

# The Braves Bulletin

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**The PTO** is hoping to have a few more parents join! If interested, please contact Haley Weber-517-896-5451.

**Bishop's Scholarship** application information went out some time ago. If any families are interested or have begun their application but not finalized it, contact the school office if in need of assistance. This is needs-based, and there is a charge to apply.

Please have your students check out the **lost and found** table. There are a lot of items there.

## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Monday, April 18, 2022, at 6:00pm! It takes place at St. Joseph School for ALL children 3rd grade and younger (children must be accompanied by an adult). Additional games and prizes will take place after the hunt. We hope you can join us for some fun! Thank you to the Pewamo Knights of Columbus and the St. Joseph School PTO for sponsoring this event!

## **St. Joseph School Color Run**

takes place May 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Please complete forms and return them, with payment, by May 2.

## **Servers/Lectors**

Parents, kindly encourage your child to actively participate either as an altar server (school and weekends) and/or lector (school). What a wonderful way to give glory to Him!

## **Kremer Foundation Scholarship**

applications are available in the school office. Please contact Mrs. O'Mara. (This is a needs-based scholarship.)



## **Student Teacher of the Year**

On behalf of the leadership and selection committee of the Michigan Association of Teacher Educators (Michigan ATE), we would like to congratulate **Gina Nowland**, who has been selected as Elementary Student Teacher of the Year for 2021-2022. Ms. Nowland student-teaches 2nd/3rd grade here at St. Joseph's.

## **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**

### **St. Joe Basketball Jerseys**

If you still have a St. Joseph's jersey, please drop it off in the office. **PW Boys Basketball Camps** - PW is hosting a boys basketball camp, grades 3 - 8, on April 30 & May 7. Forms went out last week; if still needed, let the office know.

**PW Girls Basketball Camp** - PW is hosting a girls basketball camp, grades K - 8, June 13-16. Forms and additional details are forthcoming.

**K of C Tournament** - Our Pewamo Knights took 1st place in the KofC's men's basketball tournament last Saturday, beating the Westphalia team in the championship. Way to go Knights!

**Spring Volleyball Workouts** - Starting Thursday (4/21) from 6-7:30, 7/8 graders are invited to PW Volleyball Open Gyms. Coach Thelen says to follow 'Pewamo Westphalia Volleyball' facebook page for any updates.

### **The last hot lunch of the year will be on May 25**

Graduation Day for Young 5s. For this special occasion, George's French Fry wagon will be providing hot dogs and french fries for ALL students, including Young Fives—Eighth and those who do not normally take hot lunch. Shepherd's ice cream will be providing ice cream thanks to a generous grandparent donation.

THANK YOU TO ANDY AND KARA GEORGE, SHEPHERD'S ICE CREAM AND THE ANONYMOUS DONOR FOR THIS SPECIAL DAY!



## “Disciples of Christ”



### APRIL

Adelyn Thelen	1
Elyse Thelen	1
Quinn Kowatch	2
Alexander Drysdale	7
Colton Feldpausch	10
Grace Pline	12
Addisyn Schneider	14
Shelby Anthony	17
Lainey Thelen	22
Sidney Thelen	22
Barrett Mowatt	23
Ryder Williams	24
Elliana George	30

### 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.**

**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](mailto:ok2say@mi.gov)

Website: [ok2say.com](http://ok2say.com)

Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)

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

### 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
- Tornado Drill #2-March 24, 2022

### April Calendar

- \*4/14-Lenten speaker at 6:00p followed by Mass at 7:00p
- \*4/15-No School-Good Friday
- \*4/17-Easter
- \*4/18-No School-St. Joseph Only-Easter Monday
- \*4/20-School Board Meeting
- \*4/25-5/20-NWEA MAP Testing
- \*4/24-First Eucharist Mass-2nd Grade- at 1:00pm

### May Calendar

- \*5/10-Mass with Faith Formation
- \*5/11-Grandparent's Day-10:00 Mass, 11:00 Entertainment, 11:30 Lunch
- \*5/17-P-W Senior Walk-through
- \*5/18-P-W Commencements
- \*5/20-St. Joseph School Color Run 2:00
- \*5/25-Young Fives Graduation; George's Fries, Hot Dogs, Shepherd's Ice Cream
- \*5/26-Relaxed Code per Principals for the Day, Hudson & Leah McCrumb
- \*5/27-No School per Principals for the Day, Hudson & Leah McCrumb
- 5/30-No School-Memorial Day

### Summer Tutoring

If you are interested in receiving Summer Tutoring for your K-4th grade child, please call or text Erin Schafer (certified teacher) at 517-490-6388 to reserve a spot. Tutoring takes place in Westphalia and begins the week of June 12. Hurry as there are limited spots remaining.

### Friday Afternoon Volunteers Needed

We appreciate Parent volunteers!

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

### Sports Physicals-Lansing Catholic HS

501 Marshall St., Lansing 48912

Open to all, grades 5-12

Wednesday, April 20, 2022, 5:00-8:00p

\$30 Cash or check payable to LCHS

### MOM'S HOT LUNCH

- \*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-George's Fries, Hot Dogs, Shepherd's Ice Cream (Last Lunch)

### PLAYGROUND SUPERVISORS

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

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

- \*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
- \*Ben Kramer, Mike Kramer-May 31, Jun 1, 2
- \*Nick Kramer, Bill Martin-Jun 3,6,7

### In Need of Girl Dress Pants?

A St. Joseph parent very generously donated multiple pairs of new girl dress pants. There are tan pants and navy blue pants size 10 Regular. There is also one size 12 Regular. Contact the school office at (989) 593-3400.

### Safe Kids

Please click on the blue link below for info about keeping kids safe online. [The Download](#)

### Protecting Young Eyes

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

**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:  
www.stjosephpewamo.org**

**Phone: 989-593-3400**

**E-mail: principal@stjosephpewamo.org  
k.pline@stjosephpewamo.org**

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.

**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  
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**4th/5th Grade-**Mrs. Casey Zimmer  
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**6th Grade-**Mr. Ryan Weber  
rweber@stjosephpewamo.org  
(note: there is no period after the r in this email)

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

**8th Grade Algebra-**Mrs. Kim Pung  
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**Mrs. O'Mara-**  
principal@stjosephpewamo.org

**Mrs. Karen Pline**  
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**Mrs. Monica Mabe**  
m.mabe@stjosephpewamo.org

**Ms. Nickie Wentworth**  
stewardship@stjosephpewamo.org

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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](http://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.

### Safe Kids

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**2022 Top 5 Digital Trends Impacting Kids  
Protecting Young Eyes**

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

### 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.](#)*