ST. JOSEPH
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2026-2027

GOOD NEWS

FROM ST. JOSEPH COMMUNITY SCHOOL





Faithful to our *mission* entrusted by God, St. Joseph Community School, in cooperation with the family, church, and community, commits to promote the enrichment of every child: mind, body and soul.





LIGHTING THE PATH FOR A HIGHER PURPOSE

I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU: MEET OUR STUDENT SENATE



Cue the *I'll Be There for You* theme song. Our middle school Student Senate is made up of thoughtful, creative students who are ready to make a difference and bring their classmates' voices and ideas to life. In the past, our Student Senate has put on classroom trick-or-treating, the 12 Days of Giving and dressing up, and an amazing week celebrating all of our Superhero Kids, just to name a few! This year, they are back and ready to make their mark. They have already been busy brainstorming, planning, and dreaming up ways to make this school year even more fun for our students. The Youth in Action Summit kicked off their year with activities focused on teamwork, communication, and different leadership styles, along with opportunities to connect with students from around the area and Iowa State Extension and Outreach staff. Students finished the day by creating an action plan for a goal they want to accomplish this year. We can't wait to see what this group comes up with and are so proud of the energy and Panther Pride they bring to our school!

MEET OUR TEAM!



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SERVICE

AN APPLE A DAY: LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM



Dramatic play for young children is a great way for students to learn and have fun at the same time. The Kindergarten Apple a Day Cafe is a way that students can learn many skills like writing, letters, math, sensory, and fine motor. The kindergarten students enjoyed welcoming many visitors to the cafe. Special guests included parents, grandparents, and even daycare friends. The free will donation that was collected will be used to purchase Jared Boxes for young children that are in our local hospital.

FAITH

BLESSED FULTON J. SHEEN: A MESSAGE OF HOPE







Hope begins with you.

Just a few hours from New Hampton, in the small farming community of El Paso, Illinois, was a man who would one day become known throughout the world: Blessed Fulton J. Sheen. On September 24, 2026, thousands of Catholics gathered in St. Louis to celebrate his beatification, bringing him one step closer to sainthood. Sheen was a priest, professor, bishop, author, and media personality best known for his Emmy-winning television program, *Life Is Worth Living*. Throughout his life, he used his teaching, writing, preaching, and broadcasting to point people toward God and share a message of Christian hope. Our students explored Sheen's life and legacy through books, lessons on his radio work, and activities focused on Eucharistic Adoration and spending time in the presence of Jesus. Middle school and third-grade students even created their own monstrances, which came together in a beautiful Eucharistic display. Blessed Fulton J. Sheen reminds us that hope is something we are called not only to receive, but to share with everyone we meet. Blessed Fulton J. Sheen, pray for us!

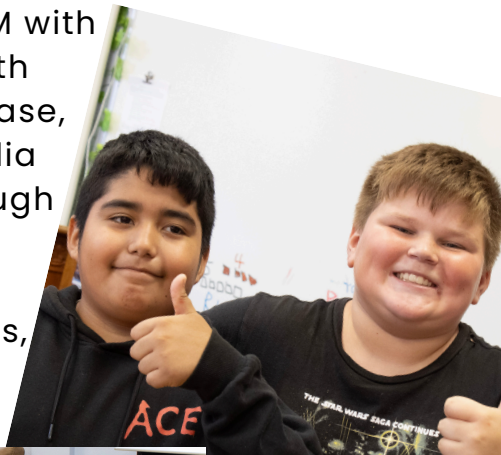




MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORATORIES

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

This year, our middle school students have an exciting opportunity to explore learning beyond the traditional classroom! Students are divided into small groups, with each group focusing on a different topic throughout the quarter. These topics include STEM with Mrs. Stumme, financial literacy with Mrs. Schueth, cooking with Mrs. Brase, sewing with Mrs. Denner, and media production with Mrs. Shatek. Through these hands-on experiences, students are developing valuable life skills, discovering new interests, and learning skills they can use beyond the classroom.

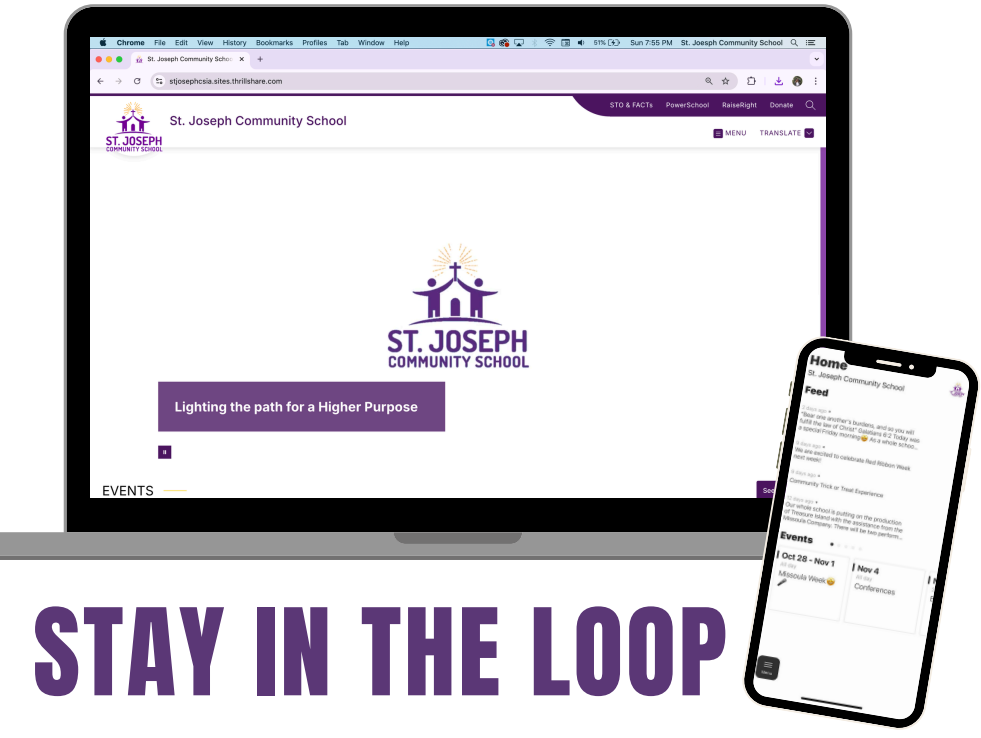




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