

The Braves Bulletin

“DISCIPLES OF CHRIST”

School Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 7:30a-3:30p Phone: 989-593-3400
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ST JOSEPH SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION ON FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022, DUE TO THE FUNERAL OF BISHOP EMERITUS ROBERT ROSE.

Grandparent's Day-May 11

Mass-10:00, Entertainment-11:00, Pulled Pork Lunch-11:30
A form went home with the youngest child in each family. If you haven't done so already, please fill it out and return it, along with \$5 per family, by March 17, 2022.

Yearbook Online ordering is active. Orders are due 3-11-22.
Go to <https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/order/Lookupjob?jobNumber=9136622> and click 'Next' to go directly to our yearbook order. The cost is \$13 each.

Religious Sisters of Mercy Soup Supper-Saturday, March 12, 5:00-7:00pm in St. Joseph's Activity Center. All are welcome. We'll be serving: Homemade Soups, Homemade Mac n Cheese, Chips n Cheese, Jambalaya, Rolls & Gourmet Cupcakes.
Donations accepted for the RSM Education Fund:
Adults: \$5
Children 6 & under: Free

Stations of the Cross

Please encourage your 5th-8th graders to sign up to serve for Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. on Fridays during Lent. Sign-up is in the school office.

St. Joseph Apparel can be ordered anytime from Home Town Sports in Portland. Visit them at 200 W Bridge Street, or call (517) 647-7332. They have St. Joseph's Logo. Ask them to add that, if you wish.

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

Topic: **TikTok and My 3rd Grader**

Family Activities

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 **5/6th Grade Girls Basketball**

- Great season by our Lady Braves, who finished their season 9-1 with a 2nd place finish in the end of season tournament!!

Spring Sport Sign-up

T-Ball - 5/6yo T-Ball forms went out this week (via email). If you did not get one, please let the office know.
Baseball and Softball - Forms went out last week. If you did not receive a form, please let the office know, and they can get you one.

Track - Middle School Track registration at PW has begun as well. If you'd like to sign your child up, please visit <https://sites.google.com/pwschools.org/mstrack>

Elementary Basketball Camp - Our first week of basketball camp wrapped up on Wednesday. We had a great turnout with 46 campers and had a lot of fun and learned a few things too!

Safe Kids

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2022 Top 5 Digital Trends Impacting Kids

Protecting Young Eyes

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“Disciples of Christ”



MARCH

Wyatt Werner	6
Daniel Wittenbach	9
Thomas Kramer	10
Eli Smith	12
Holden Smith	12
Charles Weber	13
Ella Mowatt	18
Luke Schneider	23
Cannon Smith	24
Lauren Downes	26
Duke Henning	31

SCRIP NEWS

Please participate in the online payment process to reload or print gift cards 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 the month-9:00am.

Completed Drill Schedule 2021-22

- 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
- Fire Drill #4-February 28, 2022

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

March Calendar

- *3/11-**NO SCHOOL-ST. JOSEPH'S ONLY**, 6:00pm Stations, Supper
- *3/12-Religious Sisters of Mercy Soup Supper-Activity Center 5:30pm
- *3/13-Coffee & Donuts after 8:00am & 10:00am Mass
- *3/16-Superintendent of Catholic Schools visits St. Joseph's; School Board Mtg. 6:30pm
- *3/17-Parishioner Luncheon
- *3/18-6:00pm Stations, Supper
- *3/22-8:00 a.m. Mass with Faith Formation Students
- *3/23-1:00p Statewide Tornado Drill
- *3/24-Third Quarter Ends
- *3/25-6:00pm Stations, Supper
- *3/25-4/3-**NO SCHOOL-Spring Break**

April Calendar

- *4/4-Classes Resume
- *4/13-1/2 Day-P-W Only; No pm Bus
- *4/15-No School-Good Friday
- *4/17-Easter
- *4/18-No School-St. Joseph Only-Easter Monday
- *4/19-5/13-NWEA MAP Testing

