

# OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



November 17th through November 21st

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

**Monday, November 17th**

- No School for Teacher PD

**Tuesday, November 18th**

- Learning Connections Class at 5:30pm in the Sunrise Preschool room

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

- All School Mass at 8:30am

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

## UPCOMING ACTIVITY EVENTS

**Monday, November 17th**

- 7th grade basketball at South Winn at 4:15pm

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



### 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

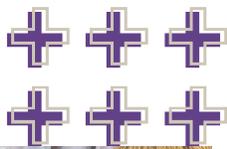
8am at Holy Family

9am at Holy Family



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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.**



# MEET THE TEAMS

## *Early Childhood Team*

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

Colors- Gray, purple, pink, brown Letters- c, k, e, r Numbers- 9, 3, 0, 2 Shape- oval, rhombus, rectangle, square This month is going so fast already. We are staying busy in the 3 year old preschool room. Our smart room is looking very fall like. We have leaves to crawl through for the alligator crawl, "pumpkins" they hold above their heads for the pencil roll, and leaves for the numbers on the slap track. We also added in the rebounder with learning ladder numbers as a station. During story time, we read 3 different stories this week. With each story we continued to work on identifying the cover, spine, author, illustrator and title. The stories were: A Mother for Choco, Freight Train, and Growing Colors. During phonics we continue to work on rhyming words, segmenting words, blending words, and focusing on the initial sound. For fine motor skills we did a lot of work using dry erasers and whiteboards. We worked on identifying different letters during this time, sounds, and the strokes that are used to create these letters. All of our letters this week have straight or slanted lines. I am so amazed with these littles and their excitement for learning. I feel from our most recent assessments they have already grown. \*\*\*\*The preschoolers will be participating in the Christmas Concert on December 14th. Make sure you have that date on your calendar as we have been practicing this month. :)

- Mrs. Schueth



### 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

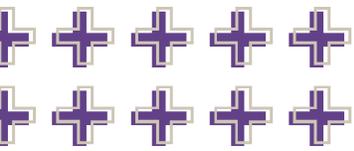
Letters- H, I, J, K  
Numbers-12, 14, 16, 18  
Shapes-square/cube, heart, trapezoid, triangle/pyramid  
Nursery rhyme- Little Boy Blue

During Station Rotation this week, the preschoolers worked on name writing, patterns, number identification, fine motor, and social skills. For the tree study, we have been talking about what animals do not live in trees, what animals do live in trees, and what clues we can look for to see if there are animals in the trees we are observing. The sensory table has changed to fall items and the preschoolers have been fun creating 'gardens' in it. We have had two very busy weeks with conferences last week and pizza kit delivery this week. Thank you for coming to conferences and for supporting the preschool with the pizza fundraiser.

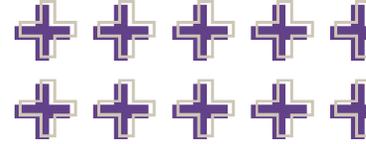
#### Upcoming dates

November 17- No school for PD  
November 27-28 No school for Thanksgiving  
December 14-Christmas concert  
December 23- early out December 24 thru  
January 2- no school for Christmas

- Mrs. Abbott



# MEET THE TEAMS



## Early Childhood

### KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

In religion this week, we discussed ways we can show love to others. We know that God loves each of us, and we are called to do our best to love others as He does. In phonics, we worked with the sounds for g, l, u, and n, as well as the letter formation for each of those lowercase letters. We also learned the heart words l, am, and here. We read the story "What Color Is Nature?" and made our own nature pictures using at least three different colors found in nature. Later in the week, we took a nature walk on the playground and school grounds to look for fall colors that matched the color palette we brought with us. We enjoyed celebrating Veterans Day and watching Sgt. Stubby: An American Hero with our friends in third grade. In math, we worked with teen numbers—putting them in order and practicing writing them correctly. The weather at the end of the week was beautiful, and we enjoyed playing together at recess. Colder weather is coming soon, so we are soaking up the sunshine while we can!- **Mrs. Flugum**



### FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

This week in First grade our religion topic was learning more about Jesus and the Good news and how we can help share the Good News. In math we are working on Topic 5 which is about making 10's to add. This has been a bit more challenging, but once they get going they do great. In writing we worked on a Place Poem. They chose their favorite place and had to write things they loved about it. We tried to incorporate their senses for this too. We also worked on plurals. We add s or es to most words and tried to add this in their poems as well. We continue to work on our best handwriting as well. In social studies we are continuing our unit on the past/present/and future. This includes schools, phones, computers, transportation, and even family traditions. Lastly, in reading we are working on finding interesting words in our books, looking at vocabulary, and talking about what we are reading. We hope you have a fantastic week!

