

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

October Calendar Dates

- 2 – 6 Iowa testing for grades
K – 8
- 5 – No Buses running
- 6 – Mass – Gr. 4
Benediction – 2:50 p.m.
No Buses running
- 9 - No Buses running
- 11 – Life Runners in gym
7:50 p.m.
- 12 – First Thursday Celebration
Red Cross prizes given out
- 17 – Mass – Grade 3
- 18 – Parent Meeting – 6:30p.m.
For Protecting Young Eyes
- 19 – Mass – Grade 2
End of First Quarter
Nationwide Earthquake
Drill at 10:19 a.m.
- 20 – No School
Faculty Workday

Principal's News – October 4, 2023

Dear SJS Parents,

How excited the students were today with a few pets being at school and with about 20 -25 pets coming at 12:30 p.m. to be blessed. The smiles were everywhere when we were all gathered for Father Schrader's blessing of the pets. It was so nice to see how the students interacted with their friends' pets and how the pets all got along with each other. We had dogs, cats, turtles, fish, bearded lizard and a gecko. Many thanks to the parents that brought your child's pet to be blessed. It was a great St. Francis Day for us. Our first and hopefully not our last October 4th Blessing of Pets.

At our First Thursday Celebration on October 12th, Mrs. Sallin will be giving out a soccer ball to all the students who had a donor give blood. Our Second Grade won the pizza party for the most donors (23). She will also announce the dates of the two dress down days for all students. Thank you parents, friends of our parents, grandparents, and parishioners for giving blood. The Red Cross was very impressed with the number of units we gave.

Last Saturday our 7th graders were enrolled in the Confirmation program for the coming school year at the 5:30 p.m. Mass. Now learning begins as to the meaning and what it entails to be Confirmed in the Catholic faith.

Our Grandparents Day was a HUGE success. Many thanks to Mrs. Hequembourg, Ms. Markway, and Mrs. Cavender for their planning of it. Thanks to all the faculty and staff for working behind the scenes to help make it flow. Thanks to our wonderful cooks for making 500 cupcakes.

Testing is going well.

Our Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up--October 25th from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and October 26th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you have not signed up for a time to meet with all of your child's teachers, it is located on FACTS. Every parent needs to sign up for a time. Thanks.

The Linn Food Pantry was very grateful for the items that our students brought for St. Vincent de Paul's feast day. In fact the man from the pantry who picked up the items was trying to figure out how to get all of it in his truck. Thank you so very much for your generosity in helping your child do service and stewardship to others in need.

St. Joseph's SAINTS

Maxen Kloepel for always saying "Good Morning" to Sister Claret at the front entrance to the Elementary school in the mornings.

Principal's News continued.....

Within the Wednesday Folder you should have seen a notice about nominating a teacher that the VFW in Argle is sponsoring. Please send all nominations to the person listed on the information paper. We have some awesome teachers that need to be recognized. Hopefully, one of our own could be picked. Thanks for considering this opportunity for our teachers.

The next Principal's Newsletter will be October 24th

God's blessings,
Miss Kirk

Wedding Servers Needed

There will be a Wedding here at St. Joseph on Saturday, October 14th at 2 p.m. and October 28th at 2 p.m. Both wedding couples are in need of three servers. If your child (in grades 6 – 8) could serve one or both weddings, please email me at pkirk@stjosephwestphalia.org

If your child has never served a wedding before we will help train them and the priest celebrating the wedding Mass will be of help to them. I know the couples will be very grateful.

Thank you for your help with this.

St. Joseph Scrip Update

Scrip will now be filled daily by Mrs. Fennewald.

Are you ready for Halloween? Make sure to use scrip when buying your Halloween costumes, candy, and decorations.

Scrip will be on sale the weekend of:

October 7th & 8th
October 21st & 22nd

Profit to date: \$10,708.00

Since May 1st we have sold \$341,341.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$1,238.00 in profit from where we were last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip program.

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

Cafeteria Volunteers Needed

We are looking for a parent (mom or dad) grandparent, uncle/aunt to help serve the food as the students come for lunch. The times are from 10:50 to about 11:45 A.M. Must have Virtus training in order to volunteer. Please call the school office and let us know what day you could help. Thank you so much.

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*