

# OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



November 3<sup>rd</sup> through November 7<sup>th</sup>

St. Joseph Community School's mission is that we are here to lead students to their fullest potential. We focus on four main categories: *academic excellency, faith, leadership, and service*. All of these categories are meant for them to thrive and also encounter Christ while on their journey.

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCY

### FAITH

### LEADERSHIP

### SERVICE

*Proverbs 27:17*



What are you waiting for?

**START YOUR PATH HERE**



*"At St. Joe's, my faith was cultivated and intertwined with academics, volunteering, and athletics, and truly everything that we did. This was so valuable and formative during my growing up years, alongside what I was learning at home and at church about my faith."*

**Lydia Gessner // Class of '16**



# UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL

## All Week

- Traveling St. Carlo Acutis Traveling Display in the Gathering Space.

## Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>

- No School for Teacher PD

## Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

- Learning Connections Class at 5:30pm in the Sunrise Preschool room
- Turn in Little Caesars Fundraiser Packet for preschool

## Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Live Rosary and Quarterly Awards at 1pm in the Church

## Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>

- All School Mass at 8:30am

Visit our school [calendar](#) to see more upcoming events!

# UPCOMING ACTIVITY EVENTS

Visit the activities [calendar](#) to see any changes or more information!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you miss Conference Sign-Up? Here's the Link. <https://bit.ly/4gPyz85>

**Christmas Concert has been moved! Please mark your calendar for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11am right after 10am Mass at St. Joseph Community School.**



## OUR DAILY SCHEDULE

Doors open 7:45am

Breakfast is served 7:45am-8:00am

School day begins 8:05am

School day ends 3:15pm

## WEEKEND MASS

### Saturday Mass Times

4pm at Holy Family

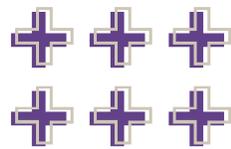
6pm at IC in North Washington or St. Boniface

### Sunday Mass Times

8am at Holy Family

9am at Holy Family





# MEET THE TEAMS

## Specials

### PE WEEKLY RECAP

This week in PE, our K-1 students had a great time playing Halloween-themed tag games, working on movement skills while having some spooky fun! Students in grades 2-8 practiced their dodgeball skills in preparation for our big Dodgeball Tournament on Wednesday, featuring some of our amazing first responders and teachers.

The tournament was a huge success — full of energy, teamwork, and lots of laughs! A big thank you to everyone who participated, cheered, and helped make this event such a fun and memorable experience for our students!

- **Mr. Henry and Mrs. Larsen**



### MUSIC MOMENTS

December 14 is fast approaching! The students are working very hard in every music class on song selections for our Christmas concert. We are practicing memorization and challenging ourselves by learning songs that will sound like "rounds" and "mash-ups" which focus on peace during the holiday season and throughout the year. Students are also working on new music for Mass during November and are excited to share their hard work with families and friends. Happy Halloween and All Saints Day to all!

- **Mr. Speltz and Mrs. Schueth**



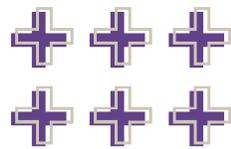
### ART CREATIVE CORNER

Please take some time to enjoy the amazing artwork in the halls. The Middle Schoolers have beautiful plant watercolor and chalkings. At the other end of the hall on the second floor you can enjoy Third & Fourth Graders' snake plant chalkings, as well as chalked pumpkin art pieces made with flowing loops, swirls, and spiral lines, Second graders have delightfully abstract Monstera plant masterpieces. Their emphasis was to enjoy the contrast of heavy thick lines and smooth thin lines to help our eyes have a path to follow throughout their art pieces. On the first floor, Kindergarten and First Graders applied "hill" lines to create "Zennia-ish" flowers. Our study of contour drawing and line patterns help the students track the flow and rhythm throughout an art piece. These skills transfer well, enabling students to notice details in both printed and written letter formation.

If you are interested in getting your child a book for Christmas, or special occasion, I highly recommend "-Ish" written and illustrated by Peter Reynolds. This story is the foundation for all our art activities.

