



St. Joseph Catholic School

November 9th, 2022

Upcoming Events

Wed., Nov. 9th - 5th Grade Junior Deputy Class

Thurs., Nov. 10th - First Thursday Celebration

Fri., Nov. 11th

- Veterans Day Program @ 9:30 am

Sat., Nov. 12th & Sun., Nov. 13th - Scrip

Tues., Nov. 15th

- Prayer Service @ 8:00 am in Church

- School Advisory Meeting

Wed., Nov. 16th - 5th Grade Junior Deputy Class

- Snow Packets Going Home

- Annual SJS Christmas Gift List for Others

Thurs., Nov. 17th

- Picture Retake

- Group Pictures, All School Pictures

- Students wear SAINT shirts

Fri., Nov. 18th

- Bellarmine Speech Meet at Rolla

[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

8. In a stewardship diocese, development is seen as an act of stewardship. Our parish and diocesan ministry budgets do not depend solely upon development. We have no annual bishop's appeal, but the bishop appeals to the parishioners to be a grateful steward for one's ongoing holiness. Our development opportunities build on the foundation of stewardship. Development provides opportunities for parishioners to share their gifts, by informing, inspiring, and inviting stewards to give to specific needs that might not be otherwise recognized. For us, development is an act of stewardship.

To be continued...

(Taken from: [What I Have Learned About Stewardship](#))

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

I hope you were able to read the article in the Catholic Missourian that Jay Nies wrote about our students at Mass and walking to St. Joseph Cemetery on All Souls Day. Father Schrader emailed it to me while I was attending the Diocesan Principal's Conference at the Lake. After reading it I was filled with pride and so grateful for our students, faculty and staff, and parents for instilling in the students the meaning of our Catholic faith and beliefs.

In this Wednesday Folder you will find a field trip form for an all school field trip to Visitation School in Vienna on November 22nd. We have been invited to participate in a Christian concert of Williamson. In speaking to one of the teachers at Visitation she expressed how much all of the students at their school enjoyed Mrs. Williamson's performance three years ago so she wanted to share that with other students. Thanks to the Home and School Officers we are able to participate in this event. Home and School will pay for the buses to take our students to Vienna and also

Principal's Letter Continued

give a monetary donation towards the program. When I told the faculty about this I was informed that many years ago the 7th and 8th graders attended a program of Jennie Williamson and really enjoyed it, too.

Also in the Wednesday Folder will be the information about our annual SJS student and parent Christmas giving to others for this school year. We have done this for the past two years and each year the students and you parents have outdone yourself in giving to all of the gifts that are listed. The gifts we gather go to the elderly of our parish. Over the two years of giving these gifts the parishioners receiving them have written to us how touching and grateful they are that they are being thought of during Christmas since many of them are alone. The faculty and staff will continue their giving of gifts to each member in the Nursing Home in Westphalia.

Go online for information to indicate which gift you will be able to cover and when it will be needed at school. Gifts are due at school by December 12th. Students in each classroom will wrap the gifts and enjoy cookies and hot chocolate after the wrapping.

I am excited to tell you that we have joined with other schools in participating in an online educational program, Everfi, which fosters greater comprehension and retention to positive behavioral change among students. Mrs. Sallin has explained the program in her area of the Principal's Newsletter. Please take some time in reading what she says. As you all know the more the parents work as a team with the school students will benefit. When you become a part of this program and begin to share the online videos with your children, we at school will reinforce what you have seen in the video and discuss it with your child. If you have any questions concerning Everfi please contact Mrs. Sallin at vsallin@stjosephwestphalia.org

We still do not have all report card envelopes into the Homeroom teachers. Please sign the envelope and return it. You are to keep the report card. Thanks.

If you did not return your form for the names of any deceased members of your family, please return it as soon as possible. A letter was sent home with your son or daughter yesterday, Tuesday, November 8th. Thanks.

With Blessings,

Miss Patricia Kirk
Principal

Message from Our School Nurse, Mrs. Sallin

Have you ever wondered how to start a conversation with your child about a "sensitive" subject? It can be uncomfortable for everyone!

Enter Everfi!

Everfi's Goal is to empower more teachers, parents and students to get involved with game-based, incentive driven online education that fosters greater comprehension, retention and behavior change.'

St. Joseph School enthusiastically invites you to work through a short list of age appropriate lessons with your student. These short lessons give you an opening for a conversation with your child about topics that are best addressed (first) at home and reinforced at school.

Message from Our School Nurse Continued...

Let's Get Started

- Step 1. Create an Everfi account for each child (K-8)
- Step 2. Return the Create your Everfi Student Account form to school by November 17.
- Step 3. Begin Lesson 1 (finish it by Christmas)

It seems that our world is changing at a warp speed. Over time, issues trickle down to Osage County and into our schools and homes. Don't rely on someone else to tackle the important topics of life. Get involved.

If you have any questions please contact me.

V. Sallin, RN

St. Joseph School - Westphalia

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Three Wee Kings Practice Schedule

In today's Wednesday Folder you will find a copy of Mr. Horvath's Three Wee Kings practice schedule for students practicing their parts or making their costumes after school. He is also working with groups of characters each day during study hall time. I know the students are enjoying this play and their parts because I have heard some of them saying their lines to each other in the hallway and today the Lambs were on their way to his room and I asked a couple of the student Lambs how it was going. I got a "thumbs up" from one of the 8th graders and a good from the other. I smiled and said "Thank you, Jesus!" for their response.

Today I heard a group of students trying to sing one of the songs from the program while waiting to use the bathroom. It brought another smile to my face! Love it!

