

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



January 26th through January 30th

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

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL



Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week at St. Joseph Community School. We're diving into the richness of our faith, learning, and community, all wrapped up in a week full of fun, gratitude, and togetherness. Get ready for exciting activities, faith-filled moments, and opportunities to celebrate the joy and sweetness of being part of our Catholic school family. Stay tuned for more details as we journey together on this special adventure!
We can't wait to celebrate with you!



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Monday

FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD:

WEAR - YELLOW/GOLD OR DRESS LIKE A TOURIST

Join us for Cocoa and Cozy Reads at the NHMU building on main street from 12pm to 2pm! Enjoy sweets, books and a warm drink!



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Tuesday

HEART OF SERVICE: Wear Silver or grey to dress like the Tin Man
Loving like the Tin Man
Bubble Gum Contest



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Wednesday

COURAGE OF FAITH: Dress like a superhero or favorite saint
Bravery like the Lion
All School Activity during the day

Family Night
Bingo, Potluck,
& Book Fair at
5:30pm in Gym

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Thursday

BRAINS AND BELIEF: Dress up in your #CSW26 t-shirt and activewear
Wisdom like the Scarecrow

Whole School Sportsplex Day in Waterloo



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Friday

THERE IS NO PLACE LIKE ST. JOES
Wear your Emerald City best!
VIP/Grandparents Day - Doors will open at 11:40am
Enter through the school entrance



MEET THE TEAMS

Early Childhood Team

3 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Colors- brown and black
Letters- Ff and Rr
Shape- Rhombus
Numbers- 6 and 9

This week we worked on some vocabulary words. For example one was collar and we talked about collars on our shirts as well as a dog collar. We worked on creating patterns and finishing a pattern with what was next. During phonics we started to break apart two syllable words and blending the words back together. Our focus was more on compound words prior to this week. This week we started to work with numbers more in depth and even started to look more at tens frames.

-Mrs. Schueth



KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

In Religion this week, we learned about our gift of the five senses. We talked about how God gave us sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch so we can enjoy His amazing world. In Phonics, we have been working on word manipulation. Students practiced changing the beginning sound of a word to make a new word. In Social Studies, we explored the question, "What happens when there's not enough?" To help students understand this idea, each group of four students was given only two pieces of paper, one pair of scissors, and a few markers. The only rule was that everyone in the group had to draw a picture. The students displayed skills of problem solving, sharing, and teamwork throughout the activity. In Math, we took our test over subtraction this week. We will spend a little more time strengthening our understanding of addition and subtraction as we move into our next math topic. We are looking forward to a fun and exciting week celebrating our Catholic school!

- Mrs. Flugum

4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Letters- D, F
Numbers-18, 20
Shapes-trapezoid, cone
Nursery rhyme- review

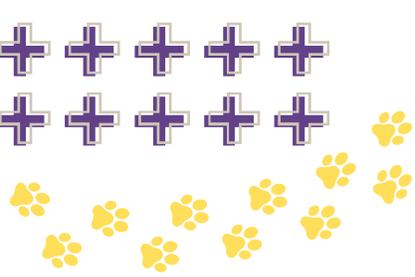
This week the preschoolers enjoyed multiple readings of The Three Billy Goats Gruff and being able to retell it with pieces we were able to borrow from the AEA. We worked together to make a collage of snowmen in the art center. We worked on finding rhyming words and sorting some uppercase and lowercase letters during station rotation. We investigated if heavy balls or light balls would bounce better and what makes balls roll.. - Mrs. Abbott

Upcoming dates

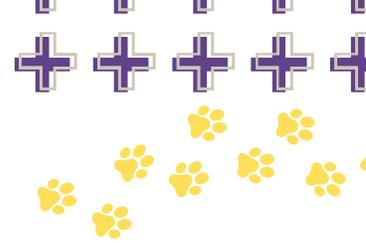
- **January 28-** Family BINGO night
- **January 29-** No preschool-*refer to message sent out*
- **February 5 - Early Childhood Open House**
- **February 16-** No school for Professional development
- **February 21-** Night Out with St. Joes!

FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

Happy Sunday and Welcome to Catholic Schools Week! We have a fun week ahead of us. In religion we have been learning about praying God's word. We discussed how Jesus prayed in the temple and after the Last Supper he sang psalms with his friends. In phonics we have been focusing on blends that make 2 sounds. For example: tr, br, sw. etc. In math we are working on comparing 2 numbers by looking at the tens and ones place. They are using than vocabulary: greater than, less than, and equal to. We will be starting topic 10 this week. In science we finished up our unit on light and sound. We also made transparent hearts to hang in our window for Valentine's Day! We hope you are ready for a fun and exciting week! Mon- Cocoa stand from 12-12:30 Tues- bubble gum contest. Wed-Family Bingo at 5 PM. Thurs- Sports Plex, and Friday is VIP day and mass. Please remember to send in their Friday Folders and a water bottle. - Mrs. Heying



