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Dear St. Joseph Catholic School Families,

I hope this letter finds you and your families well! We continue to work diligently here at school in preparation for the return of all our students. The family handbook, dress code, school supply lists, school calendar, playground duty list, hot lunch schedule, and Virtus training are posted on the [St. Joseph School Website](#).

Included in this email is information about: Middle School Teachers, Bussing, Young 5s, What to Wear, and Upcoming Dates.

Middle School

I would like to thank you all for your patience. At this time, I would like to share with you the current teacher assignments for grades sixth through eighth.

Math and Science: Mrs. Deb Thelen
Social Studies: Mr. Ryan Weber
English Language Arts: Mrs. Alison Klein
8th Algebra: Mrs. Kim Pung

We are excited about this lineup of teachers for our middle school students, and we hope that you are too!

Bussing

Currently, Pewamo-Westphalia Community Schools have been unable to find enough drivers, so parents will need to transport students to and from school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office.

Young 5 Students

St. Joseph Catholic School and Mrs. Beth Thelen are excited to welcome our new Young 5 students!

- Y5 First Day of School- Wednesday, September 7
- Classes are Monday and Wednesday from 7:45am-12:10pm (after lunch)
- Mrs. Thelen will be sending out a welcome and informational email next week.

What to Wear (dress code does not apply to Y5 students)

- Monday- Dress Code
- Tuesday- Dress Code
- Wednesday (Mass & PE day)- Relaxed Dress Code*, modest and appropriate length shorts can be worn to Mass
- Thursday- Dress Code
- Friday (Mass day)- Polos with khaki, black, navy or gray pants, dress, skirt or jumper. No shorts at Mass. Students can change into shorts after noon Mass.

*Relaxed Dress Code- T-shirts, sweatshirts, athletic pants, athletic shorts
Shorts can only be worn during the months of August, September, May, and June.

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Upcoming Dates

Open House for Y5 thru 8th grade students: Tuesday, August 16 from 6:00-7:00pm

- 6pm- Introduction of St. Joseph School Staff in gym with snacks
- Following introductions, students are welcome to drop off school supplies in their classroom and meet their teacher.
- There will be a table with gently used clothing that follows the dress code. Feel free to take from it or bring clothes that you would like to give away.
- **Pick-Up:** Folder that includes: Census Verification Forms, Specials Class/Mass Schedule, 6th grader's microwave use form

First Day of School: Monday, August 22

- Kindergarten will meet in their classroom
- First-eighth grade will meet in the church (like last year)
- Students may arrive at 7:30am. Please do not drop them off early (unless arrangements are made). This is to ensure students safety.

Labor Day: No School September 2-5

Bike-A-Thon: Friday, September 9

We are working diligently to fill the 4/5 grade teaching position. We appreciate your prayers, support and patience! We will pass along new information as it becomes available.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. As you know, I am new to this position, and I'm sure I am forgetting something! The staff and I look forward to seeing the students and their families!

Be Brave in Christ!

Mr. Ryan Weber

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