Ms. Sandbothe will really be into the music of Three Wee Kings as soon as Veteran's Day and the fifth graders singing Christmas carols at the capital and the Westphalia parade is finished. With music everything comes at almost the same time.

Veterans Program

Our students have been working hard in learning songs for our Veterans on their special celebration on Friday. We are pleased to announce at this writing we have 35 Veterans attending our program.

Picture Retake Day

On Thursday, November 17th students that did not get their picture taken or in need of a retake (must have with them the complete packet of pictures in order to do the retake picture) should wear their picture shirt BUT bring the SAINT shirt with them to change into for the All School Picture. Students need to wear their SAINT shirt and uniform pants for the All School Picture.

Rosary Boxes

Many thanks to the families that have said the Rosary for an unborn baby. To date we have said 87 rosaries. Please return the Rosary Box by Tuesday. Return everything in the box but the three Lifesaver candies.

Blue Notes and Wednesday Folders (from Mrs. Helton)

Please continue to send in Blue Notes From Home if you have changes in your child's routine. All notes are sent to me in the morning and I type a report to send to all teachers so they know where students will be going at the end of the day. Please write the child's full name and homeroom grade on your Blue Note. It helps me not to have to look up the grade or try and guess the last name.

Also if your child has not returned your Wednesday Folder by Wednesday morning, they will not be given any information until I have the Wednesday Folder. Folders come home on Wednesday, unless we tell you about a change, so if you do not get it, please ask your child where it is. Please sign the parent signature sheet on the left side of the folder. You will notice I initial and date it when I get it back. Thanks so much for your help.

Snow Packets

That dreaded word of "snow" for some is lurking in the future. Teachers of each core subject are putting together a packet of review work or gently introducing a new topic for your child to do while home because of a snow day. The Snow Packet will be sent home with the Wednesday Folder on November 16th. When the snow day happens you will get a notice for your child to do Packet # 1 or whatever number it should be. That Packet Number needs to be returned to their teacher the day they return to school from a snow day. Teachers will correct the work and give grades for the returned work. If the work is not returned the day coming back from a snow day...no grade will be given. Please keep these packets in a safe place at home.

Back In Black

It is finally back.... St. Joseph Back in Black..... on March 4, 2023. Save this date for a most enjoyable evening of fun and good food! Share this information with a friend, relatives, and parishioners.

More information will be sent at a later date. If you have any questions please contact Jenna Massman.

St. Anne Sewing Circle

Please see the enclosed letter from Father Schrader concerning the St. Anne Sewing Circle ladies. Also included in this Wednesday Folder are Quit-of-the-Month Tickets for you to use if you wish to do so. If you have ever wanted to learn how to quilt now is your chance to learn from some very experienced quilters. They would love to be able to teach you this gift.

Westphalia Christmas Parade

Last year we, as a school, participated in the Westphalia first Christmas parade. This year I would like to participate again with our students. Please fill out the form letting us know if your child (grades 4 – 8) would be able to sing Christmas carols riding on our school float. Please return the form which is in today's Wednesday Folder. Thanks.

Athletics - Basketball

Team meetings will be held next week for all parents, students and coaches participating in basketball. Please mark the dates on your calendar.

6th grade boys' basketball – Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym
6th grade girls' basketball – Wednesday, Nov. 16th at 8 p.m. in the gym

7th grade boys' basketball – Monday, Nov. 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym
7th grade girls' basketball – Thursday, Nov. 15th at 5:00 p.m. in the gym

8th grade girls' basketball – Tuesday, Nov. 15th at 6:00 p.m. in the gym
8th grade boys' basketball – Thursday, Nov. 17th at 6: 00 p.m. in the gym

You will need to bring to this meeting:

1. \$35.00 registration fee. Check made out to SJS Athletic Club
2. Printed and completed registration form sent to you via email
3. Copy of your child's current physical
(If they participated in Cross Country or Volleyball, we already have a copy)

December schedule should be out shortly.

Thank you,
Mrs. Jennifer Stephan
SJS Athletic Director

Athletics - Archery

Archery season is approaching quickly. If your child is interested in shooting archery this year please send me an email with your child's name, grade, parent's name, phone number, and email address.

Practices will be Tuesday nights starting December 6 with grades 4 and 5 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Grades 6, 7 and 8 will practice beginning December 6 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

I will have a parent meeting when we get closer to December 6th. You will be able to pay the fee and turn your physical form into the athletic committee. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Thanks,
Craig Kampeter
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Happenings in SJS Classrooms

I was on my way over to the Middle School for some pictures and could not help hearing and watching how much fun the kindergarten through second grade students were enjoying the weather on November 9th outside. So I decided that you all should see how much fun they were having, too.



SJS Student Artwork

First grade Butterflies are about to take off for their migration for the winter months. We have enjoyed them bringing brightness to our elementary hallway.



Bishop McKnight's Prayer for Hunters

Bishop McKnight participated in the first episode of Diocese of Jefferson City's Podcast. In this episode, Bishop McKnight reflects on our stewardship of nature and the role of hunters in our society. Bishop McKnight offers a prayer for safety and a bountiful harvest for all in our diocese who will be hunting in the coming weeks.

He also reflects on his background as a hunter, sharing how he brought those experiences into the symbols that he chose to represent his service as Bishop of Jefferson City.

Check out the new podcast and Bishop McKnight's Prayer for Hunters here → [Bishop McKnight's Prayer for Hunters](#)

Scrip

Scrip will be on sale Nov 12-13 and 19-20.

The contest is on! For every \$100 of scrip bought, you get your name in the drawing to win a \$25 scrip card!

Profit to Date: \$14,918.

Since May 1st we've sold \$500,766 worth of Scrip.

We're behind \$267 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program!

Jill Schulte