- **Mrs. Heying**



*Elementary Team*

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

This week the second grade class learned about Veteran's Day and prepared to celebrate these men and women with mass. As we prepare for our First Reconciliation Retreat on Wednesday, we learn that reconciliation is a journey that we do not make alone. We reflected on who supports us, who shows us love, and who stands beside us as we prepare for this blessed sacrament. Jesus said "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him." The class also practiced writing letter numbers in math and compared numbers using symbols.

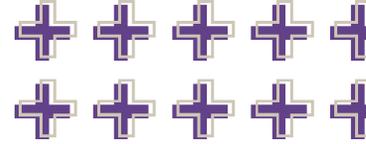
- **Mrs. Rochford**





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## Elementary Team



### THIRD GRADE:

It was wonderful sharing with parents all the milestones our third graders have reached this first semester. There are so many great things happening in our classroom every single day! We continue to enjoy the work of Patricia Polacco, and our latest read, *The Keeping Quilt*, has been a class favorite. It's such a beautiful story about passing down family memories, and the students created their own quilt squares to highlight some of their special family memories. In reading, we're building fluency and vocabulary daily. It's fantastic to hear students using expressive voices and weaving their new vocabulary into other subjects. We're also putting the finishing touches on our animal fantasy stories. The students have worked so well together—truly striving to make each story the best it can be. Their teamwork has been so impressive! We've been diving into multiplication with the word "array." The class is creating an "Array City" to show different multiplication arrays, and it has been such a fun and meaningful introduction to this new concept. Thursday was National Kindness Day, and throughout the week we looked for ways to follow the example of St. Martin of Tours by showing kindness to others. We also took time to thank all Veterans for their service and sacrifice. We ended our week as song leaders and by celebrating World Diabetes Day, wearing our Clara shirts or blue in support of everyone affected by diabetes. - **Mrs. Herold**



### FOURTH GRADE:

Hello Families,

It was another busy and exciting week in our classroom! In reading, we continued our Author Study of Patricia Polacco and read her touching story *The Keeping Quilt*. Students discussed family traditions and the importance of passing stories through generations, just like in the book. In writing we started writing a science fiction story and will be sharing them next week.

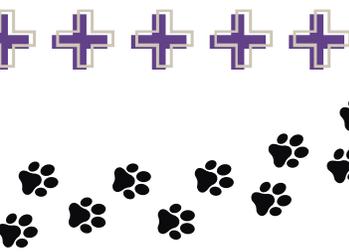
In Math, we began learning how to multiply by multiples of 10 and 100 and started exploring strategies to break apart multi-digit multiplication problems. Students are practicing showing their work and explaining their thinking—great progress all around!

On Tuesday, our class visited the courthouse to attend the Veterans Day Memorial Service. It was a meaningful experience and a wonderful way to honor and thank our veterans for their service. We kicked off our State Research Project this week! Each student drew a state from a hat and began gathering facts about their assigned state. We can't wait to see their final projects and learn more about the United States together! Thank you for your continued support at home.

Have a great weekend and stay warm! Warm regards,

- **Mr. Larsen**

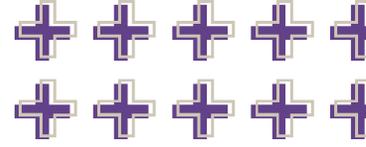




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## Middle School Team

### MIDDLE SCHOOL:



It was wonderful to see you all at conferences! As we mentioned, our introduction to global studies is wrapping up, and students are now beginning their Country Research Project to conclude our geography unit. Over the next five weeks, students will explore a country of their choice—investigating its physical, environmental, and human geography. Most research will be completed outside of class, with a few designated in-class work days to check in and refine progress. During Week 5, students will shift focus to preparing their presentations, where they'll share their findings and teach their peers about their chosen country. We can't wait to see their creativity and global discoveries come to life!

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

