

The Braves Bulletin

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School Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30a-3:30p Phone: 989-593-3400
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Century Club Snacks

We are in need of volunteers to provide a snack for the snack table at Century Club. If you can help, contact Haley Weber @ 517-896-5451.

Pro-Life Rosary

The weekend of December 19, after 10:00 Mass, the Pro-Life Team will be leading a rosary, in the church, for an end to abortion. All are welcome.

2021 Scrip Holiday Update!!!!

SCRIP orders will be placed Dec 13! Local businesses, such as Kramer's, Wood's Deli, Fabiano's & Olivera's participate with Scrip!! It is the perfect holiday gift for mail carriers, bus drivers, etc. For a limited time, Shop with Scrip is offering \$5 and \$10 gift cards with many businesses. A flier was emailed Nov 18.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest

Entries are due December 17, 2021. Poster paper of the correct size can be obtained from the school office. The contest is for Kindergarten through 8th grade. The rules and an entrance form were emailed to parents December 10, 2021, and are also in the school office.

Lifetouch Picture Retakes are December 13 for those who missed picture day. If you are not satisfied with your student's picture, please return the package to the school, and they can have their picture re-taken.

Volunteers needed for the Christmas Pageant

If any parents are interested in helping organize the Christmas Pageant, please contact the school office at 989-593-3400.

Reminders

-Lifetouch Retakes take place Monday, December 13.

-The Advent Dinner takes place, Wednesday, December 15.

-Half days December 15 and 16 for P-W ONLY; no p.m. bus.

-Half day for both St. Joseph's and P-W on Friday, December 17.



Braves Athletics



Boys Basketball - We held our last boys home game of the season on Wednesday, with some very exciting basketball and a 3-0 finish for the day. Our 5th graders hit some late game free throws to win 21-20, our 6th graders won 55-18, and our 7th/8th graders had a come from behind 43-40 victory.

Basketball Workers-Thank you -

Thank you to all the parents and volunteers that worked during our St. Joe home games this year. You helped make our season the great success that it was!

Girls Basketball - The girls basketball season is fast approaching, practices start the first week after New Years. If your child is signed up, please complete the 4 P's (Athletic Policy, Permission to Play, Physical form, and \$25 Payment) and turn them into the office. We are still determining if we'll have separate 5th and 6th grade teams, or combined. There will not be a 7th/8th team this year. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Klein at athletics@stjosephewamo.org.



“Disciples of Christ”



DECEMBER

Rylee Reddin	1
Matthias Smith	5
Abigail George	12
Abram Smith	13
Audrey Antes	15
Ivy Smith	15
Chase Cook	18
Caleb Blyth	20
Kendall Kramer	20
Ainsley Cook	22
Abigail Blyth	31

SCRIP NEWS

Please participate in the online payment process so you can reload or print your gift cards from home any time. ****PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO USE SCRIP AND SCRIP PRESTOPAY.** For more information, contact Amy Thelen [517-930-0351](tel:517-930-0351). **Due to decreased Scrip orders, we will place orders on the 2nd Monday of each month at 9:00am.**

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the [Amazon app](#) at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St Josephs Educational Trust Fund" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features
3. Select "**St Josephs Parish & School-Pewamo MI**" as your charity. (You must sign in to AmazonSmile each time)
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app

Completed Drill Schedule 2020-21

- Fibre Drill #1-September 20, 2021
- Lockdown Drill #1-October 7, 2021
- Fibre Drill #2-October 21, 2021
- Tornado Drill #1-November 3, 2021
- Fibre Drill #3-November 16, 2021

December Calendar

- *12/13-Lifetouch Picture Retakes
- *12/15 -Advent Dinner; School Board Meeting 6:30p
- *12/15 & 16-Half Days-P-W Only, no p.m. bus
- *12/17-Half Day; St. Joseph & P-W
- *12/19-Pro-Life Rosary after 10:00 Mass
- *12/20-1/2/22-No School-Christmas Break; Class Resumes 1/3

January Calendar

- *1/3-28-NWEA MAPS Testing; Mass at 9:00 a.m.
- *1/17-NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- *1/21-Second Quarter Ends
- *1/28-NO SCHOOL-St. Joseph's Only
- *1/29-Century Club Dinner
- *1/30-2/5-Catholic Schools Week