- **Mrs. Boge and Miss. Ali**





# MEET THE TEAMS

## Early Childhood Team



### 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Letters- A, B, C, D  
Numbers-7, 9, 11, 13  
Shapes-heart, trapezoid, triangle/pyramid, rectangle/rectangular prism  
Nursery rhyme- review

During Station Rotation this week, the preschoolers worked on cutting, name writing, counting, and number/letter identification. This week was the second time the preschoolers have done an activity called picture story-word story. After reading a book three times, the preschoolers draw a picture of something that happened in the story, and then they 'write' about their picture. We talk about all the different ways preschoolers can write; sometimes it looks like random letters, sometimes it looks like letter shapes, and sometimes it looks like scribbles. Drawing and writing about stories is an important part of building literacy skills. On Monday, Jessica Rochford from Ag in the Classroom came to help us learn about pumpkins. The preschoolers had fun joining Mrs. Schueth's class to hear a story, learn about the pumpkin life cycle, touch pumpkins, and make their own jack-o-lanterns. We had fun finishing up the week with some Halloween fun thanks to the middle schoolers organizing some trick or treating!

**Upcoming dates**  
**November 3** Early out for Conferences  
**November 6** Early out for Conferences  
**November 7** No School - Teacher Comp Day  
**November 27-28** No school for Thanksgiving Break

- Mrs. Abbott

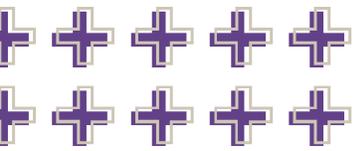
**3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS: A FUN WEEK OF LEARNING!**

Colors: gray, green and purple  
Letters: s, t, and p  
Numbers:5, 7, and 9  
Shapes: square and hexagon

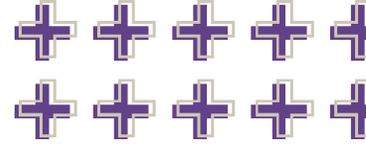
This week we had Jessica Rochford from Ag in the classroom come visit us to talk all about pumpkins. She read a story, showed us pictures, brought in real pumpkins, and we decorated some felt pumpkins. We also did an activity in our room where we had "candy" with each letter from our names on it that we put on our papers with the decorated candy bucket we made. We also started to work on the first letter of our names, what they say, and trying to write them correctly. We also had our Halloween party on Friday where we were able to sing Halloween songs, watched a short Halloween clip, went trick or treating around the school, ate some delicious treats, and played in our costumes during centers time. Mrs. Schueth asked students lots of questions this week and is ready to share all they have learned so far with you at your conferences on Monday and Thursday this week.

- Mrs. Schueth





# MEET THE TEAMS



## Early Childhood

### KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

This week in religion, we learned about the saints as we prepare for All Saints Day and our upcoming Saints Parade. There are so many wonderful models of faith cheering us on from Heaven! In reading, we enjoyed Don't You Feel Well, Bear? and Elizabeti's Doll as we explored how many stories include a problem that is solved by the end. In science, we continued learning about force and motion using a model town to see if we could save the houses from a boulder rolling down the hill. Students used push pins to change the trajectory of the ping-pong ball "boulder," working together to keep it from hitting the houses below. In math, we wrapped up our lessons on "more" and "fewer" and are ready for our test next week. We ended the week with a fun Halloween celebration, trick-or-treating through the school hallway and a classroom Halloween movie. Happy Hallowtide! -Mrs. Flugum

