



St. Joseph Catholic School

February 8th, 2023

Upcoming Events

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

Monday, Feb. 13th

- Wellness Day for Grades 5-8

Tuesday, Feb. 14th

- Mass (Grade 4)
- Mid-Quarter Ends
- Valentine's Day Parties 2:00-3:00 pm

Thursday, Feb 16th

- Father Schrader Visits Grades 1 & 2

Friday, Feb. 17th

- Mass (Grade 3)
- Confessions (Grade 6)
- Hearing Screening for Grades K-4
- NO BUS DAY

Saturday, Feb. 18th

- Parent Meetings 9:00 am- 12 noon

Monday, Feb. 20th

- NO SCHOOL (President's Day)

[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

Catholic Stewardship Renewal (CSR)

- We encourage accountability through participation in the CSR (Catholic Stewardship Renewal) process each October. This process asks all parishioners to:
 - **COMMIT** to using their time and talent for the betterment of the parish.
 - **PLEDGE** and stay current on a sacrificial gift of treasure to support the work of the parish.
- 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 their God given talents and sacrificially giving of their material gifts?
 - **REDIRECT** - do they need to redirect their time, talent, and treasure?
 - **REAFFIRM** - confirming their pledge 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.

The annual CSR process is not merely an administration exercise, instead it is a communal activity, geared toward strengthening us on the road to discipleship. It is a parishioners' way of proclaiming "I am part of this community and - by my faith and commitment - support the mission and vision."

**Time + Talent + Treasure = Forming Active Participants...
NOT Passive Recipients.**

(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,

Only one day was "snowed" out for CSW last week. The week was filled with fun activities and the students seemed to have a great time for each event we did. The one event that I was so touched by was when we all ate lunch together in the cafeteria. It was really nice to see us eating as a school family together: students, faculty, and some parents.

Many thanks to all the parent/grandparent helpers for the Cafeteria and for the Olympic activities.

With the Super Bowl coming up this weekend, students will be allowed to wear a KC shirt on Friday with uniform pants. If your child does not have a KC shirt, please do not feel that you need to go out and purchase a shirt. Students can wear a red shirt or their uniform shirt. No other type of sports shirts should be worn.

Valentine parties will be in the homerooms on February 14th from 2-3 pm. Students can wear a Valentine shirt with uniform pants on this day. If you are in charge of this party please email your homeroom teacher and let him or her know what you are planning. Thanks.

Father Schrader and I begin the Parent Meetings on Friday, February 10th. Many thanks to all of you who have signed up for this meeting. If you still need to sign up, please refer to FACTS for signing up. Thanks.

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

Vocation Poster and Essay Contest

Congratulations to the 2022-2023 Vocation Poster and Multimedia Presentation for the Diocese of Jefferson City. The winners for 5th and 8th grade levels were:

Cooper Schaben (Gr. 5) for Fifth Grade Poster

Brie Massman (Gr. 8) for Multimedia Presentation

The above winners won at the Diocesan level and will be receiving a \$10.00 Chick-fil-a gift card.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

The Westphalia Knights of Columbus will be having the last of their annual pre-Lenten fish fries 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.

Home and School Fees

Home and School Fees were due January 31st. If you have not paid your Home and School Fees, please send a check to school and we will make sure it gets to Mrs. Lisa Wieberg. Thanks.

Message from Our School Nurse

From The Health Room

Nurse Notes 2-8-23

It's hard to be a kid and even harder to be a parent!

Kids may report feeling sick because their emotional and physical symptoms confuse them. A lack of sleep, an unusual meal, anxiety or stress often causes a child to feel unwell, even if they are not "sick."

Your child will test your determination to send them every day, causing you to feel guilty about making them go to school when they do not feel well, but you must make school attendance a non-negotiable role. What to do, what to do?

Be optimistic with your child and reassure them. Be extra firm on school mornings, especially on Mondays. Please do not tell your child that "we" will call you if they do not feel better once they are at school. Children have a limited concept of time. That message is an invitation to move from the car or bus straight to the nurse or office. Instead, tell them you will send a note to their teacher explaining that s/he is having a rough morning.

Our goal is to keep your child at school. However, there are times when your child's needs exceed our resources. Teachers cannot effectively educate an entire class while accommodating a student who is coughing to the point of vomiting. A child who is rundown from a previous illness or a lack of sleep after a late night may need to stay home for an extra day or a nap. We understand that you have workday commitments. Please communicate with us if your child is having a difficult morning. We will treat your child with extra special care that day (and cross our fingers, that no one vomits on their Chromebook).

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 bottles will be due back to school February 9th. Thanks for your help with this cause.

Scrip

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

How do the Scrip Gas Cards work? They work at the pump, or inside the store, exactly like your debit or credit card. If you purchase a \$100.00 scrip gas card, the card will work until all the funds are gone. For example, if you have \$30.33 left on the card, the pump will run until it hits \$30.33. Once you know the scrip gas card is empty, you can then toss it, and order a new one!

Profit to Date: \$25,114.00.

Since May 1st we have sold \$823,216.00 worth of Scrip.

We are behind \$814.00 from where we were this time last year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Scrip Program.

Meghan Gentges

Catholic Schools Week 2023

Congratulations to Mr. Ron Berhorst for being our Distinguished Alumni for 2023.

