

OUR WEEKLY NEWS

"LIGHTING A PATH TO THE HIGHER PURPOSE."



January 19th through January 23rd

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, January 19th

- No School - Teacher Inservice

Friday, January 23rd

- All School Prayer Service at 8:30am (No Mass - Father is gone.)

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITY EVENTS

Tuesday, January 20th

- 8th grade boys basketball vs Charles City at 4:15pm

Thursday, January 22nd

- 8th grade boys basketball vs Turkey Valley at 4:15pm

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

MEET THE TEAMS

Early Childhood Team

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

- Colors- gray, brown, purple, black
- Letters- Pp, Cc, Nn, and Bb
- Numbers- 7, 9, 11, and 12
- Shapes- oval, square, pentagon
- Number Count- 1-30

We finished making our name snowman and have them displayed in our hallway. Ted (our puppet) has helped teach us about things that are the same and different. He gave us some fun activities where we looked at pictures to find what was the same and different. He also helped us to notice what was the same and different with helmets, hats, shoes, and belts. We were then able to use some of these items to work on patterns. We continued to work on rhyming words, initial sounds, ending sounds, blending words, and segmenting words. The students have been learning so much and it is really showing in their assessments that we did this week. They love to learn and I love to watch them grow. Just a reminder that there is no school tomorrow, January 19th, due to professional development. We also do not have school on Thursday, January 29th. If your child attends our wraparound program, they are able to participate in the VIP day on January 30th, so please have those VIP's call into the office to let them know who will be coming as a VIP and if they will be taking your child home. Thank you so much and see you on Tuesday!

- Mrs. Schueth



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



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4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL HIGHLIGHT

Letters- S, H, C, I
 Numbers-10, 12, 14, 16
 Shapes-square, cube, cylinder, heart
 Nursery rhyme- Pat a Cake

The smart room was changed up this week with a snowman theme! The preschoolers alligator crawled to collect snowman pieces and worked on lowercase letter identification on the snowman slap tracks. We did some graphing of fruit choices and talked about squares and triangles during math time. The preschoolers played with sounds, worked on letter writing, numbers and quantities and so much more during station rotation. We read Snowmen At Night and created our own snowmen. Check them out when you come in! They are hanging on the bulletin board right outside our door. - **Mrs. Abbott**

Early Childhood

KINDERGARTEN HIGHLIGHTS:

We learned about feelings this week in religion. We discussed that God created us and loves us through all of our feelings. We talked about how to manage big feelings and how we can help others when they are experiencing them. In phonics, we are working with the heart words “with,” “all,” and “me.” We enjoyed The “Mixed-Up Chameleon” by Eric Carle and are looking forward to creating our own mixed-up creatures. We also learned about antonyms as we explored the words “sparkling” and “dull” in relation to the chameleon in the story. We continue to work with subtraction concepts and are practicing writing subtraction sentences using the minus sign. In science, we are learning about seasonal weather patterns as we try to answer the question, “What will the weather be like on your birthday?” Whatever the weather, it’s been another great week in kindergarten!
 - **Mrs. Flugum**

Upcoming dates

- **January 19-** no school for Professional development
- **January 28-** Family BINGO night
- **January 29-** No preschool-*refer to message sent out*
- **February 16-** no school for Professional development
- **February 21-** Night Out with St. Joes!



FIRST GRADE INSIDE SCOOP:

Happy Sunday! This past week in First Grade flew by. In religion we were learning more about forgiveness which means "to excuse or pardon". We also learned more about the Golden Rule and sins. In math we finished up our unit on place value of tens and ones and started Topic 9 which is comparing numbers to 100. This focuses on 10 more or 10 less or 1 more or less. Any practice at home with this would be a great benefit! In phonics we are starting to learn more about long vowels as well as reviewing the short vowels and the double trouble rule. In writing we focused on News Stories and subject-verb agreements. Lastly in science we are continuing our unit on sound and vibration. We hope you have a great week! See you on Tuesday! Just a reminder to send in Friday folders, tickets if you have sold any, 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 will learn how to do mental subtraction in math. The class will learn how to use strategies and parts of 100 to subtract mentally. In writing, the class will write a news story telling how something happened. The class will practice reading sentences and making sure the subject and predicate agree. In religion, we will discuss some of the people who will help the class make their First Communion. We will also discuss some of the ways families show their love for Jesus. - **Mrs. Rochford**

THIRD GRADE:

Our interactive read aloud this week were hybrid texts- a mix of fiction and nonfiction. The students learned more about the honey bee and yucky worms. There was some great discussions about the misconceptions we all have about bees and worms, There was a lot of new information learned. Our young authors shared their realistic fiction stories and impressed up all with the pictures they painted with their words. Multiplication with larger numbers and problem solving with multiple steps was our focus and is getting us prepared for our math test next week. Finally we ended the week as leaders for the prayer service focused on peace. Everyone is getting pumped up for Catholic Schools Week. Please call in the name of your child's VIP for mass on January 30th! What a great week! God is so good! - **Mrs. Herold**

FOURTH GRADE:

This week was filled with great learning and excitement!

Students continued working toward earning their ticket to the Mason City Toros hockey game by selling St. Joe's Night Out tickets. Thank you for supporting this fun incentive and helping students stay motivated!

In Reading, we explored two engaging hybrid books, The Flight of the Honey Bee and Yucky Worms. Students compared and contrasted the stories while identifying the fiction and non-fiction elements in each text. This was a great way to build comprehension skills and deepen understanding of different text types.

In Social Studies, students finished their research on Winter Olympic sports and began sharing what they learned with classmates. It has been exciting to see students teach one another about events they may not have known much about before.

A friendly reminder that Catholic Schools Week is coming up soon! Please be sure to check your child's packet for daily information, including the schedule of events and dress-up days.

Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,
Mr. Larsen



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Specials ART:

We are developing art projects with their basis in the book, *Now One Foot, Now the Other*. A Grandpa helps his grandson learn to walk. Students practiced left and right foot movements with stuffed character dolls as well as with classmates as walking partners. Checking the level of mastery your child has for identifying left and right is a life skill. Have fun with it! We are also practicing tracing card stock rhombuses, rectangles, and squares. Tracing against a straight edge involves coordination, manipulation, and balance. I encourage parents to get out the rulers, and any stencils to refine these tracking skills while adding fun decorations to your home.

-Mrs. Boge

PE:

.This week in PE, students worked on controlling their movements and improving accuracy through a variety of skill-based activities. Bowling-style games encouraged careful rolling, teamwork, and safety, while younger students explored movement through music, dancing, and freeze-tag games. Across all classes, the focus was on building confidence, coordination, and enjoyment of physical activity. - **Mrs. Larsen, Mr. Henry**



Middle School Team MIDDLE SCHOOL:

What a fun week! Our middle schoolers joined Mackin's Storyteller Spotlight to meet internationally acclaimed artist Man One. He showed how his graffiti-inspired art moves from tiny page details to huge building-size murals, talked about illustrating Chef Roy Choi and the Street Food Remix, and answered students' questions. After the visit, students hunted for his hidden art messages in our classroom copy of the book and created a lively conversation about both the literary and art components, a wonderful blend of reading and creativity we'll continue to explore in class.

We're also thrilled to announce our Top 9 Religion Bee qualifiers — Addie, Averie, Calvin, Daniel, Danny, Lynae, Jackson, Kaden, and Kendall. We are proud of all the students who competed, and we're excited to see these finalists move on to Round II during Catholic Schools Week.

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