Friday Afternoon Volunteers Needed

This school year features a special Friday Afternoon Encounter, which allows our students to embrace our faith and their academics together. Each Friday afternoon students participate in Mass and either a special event/activity or go through our traditional rotation. The rotation includes three stations; Adoration, Free Time, and Sacred Art. Your help is needed as a support assistant for the rotation period. Volunteers can sign up to help with Free Time or Adoration. Adoration volunteers pray in Adoration along with the students, spending personal time with Jesus. Free Time volunteers either help monitor the study room (where students get caught up on homework or do indoor activities like games and reading) or monitor the playground/gym depending on weather.

[Please click this link to sign up today.](#)

MOM'S HOT LUNCH

- *12/15-Advent Dinner
- *1/5-Pizza
- *1/12-Pulled Pork
- *1/19-Chicken Alfredo
- *1/26-Tacos
- *2/2-Pizza
- *2/9-Chef Salad
- *2/16-Baked Potato Bar
- *2/23-Sloppy Joes

St. Joseph Mission Statement

St. Joseph School, staff, parents, and parish family are committed to teaching quality, Christ-centered, Catholic beliefs and values. Our uniqueness is displayed in our staff dedication, parental involvement, and community pride, which make St. Joseph a leader in academic excellence, social integration, and appreciation of each individual as a child of God.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

M-Th-arrive 11:25 (11:30-12:05)

Fri-arrive 11:10 (11:15-11:50)

- *Josh Huhn, Bruce Jandernoa -Dec 13, 14, 15
- *Jim Klein, Nathan Klein-Dec 16, Jan 3, 4
- *Andrew George, Andrew Kowatch-Jan 5, 6, 7
- *Ben Kramer, Mike Kramer-Jan 10, 11, 12
- *Nick Kramer, Bill Martin-Jan 13, 14, 18
- *Ben McCrumb, Scott Miller-Jan 19, 20, 21
- *Jay Mowatt, Bill Nurenberg-Jan 24, 25, 26
- *Chad Piggott, Jeremy Piggott-Jan 27, 31, Feb 1
- *Neil Pline, Nathan Pung-Feb 2, 3, 4
- *Ryan Reddin, Matthew Schafer (Sarah)-Feb 7, 8, 9
- *Aaron Schneider, Casey Schneider-Feb 10, 11, 14
- *Glenn Schneider, Brent Simon-Feb 15, 16, 17

[Welcome Scholarships for new pre-school and kindergarten students](#) are available to every new preschool and kindergarten student who **[is registered in a Parish in the Grand Rapids diocese, has not received a Welcome Scholarship before, and does not have any siblings currently enrolled in any Catholic school in the diocese.](#)**

New kindergarten students are eligible for \$750 toward tuition in the 2021-22 school year. New students entering preschool in Fall 2021 (including young 5's and developmental kindergarten) are eligible for \$250 toward tuition in each year of preschool, and the balance of the \$750 when entering kindergarten. **[Read more about the Welcome Scholarship at this link.](#)** Apply for the Welcome Scholarship using this link. **[2021-22 Welcome Scholarship application](#)**

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[Daily Prayer](#)

We are resuming our daily prayer, followed by the Our Father.

Dear Lord, This day is a gift from you. Let me make good use of it. Help me to do what I have to do so that I may grow in body, mind and soul.

Every day let me know you more, love you deeper, and serve you better so that I may be happy with You in Heaven. Amen

[When contacting the school](#), please include the office in Informational emails sent to teachers. If you do not get a response, especially end-of-the-day emails regarding pick-ups or changes to a student's regular schedule, please call the office.

