

ST. JOSEPH NEWS



From The Principal's Desk

September 15, 2022

School News

P.A.W.S. Parents Are Wonderful Stewards

President - Mary Short

Vice President- Casey Swartz

Secretary - Mary Bell

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Our PAWS meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6 pm in the spare room of the school. **Our next meeting is this coming Monday, Sept. 19 at 6 pm.** *All are welcome!* Come and join us for some laughs, fellowship and brainstorming.

School News

Welcome Mrs. Julie Spencer Potter as our new 5-8th grade ELA and SS teacher! Mrs. Spencer-Potter comes to us with 10 years teaching experience. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Bowling Green State University and her Master's Degree from Ferris State University. She along with her husband and three adopted children moved to West Branch seven years ago.

Casual Days

The last Friday of each month will be a free casual day. Enjoy! Please remember no holes, leggings, or athletic wear. Shirts with sayings need to be Catholic School appropriate. Each month we will also have a "Casual for a Cause" day. In order to dress casual, students will need to bring in an item or a \$1 or more for the cause of the month.

Tomorrow, Sept 16th will be our first Casual for a Cause. Funds raised will be donated to Coalition for Hope.

Attendance

As Ms. Brewer sent out... attendance is important! Please call or send an email by 9:30 if your child is absent. Students are considered tardy if they arrive any later than 8:50 am with the exception of bus riders. After 5 tardies, students will need to serve detention after school. Punctuality is an important life skill.

Calendar

Sept 23 - No School, Teacher In-service

Oct. 3 - Vision/Hearing Screening

Oct 5 - 8 - Scholastic Book Fair

Oct 28 - Trunk or Treat

Nov 15 - No School

Nov 21 - 22 - Parent-Teacher Conferences

Nov 23 - 25 - No School, Happy Thanksgiving!

Our Mission:

St. Joseph Catholic School provides a Catholic environment with Jesus at the center where we are Called to grow in excellence Spiritually, socially, physically and academically.

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Website

I have been working on the website this summer to make it more user friendly for our current families. Included is a “**Current Families**” tab that will contain the school calendar, newsletters, lunch menus etc... Hopefully this will be helpful!

NWEA Testing

Beginning next week, students will start NWEA testing. These tests help us determine a learning path that best meet the needs of individual learners. Students should eat a good breakfast and have a healthy snack to help them perform the best they can.

Lunch/Snack

Thank you for your patience in waiting to hear back from the state. Until we hear back, each classroom has a designated snack time. Please send fruits, vegetables, yogurt or other healthy items for snack. Teachers will not allow students to eat candy, chips or other treats during that time.

Communication

Communication is key to a successful year! Please reach out to teachers with any questions or concerns. School closings will come via a text alert. Anytime WBRC Schools are closed due to weather, St. Joseph will be closed too. Most St. Joseph communications will come in the form of email. Please check your email regularly. Look for a monthly Newsletter the first week of each month.

Prayer Corner

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 instead of Mass we will be praying a Patriotic Rosary at 9:30 am. All are welcome to join us. Families are also welcome to join us on Wednesdays for Mass.

Pope Francis has declared a Eucharistic Revival from 2022-2024. I will be sharing some information from the official USCCB document throughout the year.

The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/mystery-eucharist-life-church-0>

Intro:

1. On March 27, 2020, at an early point in the global pandemic, Pope Francis walked alone in the rain across an empty St. Peter’s Square to offer prayer for the world in a time of crisis. “Faith,” he said, “begins when we realize we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars.”¹ Recalling when Jesus was asleep in the boat as a tempest was raging (Mk 4:35-41), the Holy Father said, “The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith.”² On that day, Pope Francis presided over the rite of Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction in order to focus our attention on the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The Pope was reminding us that even in a time of turbulence and crisis, Jesus is present among us, as present as he was long ago in the boat on the Sea of Galilee.