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

- *3/16-Subs
- *3/23-Tacos
- *3/30-SPRING BREAK
- *4/6-Pizza
- *4/13-Chef Salad
- *4/20-Chicken Alfredo
- *4/27-Sloppy Joes
- *5/4-Pizza
- *5/11-Pulled Pork-**Grandparent's Day!**
- *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)**
- *John Spitzley, Parker Surbrook-Mar 10, 14, 15
- *Anthony Thelen, Daniel Thelen-Mar 16, 17, 18
- *Fran Thelen, Jeff Thelen-Mar 21, 22, 23
- *Mike Thelen, Tom Thelen, Mar 24, Apr 4, 5
- *Todd Thelen, Derrick Weber-Apr 6, 7, 8
- *Preston Weber, Ryan Weber-Apr 11, 12, 13
- *Jason Werner, Dale Winsor-Apr 14, 19, 20
- *Troy Wittenbach, Tony Antes-Apr 21, 22, 25
- *Dustin Anthony, James Blyth-Apr 26, 27, 28
- *Ryan Cook, Karen Downes-Apr 29, May 2, 3
- *Ted Droste, Joe Drysdale-May 4, 5, 6
- *Christopher Feldpausch, Doug George-May 9, 10, 11
- *Jessie Harrington, Todd Henning-May 12, 13, 16
- *Josh Huhn, Bruce Jandernoa-May 17, 18, 19
- *Jim Klein, Nathan Klein-May 20, 23, 24
- *Andrew George, Andrew Kowatch-May 25, 26, 27

[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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**For more information, visit our web-site at:
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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

[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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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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[Why Protect Young Eyes?](#)

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2022 St. Joseph Braves

St. Joseph Basketball Camp

We'd like to invite all student-athlete's grades 2nd through 6th to participate in our St. Joseph school basketball camp. Please fill out the form on the second page, along with \$20 and return to the school office by Monday, March 7th.

The \$20 will cover the cost of a t-shirt for each student-athlete and the remaining will go towards purchasing new jerseys for our 5th and 6th girls' and boys' basketball teams.

We will be customizing the drills based on grade level, so our overall topics will be the same, however will be more advanced for our older grade sessions. We also plan on doing some scrimmaging with the older grade sessions each week, as time permits.

If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Klein at 989-640-0021 or athletics@stjosephewamo.org

BOYS

	<u>2nd/3rd/4th Grade</u>	<u>5th/6th Grade</u>
Session 1 Tuesday, March 8th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
Session 2 Monday, March 14th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
Session 3 Tuesday, March 22nd	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
*Open Gym Tuesday, March 29th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
Session 4 Tuesday, April 5th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30

GIRLS

	<u>2nd/3rd/4th Grade</u>	<u>5th/6th Grade</u>
Session 1 Wednesday, March 9th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
Session 2 Wednesday, March 16th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
Session 3 Wednesday, March 23rd	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
*Open Gym Tuesday, March 29th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30
Session 4 Wednesday, April 6th	3:00 - 4:15	4:15 - 5:30

Session 1 - Basketball Basics

We will discuss the basics of basketball, including certain rules, triple threat position, layups, and anything else we have time for.

Session 2 - Dribbling and Passing

We will discuss the basics of dribbling, including keeping your head up, dribbling technique, and various dribbling drills. We will also discuss the different types of passes and drills to help become better at distributing the basketball.

Session 3 - Shooting and Free Throws

We will discuss the proper shooting form and the importance of not shooting outside your strength. We will also discuss how to properly shoot and line up for free throws.

*Open Gym - As this is spring break week, for those that can make it we will have the gym open for shooting and some review of previous sessions drills.

Session 4 - Defense and Rebounding

We will discuss proper defense stance and shuffling technique, as well as help defense and communication. We will also discuss rebounding and box out techniques.