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WEEKLY WATCH



Margaret M.



Ellie B.



Gabe D.



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James L.



Emersyn B.

WELCOME

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL!



Beckham S.



Zelig C.



Noah D.



Cooper W.



Vivian M.



Adelle W.



Grace L.



Addie O.



Lucy L.



Rollins S.



Grace M.

Dear Parents,

I wanted to take this opportunity to welcome you back to our 2025-2026 school year. We are fully staffed and are excited about the talent pool that we were able to onboard in our open positions. Just a reminder about our “Back to School” nights next week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings that will highlight some of these new staff members.



We are also in the process of creating a couple of new offices on the west end of the cafeteria, to accommodate our growing programs. Our SFA is already hard at work putting the final touches on our “Walk for Christ” fundraiser set for the end of September. We hope to have our bishop on hand again to help us celebrate that special day. We may be having some new after school clubs this year, so watch the newsletter for updates along that line. I’ll hope to see many of you at the parish picnic this weekend, or at the classroom open houses next week. Know that our teachers and staff have spent many hours getting our school ready, and that we are excited to partner with you to teach and form our students as our country’s future leaders and faithful Catholic Christians.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin Naumann, Principal

BIST Tip: What is BIST?

BIST stands for Behavior Intervention Support Teams. It is a student behavior program that is built upon the foundation of Grace and Accountability. In the realm of behavior, Grace means providing a student what they need and not just what they deserve. Accountability is helping a child to own his/her choices. As part of our program, we also teach the students the 3 Goals for Life: “I can do something even if it is hard or I don’t want to; I can make good choices even if I am mad or have an overwhelming feeling; I can be okay even if others are not okay.” There are a number of other components including how we talk with students about their actions, often in the form of questions rather than directions. BIST helps both teachers and students to address negative behaviors in a proactive and positive way. If you would like to learn more about BIST, you can check out this website [BIST Philosophy » BIST](#). We’ll also have more BIST tips in our upcoming newsletters!

Thank You!

Thanks to all those parents who provided the wonderful breakfast items and snacks for our opening in-service days. You are all so generous to us and we feel so blessed by your support! Special thanks as well to Angela Moran-Manzitto, who coordinates the monthly sign-ups and helps with occasional meals. We would welcome one or two others to assist her in this process. If you are interested, please call the school office.

New Office Staff!

WELCOME, MRS. BECK!



My name is Katie Beck, and I'm excited to join St. Joseph's as the new school nurse. I can't wait to practice nursing in a Catholic school environment. I grew up on a hobby farm in Wisconsin, served as a FOCUS missionary for two years after college, and went back to nursing school while working at a parish near Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I spent the past two years working in orthopedics, and my husband and I just had our first baby in March. In my free time, I enjoy baby snuggles, weightlifting, hiking, and experimenting with sourdough baking. I can't wait to meet everybody and care for students' nursing needs.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Back to School Night Reminders

Back to School Nights are opportunities for parents to hear from their child(ren)s' teachers regarding classroom norms, curriculum and communication for the year. Below are the dates/times for next week. We hope you all can make it!

Tuesday, August 26

Kindergarten – 5:30 pm

3rd Grade – 6:15 pm

4th Grade – 7:00 pm

6th Grade – 7:45 pm

Thursday, August 28

1st Grade – 5:30 pm

2nd Grade – 6:15 pm

5th Grade – 7:00 pm

Jr. High (7th/8th) – 7:45 pm

Important Update: Walk for Christ T-Shirt Pick-Up Process!

Attention St. Joseph School Parents!

The School Family Association (SFA) is delighted to announce a new, streamlined process for picking up t-shirts for your St. Joseph School children. By trying a new shirt pick-up method for families, we will save St. Joseph staff and volunteers hours of labor as we prep for Walk for Christ 2025.