MEET THE TEAMS



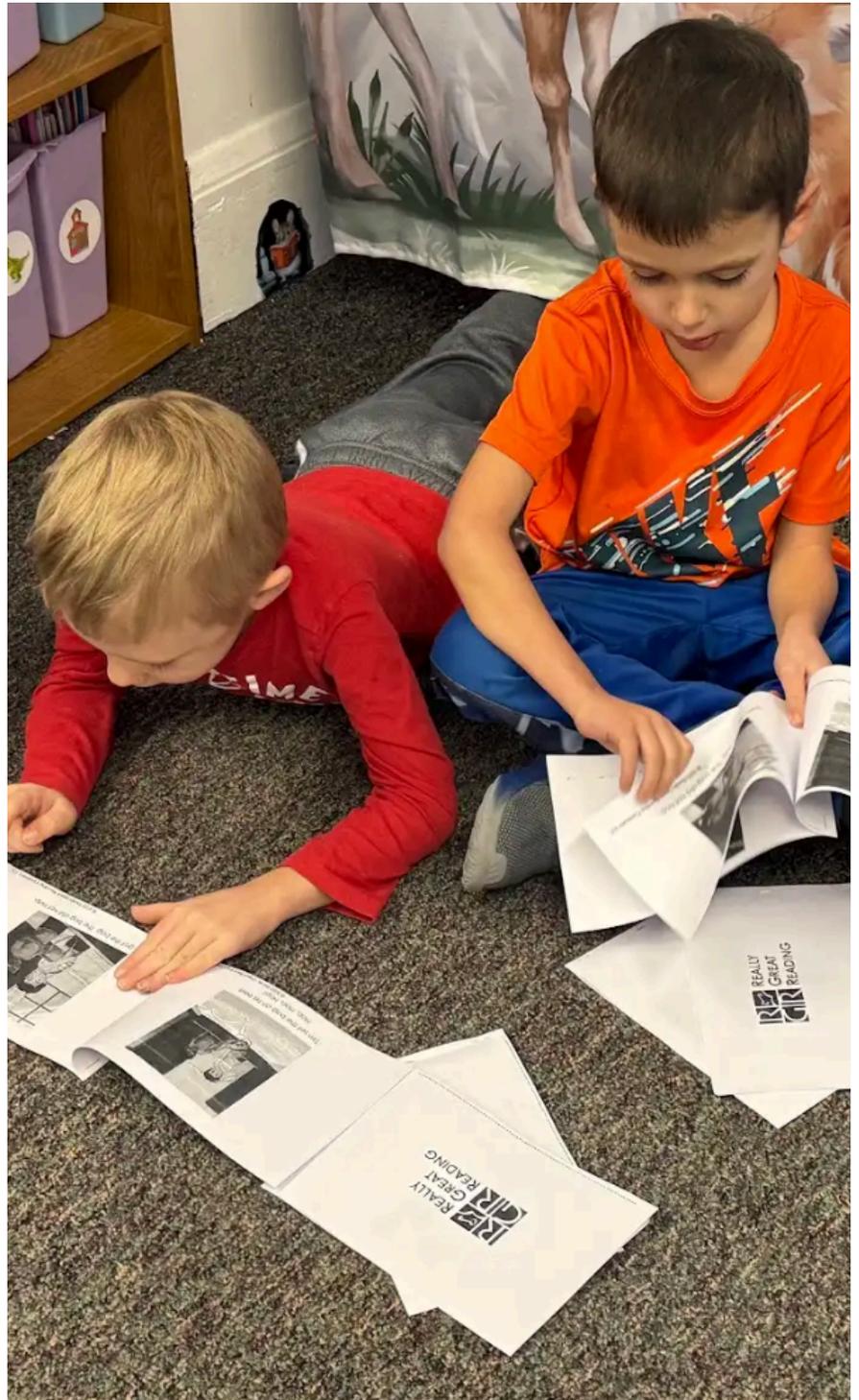
Elementary Team

SECOND GRADE NEWSFLASH: A WEEK OF LEARNING AND FUN!

This week the second grade class continues to work on fluency during reading rotations learning more about two syllable words. The students had opportunities to read aloud with a partner, create sentences using two-syllable words, and make predictions about what will happen next in the story. Make sure to check out the Second Grade Snowman Quilt that will be on display next week during Family Bingo Night! We look forward to all of the exciting activities that are coming up next week during Catholic Schools Week. - **Mrs. Rochford**

THIRD GRADE:

Our focus in religion this week was how Jesus heals and forgives us. We talked about stories from the bible where Jesus has shown compassion and mercy to those who needed it most, and hoped that we would be able to do the same in our daily lives. Our interactive read aloud was called "Saturday and Teacakes". It is a realistic fiction story recalling a boy's special memory with his grandmother. The students were able to draw and write about their favorite memory with someone special. This story tied in well with our writing as we just finished writing our own realistic fiction story. Now we are writing a Haiku. It is a fun form of poetry that is about nature. The very short poem creates a picture with the words the students choose. We are so excited for Catholic Schools Week! There is no place like St. Joseph Community School!- **Mrs. Herold**



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Middle School Team MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Our middle school students are learning about different types of earthquakes—including normal, strike-slip, and reverse earthquakes—and how each one causes the Earth's crust to move in unique ways. They're also exploring seismic waves and putting their knowledge to the test by designing and building structures that can withstand these powerful forces. This hands-on learning helps students connect Earth science concepts to real-world engineering and problem-solving.

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



Specials

PE:

Although we had a shortened week, our bowling unit continued with a slight increase in complexity. Students participated in accuracy-based games that emphasized rolling and throwing skills while also focusing on sportsmanship and fair play. Students were responsible for retrieving their own pins and resolving situations respectfully, reinforcing honesty, teamwork, and positive behavior alongside skill development.- Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Henry

