

The Braves Bulletin

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School Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30a-3:30p Phone: 989-593-3400
E-mail: principal@stjosephewamo.org Web-site: www.stjosephewamo.org/school

Kindergarten and Young Fives Round-Up will take place February 23 at 3:30-5:30 p.m. Hearing and vision screening will be available. Please call the office (989)593-3400 to have your child added to the list. You will be contacted with further information.

CENTURY CLUB 2022

PAYMENT OPTIONS THIS YEAR
We strongly encourage guests to register a credit card with Auctria prior to the event. Not only will you be able to skip the checkout line, you will be helping the Committee tremendously by reducing those needing 'in-person' checkout that evening and the next morning. Guests with a card on file will put purchases (raffle and drink tickets, etc.) on a tab linked to their paddle number. These guests will be checked out automatically at the end and will receive a receipt via email that evening. To add a credit card, simply log into the Auctria website using your access code and click on "My Account" at the top. If you need help, contact Krista Cook (616)560-0849. That night, we will accept pre-registered credit cards, cash and checks only. No credit cards will be accepted for 'in-person' payment. We will not be using Vanco this year.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider helping with clean-up Sunday morning, January 30. All help is greatly appreciated! This is a great opportunity for students who need community service. We also need volunteers to wash chair covers. If interested, contact Krista Cook (616) 560-0849. Thank you!

Fabiano's Is Now Platte's

Fabiano's Scrip will still be honored at Platte's in Westphalia.

The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph School Activity Center. Forms are available in the school office. Students bring the completed forms with them to the contest. Districts will take place on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph School Activity Center.

GOT FISH???

The P-W Junior Pirate Football Program annual fish sale is back. All proceeds go towards safety equipment for the players. Sale information is available on the team website.

<https://pwjuniorfootball.com>

Order fish now to receive before Lent.

YEARBOOKS

(The online ordering is not active yet. We will let you know when it is.)

Yearbook Orders are due by 3-11-22. Go to ybpay.com and use ID Code #9136622. The cost is \$13 each. A paper order form will soon be sent with students for those who prefer ordering that way.

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.



Braves Athletics

Girls Basketball - See the last page of this Braves Bulletin for our 5th/6th girls basketball schedule. We hope to see you there cheering on our Braves!



Free Throw Contest - The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Free Throw Contest on Wednesday, January 26th after school. Pick up a form at the school office and bring the completed form with your child on the day of the contest.

Basketball Camp/Open Gym - We are working through some ideas of holding basketball open gyms for kids not in season. Once we finalize our girls game schedule, we'll get information to parents.

P-W Strength/Athleticism Program - St. Joseph students grades 6-8 are welcome to attend the P-W Strength/Athleticism workouts in the MuscleFarm on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3:35-4:35pm. This is an awesome opportunity for all students to work on their fitness level, confidence building, lifting form & technique to prepare for high school. If you have questions, contact Nathan Klein, Todd Simmons, or Ed Barrett.

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2022 Top 5 Digital Trends Impacting Kids

Protecting Young Eyes

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“Disciples of Christ”



JANUARY

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|------------------|----|
| Henry Thelen | 3 |
| Levi Weber | 4 |
| Josephine George | 24 |
| Catherine Stump | 24 |
| Mary Stump | 24 |
| Julia Schneider | 29 |
| Ty Thelen | 29 |

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

- Fire Drill #1-September 20, 2021
- Lockdown Drill #1-October 7, 2021
- Fire Drill #2-October 21, 2021
- Tornado Drill #1-November 3, 2021
- Fire Drill #3-November 16, 2021
- Lockdown Drill #2-January 11, 2022

January Calendar

- *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

February Calendar

- *2/9-15-Public School Count Days
- *2/21-NO SCHOOL-Mid-Winter Break/Flex Day
- *2/27-Eighth Grade Confirmation-3:00 at St. Andrew's Cathedral

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.](#)

OK2SAY encourages confidential tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at students, school employees, or schools. Submit tips 24/7

How To Submit A Tip To OK2SAY

Call-855-565-2729(8-555OK2SAY)

Email: ok2say@mi.gov

Website: ok2say.com

Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)

Available in the app stores for iPhone and Android. Search for OK2SAY

Common Sense Education offers family friendly resources. Please click the blue link below to access them.

Topic: **MLK Jr. and Civic Education**

Family Activities

MOM'S HOT LUNCH

- *1/26-Tacos
- *2/2-Pizza
- *2/9-Chef Salad
- *2/16-Baked Potato Bar
- *2/23-Sloppy Joes
- *3/2-Pizza (Ash Wednesday)
- *3/9-Pulled Pork
- *3/16-Subs
- *3/23-Tacos
- *3/30-SPRING BREAK
- *4/6-Pizza
- *4/13-Chef Salad
- *4/20-Grandparent's Day (?)
- *4/27-Sloppy Joes
- *5/4-Pizza
- *5/11-Pulled Pork
- *5/18-Baked Potato Bar
- *5/25-Tacos (Last Lunch)

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

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

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

- *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
- *Corey Smith, Joel Smith-Feb 18, 22, 23
- *Matt Smith, Patrick Smith-Feb 24, 25, 28
- *Todd Smith (Brandy), Todd Smith (Christine)-Mar 1, 2, 3
- *Wayne Smith, Andrew Spitzley-Mar 7, 8, 9
- *John Spitzley, Parker Surbrook-Mar 10, 11, 14, 15
- *Anthony Thelen, Daniel Thelen-Mar 16, 17, 18
- *Fran Thelen, Jeff Thelen-Mar 21, 22, 23

[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.

Office: 989-593-3400

Young Fives-Mrs. Beth Thelen
b.thelen@stjosephpewamo.org

Kindergarten-Mrs. Kerri Hafner
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1st Grade-Mr. Caleb Heckman & Mrs. Alison Klein

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a.klein@stjosephpewamo.org

2nd/3rd Grade-Diane Spence
d.spence@stjosephpewamo.org

4th/5th Grade-Mrs. Casey Zimmer
c.zimmer@stjosephpewamo.org

6th Grade-Mr. Ryan Weber
rweber@stjosephpewamo.org

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7th/8th Grade-Mrs. Deb Thelen
d.thelen@stjosephpewamo.org

8th Grade Algebra-Mrs. Kim Pung
k.pung@stjosephpewamo.org

Mrs. O'Mara-
principal@stjosephpewamo.org

Mrs. Karen Pline
k.pline@stjosephpewamo.org

[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 stjosephpewamo.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.

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[Protecting Young Eyes](#)

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2022 St. Joseph Braves

Girls Basketball Schedule

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Team</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Thursday, January 27, 2022 | St. Gerard | 7:15pm | St. Gerard |
| Monday, January 31, 2022 | St. Mary (Westphalia) | 6:00pm | HOME - St. Joseph Gym |
| Thursday, February 3, 2022 | Fowler | 6:00pm | HOME - St. Joseph Gym |
| Monday, February 7, 2022 | St. Mary (Williamston) | 6:00pm | Williamston |
| Wednesday, February 9, 2022 | St. Thomas | 6:00pm | HOME - St. Joseph Gym |
| Saturday, February 12, 2022 | St. Mary (Westphalia) | 12:00pm | Westphalia |
| Wednesday, February 16, 2022 | St. Patrick's | 6:00pm | HOME - St. Joseph Gym |
| | St. Thomas | 6:00pm | St. Thomas |
| Saturday, February 26, 2022 | Resurrection | 9:30am | Resurrection |
| Saturday, March 5, 2022 | END OF SEASON TOURNAMENT | TBD | TBD |

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