

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

- Dec. 14 – All Christmas family gifts are due
- Dec. 15 – Mass – Gr. 5
Scrip faculty & staff form due
JH Dance 7 -10 p.m.
- Dec. 18 – Students wrap Christmas gifts
- Dec. 19 – Mass – Gr. 4
Dress Rehearsal – 1 p.m.
Christmas program 7 p.m.
Bake Sale before and after program
- Dec. 20 – Mass – Gr 3
Christmas parties 10 – 11 a.m.
Early Dismissal at 11:22 a.m.
- Jan. 3 – Classes resume
Life Runners
- Jan. 4 – First Thursday Celebration 7:50 a.m. gym
- Jan. 5 – Mass – Gr. 2

Principal's News – December 13th, 2023

Dear SJS Parents,

We have 89 Rosaries prayed since the last week in October. Thank you St. Joseph families for participating in this activity. Your prayers are so powerful!

I can hardly believe that in 4 ½ days we will be on Christmas break and Christmas will be here in 12 days. How fast time goes by! I am sure some of our students came home on Monday saying that Miss Kirk was 108 years old. My birthday was Monday and after the Advent Prayer Service Ms. Prenger told the students that it was my birthday. I was standing in front of the Kindergarten class and one of them asked me how old I was. Ms. Prenger immediately said, "We don't ask adults how old they are." I said, "It's okay, I am one hundred eight years old." You should have seen their faces. It was so cute! After Mass the eighth grade students were to practice leading the Anima Christi prayer that we have begun to say after Communion. One of the eighth graders kept looking at me and I finally said, "Is there something wrong?" The eighth grader replied with a questioning look, "Are you really 108 years old?" I smiled and said, "Don't I look good for being 108 years old?" So my 75th birthday was a fun day for me!

Our Christmas parties will be on December 20th from 10 a.m. to 11a.m. If you, as a parent, are in charge of the Christmas party please contact your child's teacher and let him or her know what you will be doing and what type of treats will bring for the students. Thanks.

The students have been practicing very hard on their speaking parts and singing. Yesterday, we had our first all school music practice and I was told that it went very well. I had an all-day principal's meeting at the Chancery. Our dress rehearsal will be December 19th at 1 p.m. If any of our grandparents need to see it at this time they are most welcome to attend. Otherwise, our Christmas program will be at 7 p.m. that night. Please see the enclosed flyer on the dress attire for the students for the Dress Rehearsal and the Christmas program presentations.

Another awesome year of our parents helping bring joy to nine elderly parishioners of St. Joseph Parish! We again made the 100% of purchasing all of the gifts for these wonderful parishioners. Students will wrap the presents on December 18th and then enjoy chocolate chip cookies with hot chocolate, thanks to our great cooks. All gifts are due to school by December 14th. Thank you parents so much for your generosity and help with this school project! My prayer for you is that the joy that you will bring to these people will come back to you.

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St. Joseph
School,
Westphalia

St. Joseph's SAINTS:
To all students for singing
so well at our first
Christmas practice.!!!

Principal's News continued.....

On December 18th, 19th and 20th students may wear a Christmas shirt and either: 1. Flannel plaid pants, 2. Sweat pants, 3. Uniform pants, or 4. Christmas dress to school.

There will not be a Wednesday Folder next week. The next Principal newsletter will be January 3rd.

God's blessings,
Miss Kirk

St. Joseph Annual Bake Sale

Before and after the Christmas Program.

Thanks to Mrs. Jessie Stuckenschneider we will be having our Bake Sale before and after the Christmas program. Everything will be \$5.00.

Each school family needs to send in either cookies, candies, pies, brownies, or anything that makes you feel in the Christmas mood. For cookies the suggestion is 1 to 2 dozen. Baked items will be collected on Tuesday, December 19th before school in the Middle School. So you could drop off the "goodies" when you drop off your child(ren).

St. Joseph Scrip Update.

Thank you for your support!

Winners of the drawings are:

Week 1 – Mary Markway
Week 2 – Danielle Luecke
Week 3 – Dan Massman
Week 4 – Anne Cavender
Week 5 – Steve Holterman
Winners should contact Amber Fennwald about getting their \$25.00 gift card.

December 19th last day for Scrip orders to be sent home with your child. No Scrip orders on Dec. 20th.

Scrip Elves will be on vacation from Dec. 20 thru Jan. 2nd.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program. *Megan Gentges*

Megan Gentges

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

Don't Forget the Manger

Practice schedule for December:

Dec. 14: All Cast, 8th grade, and sound team need to be picked up at 4 p.m.

Students staying for practice need to bring a Blue Note. If a student is not picked up at 4 p.m., they will be sent to After Care.

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*