



St. Joseph Catholic School
Educating the mind, body and spirit since 1894
Elementary Weekly Bulletin
September 17 – September 21, 2018

St. Joseph Catholic School was established to provide a Christian Environment for students, staff and faculty alike that promotes both excellence in education and a spiritual faith formation. As a pastoral instrument of the Church, we intend to respond to the needs of the whole person and to support the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each student. It is also our intention to challenge the students to work to the best of their abilities and to live as Christian examples of faith to one another and to the extended community. We will strive to explore and initiate innovations in education and our faith which will prepare the students to take their place as leaders in a changing and challenging society. St. Joseph Mission Statement

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

ITBS Testing – Students in grades K-8 will be administered the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) the week of September 17 through September 21. The ITBS is a normative assessment which is utilized for diagnostic purposes. That is why we choose to administer the exam in the fall rather than spring. From the test results, the teachers identify the student's strengths and weaknesses and address these needs accordingly. This opportunity allows us to address the areas of need in the middle of the school year, rather than at the end.

Please make sure that your children are getting the appropriate amount of sleep and eating a hearty breakfast in the mornings. All of the testing for the day will be conducted from 8:00am to 11:00am. They will resume regular class after lunch. Please refrain from being late to school or leave school during testing hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

School Picture Retakes - School picture retakes will be on **Tuesday, September 25th at the Elementary Campus** and Thursday, September 27th at the Secondary Campus.

REMINDERS:

FISH Program - The start of another school year brings us many opportunities to volunteer for the school. You can apply those hours towards your Family Involvement and Service Hours (FISH). As a reminder, the Volunteer FISH Program provides opportunities for parents to work together to build a strong community spirit at St. Joseph Catholic School. All elementary families are expected to complete 10 hours of service, while the junior high and high school families are expected to complete 20 hours of service. If you have multiple children, you are required to complete the older child's service requirement. It is important to us to have all our families involved with service along with the opportunity to help us to build our community into one of constant service for others. If your family chooses not to provide fish hours, you will be charged \$12.50 per hour. All hours are due on or before the end of the school year. Students of parents/families not fulfilling their FISH requirements (hours or payment) by that time will not receive their school transcript for the 2018-2019 year.

To submit your hours, email fish@stjosephbcs.org, and in the body of the email please include a concise description along with the number of hours volunteered.

Remember, in order for hours to be applied towards your balance, the hours must be used in service of St. Joseph Catholic School.

Daily Schedule

Monday, September 17

- Uniform – **non dress uniform**
- JH Volleyball vs. KOR – White @ 5pm and Gold @ 6pm

Tuesday, September 18 (Mass)

- Uniform – **dress uniform**
- HS Volleyball vs. Austin Waldorf – JV @ 5pm and Varsity @ 6pm

Wednesday, September 19

- Uniform – **non-dress uniform**

Thursday, September 20 (Mass)

- Uniform – **dress uniform**
- JH Volleyball vs. BVCHEA – Purple @ 4pm
- HS Volleyball vs. Allen Academy – Varsity @ 5:30pm
- HS Football vs. BVCHEA – Kickoff @ 7pm

Friday, September 21

- Uniform – **non dress uniform**

Lunch Menu for the Week:

Monday – Jason’s Deli, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Tuesday – Double Dave’s, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Wednesday – Chick fil A, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Thursday – Buppy’s chicken strips, mashed potatoes, and a cook, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Friday – Buppy’s cheese quesadillas, rice, lettuce, Queso, and brownie, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

If you have any questions pertaining to the handbook or the weekly bulletin, please email or call me anytime.

Blessings,

Jim Rike

Please remember St. Joseph Catholic School in your prayers, your service, and your gifts. Call us for the many ways you can support Catholic Education now and in the future.

St. Joseph – Pray for us!