- ☒ **NO PRE-ORDERING NECESSARY!**
- ☒ **ALL SIZES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CHOOSE FROM!**

Where & When to Pick Up Your Child's T-Shirt:

Look for SFA members available **after ALL Masses** on the following dates to pick-up shirts for your St. Joseph student:

- **Saturday, September 13th & Sunday, September 14th**
- **Saturday, September 20th & Sunday, September 21st**

SFA members will have a list of school families and will mark you off as you pick up t-shirts. If you are unable to pick up shirts for your student after Mass either weekend, an additional pick-up time on a weekday before or after school will be offered.

Not a School Child? Want an Extra T-Shirt?

If you are not a St. Joseph School student and wish to purchase a Walk for Christ t-shirt, or if you'd like to get an extra one for a parent or family member, you can purchase them directly from our **Spirit Wear Store!** Shirts for purchase will be available in early to mid-September.

Click [HERE](#) to visit our Spirit Wear Store!

Or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera!



Thank you for your continued support and participation in the Walk for Christ!

Monthly School Rosary

As a means of praying for the needs of our students and school families, St. Joseph School will be offering a monthly school rosary. Parents are welcome to join us as you are able. The dates and times are listed on the finalized [school calendar](#) posted on our website, with our first one being **September 8th!** Most of the times will be at 2:50 pm so family members can join us. Classes will participate as they are available, so be aware that some classes may be absent on a given month. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!

Parish Adoration 2025

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray." (Luke 11:1)

Join the parish family for Adoration! On the 2nd Wednesday of the month, Jesus will be exposed in the monstrance on the altar. Exposition will begin after the 8:15 Mass and will conclude with Benediction at 7:30 pm that evening (no 2:55 Benediction that day). Stop by to make a visit any time during the day. The formal holy hour will be from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Please consider joining us and spending time with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. **Our first date is September 10th!**

School Spirit Wear

Family members can show their school spirit too! Visit [LINK](#) to shop now through the end of school! Purchasers have the option of shipping to their homes for a fee, or selecting a pickup location (i.e. the school) for free. Items delivered to the school with batch weekly.

School Pride

Celebrate St. Joseph School by helping your child to be in proper uniform! In these opening days, teachers will be reviewing our dress code with students so they can look their best and be ready to learn. By partnering with you, we can help our students grow in pride for their school uniform and the discipline that goes with following our dress code. Please review the school dress code [HERE](#) on a convenient PowerPoint with visual examples. If you need to visit our used uniform supply for a freewill donation, or need monetary assistance with purchase of new uniforms, please let us know as we have a specific fund to help families with this need.

Girls' Uniform Update

Thank you for your patience as we transition to a new uniform vendor, Schoolbelles. Some parents have shared that the skirts/jumpers have worked well for them, while others have had difficulty, especially in older grades. In communicating with our rep, the following was relayed to us:

*The grade school does have 3 different size ranges: Regular (4-20), Plus (6X - 20X), Pre-Teen (4PT-16PT). The pre-teen sizes will be the same waist as the regular sizes, just with an additional 2 inches in length. These lengths are going to range from 22 to 25 inches. **If the size range is not meeting expectations, they can place a customized skirt if the size range available is coming up too short for the requirements. If a parent needs to customize a skirt from scratch, they can call into customer service to help place the order. The rep assured us that the customized length would not be an added expense!*** Therefore, if you need to take advantage of this option, please keep Sister Mary Angela in the loop to make sure that they are following through (sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net). We also have a seamstress on school staff who is willing to help make minor adjustments for free. Finally, the school has a uniform fund if expenses are a difficulty for your family. Don't hesitate to reach out with any other questions or concerns as well. We'll continue to monitor progress on the suitability of our new vendor as the school year progresses.

Back-to-School SCRIP

Start the new school year out supporting our church and school. See the attached SCRIP order form. Fill it out and send with you child. We will fill your order the same day and send it home with your child. Simple! Text Kate with any questions: 402-314-1416. [DOWNLOAD THE ORDER FORM!](#)

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