenings for students in grades K-8. We are fortunate to have free access to the Plusoptix vision camera through a grant from our local health department.

- This special camera can detect the most prevalent vision disorders in children starting age 5 months and up. The earlier a vision disorder or media opacity is detected the better it can be treated.
- We will begin screenings in grades K-4 and move to the middle school grades as time allows.
- Referrals will be sent home in the Wednesday Folder by the end of the month.

FLU VACCINE Locations

- Westphalia Lions Club (Tuesday) 10/11 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- St. Joseph School (Thursday) 10/13 from 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Flu Clinics are open to the public. Vaccine is available for ages 6+ month, school age and adult. Please bring your insurance card or a \$20 donation. No one will be turned away for inability to pay. St. Joseph families, please access the consent forms via FACTS. Please do not send forms, insurance cards or payment to school.

St. Joseph Christmas Program

Our Christmas program will be December 20th at 7 p.m. in the school gym.

Mr. Horvath is searching for all Christmas loving students! He will be holding tryouts during school hours on October 13th for this year's upcoming Christmas pageant SPECTACULAR "The Three Wee Kings" which will include the entire school students K – 8. Please encourage your child (boys and girls – all grades) to try out for a particular part in our pageant this year. Cast members will be expected to attend practices before and or after school as the pageant draws closer. All participating cast members will also be rewarded with a cast party sometime after the pageant.

Mr. H is seeking a parent who is skilled in face painting. If you are able to help in this area please contact him. Many cast members are animals of manger scene and will be expected have a costume. Mr. Horvath is hoping to make this Christmas pageant the best ever at St. Joseph School.

Athletics

Registration for basketball is open. Follow this link.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/10HG7xvaVQ_Sy-4QlCJkg_c9KleqPMcl1frkhlaMfqY/edit

Make sure to "check the box" if you are interested in coaching.

To schedule practices, first check our sports calendar here:

<https://www.stjosephwestphalia.org/sports.html>

When you find a available dates, email Jamiebax78@gmail.com to schedule.

Happenings in SJS Classrooms

Students in grades K – 8 are testing this week using their iPad or Chromebook.



SJS Student Artwork

The eighth grade students learned about Islamic tile design and then designed their own tile.



Thank You from the Fennewalds

The Duane and Darlene Fennewald family would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to each and every one for the overwhelming amount of donations that we received after our hay barn fire. In such uncertain times, your generosity was simply amazing, we are truly thankful. We are also extremely blessed to live in this community with you all and to call it our home. Again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Blessings,
Duane and Darlene Fennewald

Thank You from the Linn Food Pantry

Chris Fennewald took the items that we collected to the Linn Food Pantry and he said Mrs. Kliethermes wanted to tell everyone how very thankful and appreciative they were for all the items. They were down to their last 2 packages of baby wipes and only had a few bottles of laundry detergent left, everything else had been wiped clean by the people they help. She also said at the beginning of the year, they were helping around 250 families, they are now up to around 500 families. Many tell her it's either groceries or rent when it comes to their paychecks so they choose the rent and utilize the food pantry for their food and basic supplies.

Thank you St. Joseph parents and students for being so generous of the St. Vincent de Paul items we collected.

Scrip

Scrip will be on sale October 15th & 16th and 29th & 30th

Profit to Date: \$12,098.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$411,071.00 worth of scrip.

We are ahead \$9.00 in profit.

Many thanks to all!

In the Wednesday Folder

1. Oct. 26th Early Dismissal After Care form for those that do not already attend
2. Home and School Committee List
3. Fall Supper worklist and Raffle Tickets