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Young Fives-Mrs. Beth Thelen
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Kindergarten-Mrs. Kerri Hafner
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4th/5th Grade-Mrs. Casey Zimmer
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6th Grade-Mr. Ryan Weber
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7th/8th Grade-Mrs. Deb Thelen
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8th Grade Algebra-Mrs. Kim Pung
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Mrs. O'Mara
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Mrs. Karen Pline
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[Completed Drill Schedule 2019-20](#)

Fire Drill #1-September 12, 2019
Lockdown #1-September 26, 2019
Tornado Drill #1-October 1, 2019
Fire Drill #2-October 16, 2019
Fire Drill #3-November 12, 2019
Lockdown Drill #2-January 21, 2020
Fire Drill #4-February 5, 2020

[Completed Drill Schedule 2020-21](#)

Fire Drill #1-September 18, 2020
Lockdown Drill #1-October 6, 2020
Fire Drill #2-October 20, 2020
Tornado Drill #1-November 3, 2020
Fire Drill #3-November 10, 2020
Lockdown Drill #2-January 19, 2021
Fire Drill #4-February 23, 2021
Tornado Drill #2-March 9, 2021
Lockdown Drill #3-April 16, 2021
Fire Drill #5-May 7, 2021

Sports Players- VERY IMPORTANT

Students participating in any athletic event need a physical form on file in the school office, as well as an Athletic Policy, Participation Agreement and Payment. Please go to stjosephewamo.org and click on 'School' and then the Athletic Policy icon for forms. Policy prohibits students from practicing or playing until all four are on file.

[Safe Kids](#)

Please click on the blue link below for important information about keeping kids safe online.

[Why Protect Young Eyes?](#)

[Protecting Young Eyes](#)

Click here: **[The Protect App](#)** is now live in both App Stores!

2021 St. Joseph Braves
Boys Basketball Schedule (Updated 12-3-21)

5th Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday, November 11, 2021	St. Joseph - St. Johns	7:15pm	St. Joseph - St. Johns Gym
Saturday, November 13, 2021	St. Joseph - St. Johns	12:00pm	HOME - PW Elementary
Thursday, November 18, 2021	St. Mary's - Westphalia	6:00pm	St. Mary's Gym
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Fowler	5:00pm	HOME - St. Joseph Gym
Thursday, December 2, 2021	Resurrection	6:00pm	Resurrection
Saturday, December 4, 2021	St. Gerard	9:30am	HOME - PW Elementary
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	St. Patrick's - Portland	5:00pm	HOME-St. Joseph Gym
Saturday, December 11, 2021	St. Paul	9:30am	St. Paul
Monday, December 13, 2021	St. Thomas	5:00pm	St. Thomas
December 17-18, 2021	End of Season Tournament	TBD	TBD

6th Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	Our Savior Lutheran - Lansing	6:00pm	OSL Gym
Saturday, November 13, 2021	IHM	10:45am	HOME - PW Elementary
Thursday, November 18, 2021	St. Mary's - Westphalia	7:15pm	St. Mary's Gym
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	Fowler	6:15pm	HOME - St. Joseph Gym
Tuesday, November 30, 2021	Our Savior Lutheran - Lansing	6:00pm	OSL Gym
Wednesday, December 1, 2021	St. Mary's - Westphalia	7:30pm	St. Mary's Gym
Saturday, December 4, 2021	St. Gerard	10:45am	HOME - PW Elementary
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	St. Patrick's - Portland	6:15pm	HOME-St. Joseph Gym
Saturday, December 11, 2021	St. Mary's - Williamston	9:30am	St. Mary's - Williamston
Monday, December 13, 2021	St. Thomas	6:15pm	St. Thomas
December 17-18, 2021	End of Season Tournament	TBD	TBD

7th/8th Grade

<u>Date</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	Our Savior Lutheran - Lansing	7:15pm	OSL Gym
Saturday, November 13, 2021	IHM	9:30am	HOME - PW Elementary
Saturday, November 20, 2021	St. Gerard	9:00am	St. Gerard Gym
Tuesday, November 23, 2021	CHAPS	7:30pm	HOME - St. Joseph Gym
Tuesday, November 30, 2021	Our Savior Lutheran - Lansing	7:15pm	OSL Gym
Thursday, December 2, 2021	Resurrection	7:15pm	Resurrection
Saturday, December 4, 2021	St. Gerard	12:00pm	HOME - PW Elementary
Wednesday, December 8, 2021	St. Thomas	7:30pm	HOME-St. Joseph Gym
Saturday, December 11, 2021	St. Mary's - Williamston	10:45am	St. Mary's - Williamston
Monday, December 13, 2021	St. Thomas	7:30pm	St. Thomas
December 17-18, 2021	End of Season Tournament	TBD	TBD

All games subject to change. We will update as soon as we are made aware of any change