

St. Joseph Catholic School

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.

- St. Joseph Catholic School Mission

Calendar Dates

- Feb. 7 – Life Runners 7:45 a.m.
Feb. 8 – First Thursday Celebration
7:50 a.m.
100th Day of School
Bookmobile
Feb. 9 – Mid-Quarter
Baby Bottles need to be
turned in
Feb. 13 – Mission Carnival
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Valentine Parties – 2 p.m.
8th Grade Athletic
Recognition – 6:30 p.m.
Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday Mass
8 a.m. – Gr. 8
Feb. 15 – Early Dismissal
1:15 p.m.
Feb. 16 – No School
Feb. 19 – No School
Feb. 20 – Show Me Players for
Grs. 4 & 5

Principal's News – February 7, 2024

Dear SJS Parents,

What an awesome 2024 CSW! Congratulations to our Distinguished Alumni, Jenny Stephan! So many fun activities especially Trivia and Olympics lead by our faculty and staff and thanks to our Home and School Officers and parents for supporting the idea of a movie for the entire school. I want you all to know that our students at the movie theater were so good in their helping their buddies and each other. Many thanks to: Jenna Massman, Shelly Kell, Colette Tellman, Kathy Stuckenschneider, Amy Berhorst, Mandy Dorge, Kelli Klooppel, Leslie Barnhart, Jenny Stephan, and Jessie Stuckenschneider for watching the classrooms while our faculty and staff had a relaxing lunch together. However, the last day of our CSW with all our parents and students attending Mass and then having breakfast was the best for me. Thank you so much for your involvement in our special Mass, breakfast, and games with your child(ren). AND the weather was great for our week!

Our Mission Carnival is next week. This is a tradition that the St. Joseph students have been doing for the past 12 years. It is a time when we enjoy fun activities, games and food the day before Ash Wednesday which begins Lent. The money made from this event is sent to the School Sisters of Notre Dame's schools in Africa. Sr. Claret taught in the Kenyan schools for 11 years. She has shared pictures and her experiences of teaching in Africa this past week with the students. Please help us continue our generosity to a much needed cause. The cost for each child is \$5.00. Thanks so much!

Men from MidMOTelecom have been working in our building last week and this week. All cameras and wiring for the doors are in place. Now the adjustment and coding of the security locks and camera are the only things left to make our elementary building more secure. I will let you know when that happens.

Last weekend St. Joseph hosted an Archery Tournament. The following students participated and placed highest:

Carter Orschelyn – Grade 5 – 1st out of 34
Elem boys – 1st out of 67
Overall - 11th out of 187

Carson Kampeter – Grade 6 - 6th out of 34
Wyatt Dorge – Grade 4 – 5th out of 33

Congratulations to them and all of the students who took part in the tournament. Thank you to Mr. Craig Kampeter for all his work with archery.

St. Joseph held a Science Fair for students in grades 6,7, and 8 on Monday. The following are our winners whose science project will be a part of the Diocesan Science Fair held March 1st. Congratulations to: Earth Science project – Nick Libbert & Ben Schulte,

Life Science project – Karley Schaben & Macie Rademan,
Physical Science project – Kaylee Berhorst.

Best of luck to all of you! Thank you Mrs. Cavender for supervising and encouraging our students to participate.

St. Joseph's SAINTS:

Brooklyn Kampeter for

checking to see if Sister Claret would like lunch and brought it to her.

For all the 7th and 8th graders who helped set up and take down tables and chairs for CSW lunch and breakfast.

For our cooks, Lucy, Jane, and Joyce for preparing breakfast for nearly 290 people and for our volunteers who helped in the kitchen on Friday: Wanda Groner, Vickie Dickneite, Sue Lauberth, Tom & Arlene Samson, Darlene Massman.

Thanks to Wanda Groner, BJ Rademan, Sue Lauberth and Shelby Massman for helping serve lunch on Thursday.

Principal's News continued.....

Students, faculty, and staff will celebrate the 100th Day of School, Feb. 8th with ice cream provided by our Home and School. Thank you for another nice treat!

Baby Bottles (Pro – Life) are due back to school on Feb. 9th. On Tuesday, February 13th Valentine parties will begin at 2 p.m. and end at 3 p.m. Students may wear sweatpants, flannel pants or uniform pants with a red, pink, or Valentine shirt on Feb. 13th.

Early dismissal on Feb. 15th. Buses will be running. No School on Friday, Feb 16th or Monday, Feb 19th

The next Principal's newsletter will be February 21st .

God's blessings,

Miss Kirk

LUNCH SURVEY

I am sending you an email today for a lunch survey of our Hot Lunch Program. We can only make our program the best it can be with your input and your child's input. Would you please take some time and talk with your child about our meals of what they like and do not like.

Having your input will only make our program better.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us.

St. Joseph Scrip Update.

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!

Scrip will not be filled on Friday, February 2 because of the early dismissal.

Profit to date: \$22,009.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$ 708,915.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$2,700 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

Megan Gentges

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**St. Joseph School,
Westphalia**

St. Joseph Shirt Schedule:

(Can be viewed on Google Calendar)

All first (1st) Wednesdays - **Life Runner** shirt

All first (1st) Thursdays - **Bulldog Spirit** shirt

All first (1st) Fridays - **SAINT** shirt



Many thanks to the parents who sign the Wednesday Folders and get them back the same week. We appreciate your efforts.

Our theme for this school year: Teach *Compassion*, Teach *Kindness*, Teach *Confidence*