



St. Joseph Catholic School

February 1st, 2023

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Feb. 2nd

- Mass (Teachers)
- 8th Grade Sports Night @ 7:30 p.m.
- Father Schrader Visits Grades 5 & 6
- Trivia Day

Friday, Feb. 3rd

- Mass (Grade 7)
- Feast of St. Blaise - Blessing of Throats
- St. Joseph Olympics

Monday, Feb. 6th

- ACRE (Religion Testing) begins for Grades 5 & 8

Tuesday, Feb. 7th

- Mass (Grade 6)

Wednesday, Feb. 8th

- Early Dismissal @ 1:15 pm
- Faculty Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 9th

- Father Schrader Visits Grades 3 & 4

Friday, Feb. 10th

- Mass (Grade 5)
- Confessions (Grade 7)
- Parent Meetings 3:00-6:00 pm

[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

"Why Do I Need to Fill This Stuff Out?"

Even if they are giving the same amount, even if they are continuing in the same ministry or time commitment, this yearly re-pledging and re-committing gives parishioners the opportunity to:

- REVIEW - are they actively participating in the life of the parish using the God given talents and sacrificially giving of their material gifts?
- REDIRECT - do they need to redirect their time, talent, and treasure?
- REAFFIRM - confirming their pledged commitment of time, talent, and treasure
- RECOMMIT - saying YES! I want to live the stewardship way of life and actively participate in the life of my parish.

(Taken from: The Nuts and Bolts of Stewardship: How Does Sacrificial Giving Work in the Stewardship Way of Life)

Principal's Letter

Dear SJS Parents,

Thank you so very much to all the families that have signed up for the meeting with Father Schrader and I. At this writing there are only 23 families that have not yet signed up. If you have not done so, the directions are located on FACTS. Thanks so much for your commitment.

In talking with the Finance Committee, I have gotten an amount for you to consider if you are thinking about our Preschool. I also will try to answer some questions that have come up. First of all, please know that we need to have at least 15 students to being the program.

Questions:

Schedule: The preschool students will follow our yearly school calendar.

Before & After Care: Yes, they will be able to attend.

Principal's Letter Continued

Lunch: They will eat with the Kindergarten students. There will be a cost for the lunches.

Recess: Yes, they will have recess self-contained and sometimes with Kindergarten.

Nap Time: Yes, in the afternoon there will be a nap time.

Classes: Religion, Reading, Math, Music, P.E.

Dress Code: No, but there will be some guidelines.

Potty Trained: They must be potty trained in order to be accepted.

Mass/Prayer Service: They will not attend Mass on a regular basis. However, on a Holy Day, yes, and sometimes a part of a prayer service they other students do.

Bus: That is up to you.

Age: Must be 4 years old by August 1st

Cost: Right now we are thinking around \$28.00 per day, plus a one time registration fee of \$50.00. There will be a cost for lunches and Before or Aftercare.

The more parents filling out the form indicating interest, the sooner we can finalize cost. We have to know how many students we could enroll in order to get cost more realistic. If you have any questions please feel free to email me (pkirk@stjosephwestphalia.org)

Kindergarten Registration will take place on March 14th. More information on registration will be sent out the beginning of March. If you know of a new family that will be having a student in Kindergarten next year, please have them call or email me (pkirk@stjosephwestphalia.org) and I will get their information so we can send them information on the registration. Thanks.

Blessings,

Miss Patricia Kirk
Principal

K of C Poster and Essay Contest

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Knights of Columbus Poster and Essay Winners: Macie Rademan - Grade 7 and Karly Bock - Grade 8 for their essay entitled, "How Can You Encourage Others Who Have Fallen Away to Return to Mass?" The winner of the poster contest on "Substance Abuse" is Reed Olive - Grade 2. All winners and their families will be receiving an invitation to a Westphalia Knights of Columbus event later this year to be recognized for their efforts. The Westphalia Knights of Columbus thank all who participated in this year's contest.

The Westphalia Knights of Columbus will be having their annual pre-Lenten fish fry on Friday, February 10th from 4-7 pm. Drive-through only! Half of the proceeds go to St. Joseph School. Come through and get a delicious meal of fish, buttered potatoes, baked beans, hush puppies, applesauce, and coleslaw.

Catholic Schools Week - 2023

We are looking forward to Trivia today. Tuesday was our Scavenger Hunt about our school and the teams have a great time finding the answers and then cheering when their answer was correct. Hope you enjoyed your "Thank You" card that your son/daughter made for you today.

Thank you to Amber Fennewald, Amber Libbert, and Sarah Schwartze for donating baby mattresses to school to use for a Dog Sled event for our Olympic Day on Friday.

Thanks to Home and School for their LARGE double stuffed chocolate chip cookie for our treat on Thursday for CSW. Wednesday we had an ice cream sandwich treat from one of the Christmas families that received presents from us. They were so touched by our remembering them at Christmas that they wanted to show their appreciation.

Many thanks to the parents who are helping with Friday. Watch for an email on Thursday that will tell you what particular job you have been given.

Friday, February 3rd - St. Joseph Olympics

- Mass & Blessing of Throats
- Games for all grade levels
- Lunch with all students
- Ice Cream treat from Culver's
- Dress for this day: Spirit shirt and sweatpants (no leggings or shorts)

Eighth Grade Sports Night

Thursday, February 2nd will be our first time of recognition to all our eighth grade players and their parents. This will take place in the gym around 7:30 p.m. Many thanks to Mrs. Stephan and the Athletic Committee for putting this evening together.

Message from Our School Nurse

Reminders:

1. The next set of EVERFI Lessons are listed on your teachers newsletter
2. Grades 5-8 will have an afternoon presentation (Monday) 2/13: Learning to Be and Feel Safe
3. Hearing Screenings for all grades, scheduled for the afternoon of (Friday) 2/17
4. Immunizations: all current 7th graders becoming an 8th grader for the next school year are required to have a Tdap booster and at least one dose of the MCV (vaccine).

Mrs. Sallin, RN

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Baby Bottles for Pro-Life

Students in grades K-4 have been given baby bottles to bring home. We are collecting for the Pro-Life again this school year as in the past. Homeroom classes of grades 5-8 have a large Baby Bottle that they will try to fill. The filled baby bottle will be due back to school February 7th. Thanks for your help with this cause.

Scrip

Scrip will be on sale February 4 & 5 and February 18 & 19.

VALENTINE'S Day is right around the corner. Nothing shows love like pampering someone with Scrip. Order your Scrip today and watch the love grow.

Profit to Date: \$24,803.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$812,166.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$761.00 from where we were this time last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Meghan Gentges