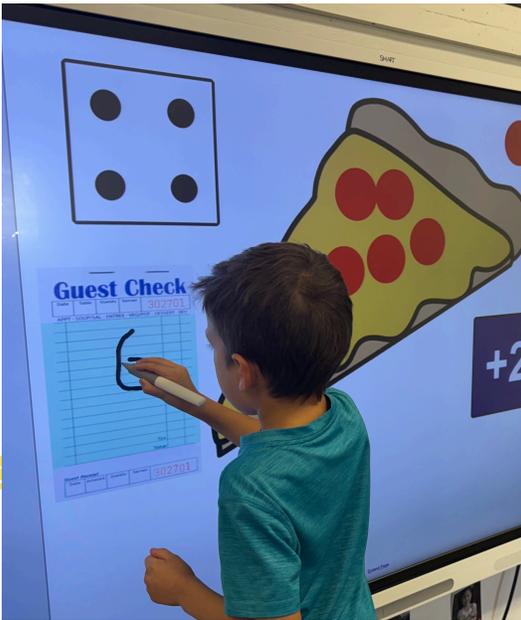


### FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

We hope you and your child had a Spook-tacular Week. We had lots of fun things happening with Red Ribbon Week and Halloween. In religion we focused on Giving Thanks to God and how God cares for us. In math we finished up Topic 4 which was about addition and subtraction facts to 12. We will be starting Topic 5 this week which is covering Addition Facts to 20. In phonics we were focusing on reviewing sounds and the digraph "th". This week we will focus on the long and short e. In science we finished up our animal trait unit. Be sure to ask them about their moths. We look forward to seeing everyone at conferences. Please send a water bottle and return Friday Folders tomorrow. Have a great week!

- Mrs. Heying

*Elementary Team*



### SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class is learning about arrays and repeated addition in math to prepare for multiplication. Students are asked to practice counting equal groups with objects at home. We celebrated Red Ribbon week with many fun activities. We enjoyed a visit from the mayor to start the week, celebrity readers, dodgeball games, and dress up days. We invite families to stop by Runion Park to see the red ribbons displayed as we pledge to be drug free.

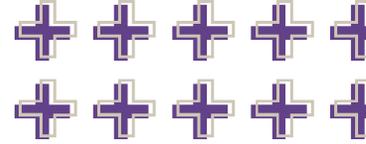
- Mrs. Rochford





# MEET THE TEAMS

## Elementary Team



### THIRD GRADE:

We had a fun week celebrating Red Ribbon Week from dressing like a twin or your teacher to the dodgeball game. There were lots of laughs and reminders of taking care of our bodies and brains so we can succeed in life! The students did an amazing job sharing God's message at mass on Friday. We started reading the second book by the author Patricia Pollaco. Her stories give us a little look at what life was like for her and her family, with the message that important events in our lives are best shared with those we care about. We are learning new vocabulary as we go. In science we had to identify a mysterious fruit based on various traits. You'll have to ask one of the students if they remember the name of this citrus fruit found in California. This week we started our next masterpiece- an animal fantasy. These will be an interesting read as we see what those crazy critters do to solve a problem in their story. - **Mrs. Herold**



### FOURTH GRADE:

It's starting to feel like fall! With the weather turning cooler, please remind your student to bring a **\*\*jacket or sweatshirt\*\*** for recess and outdoor activities.

**Math:** We are wrapping up our unit on extending patterns with the use of in and out tables and are exploring how they connect to multiplication and division. Students are doing a great job recognizing number patterns and applying them to problem solving.

**Reading:** We finished Meteor by Patricia Polacco and have begun reading Some Birthday. Over the next few days, we'll look at how these two stories are connected and what themes or messages they share.

**Social Studies:** This week we learned that towns often have their own traditions and legends. We also explored one of America's most famous tales — The Legend of Sleepy Hollow!

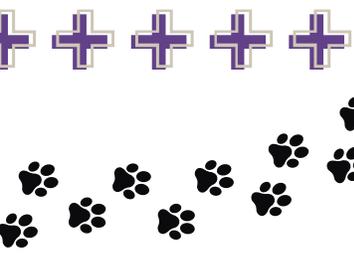
**Religion:** In Religion, students learned about The Ten Commandments and discussed what each one teaches us about living in friendship with God and others. Have a wonderful weekend, and thank you for all your continued support!

- **Mr. Larsen**

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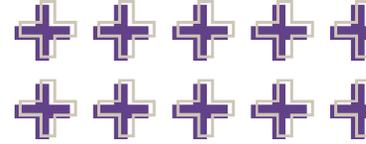
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## Middle School Team MIDDLE SCHOOL:



Recently, our class began an exciting new novel study on *The Giver* by Lois Lowry. As we read together, students will continue building their vocabulary skills, developing comprehension strategies, and engaging in meaningful discussions during our daily read-alouds. Our recent mini-lessons have focused on identifying internal character traits and analyzing how “the community” in the novel differs from our own world. Students are already making thoughtful connections and predictions as we explore this thought-provoking story about choice, individuality, and society.

**- Mrs. Stumme, Mrs. Shatek, Mrs. Denner, and Mrs. McDonald**

