St. Joseph Catholic School

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Hello St. Joseph School Families,

The students and staff are hard at work preparing for our upcoming Advent Program! Advent is a special season of preparation as we eagerly await the birth of our Savior, Jesus. This is a wonderful time to deepen our faith and reflection. We encourage you to take a few extra minutes each day during this season to pray, attend Mass, or simply sit in quiet reflection. Let's make this Advent a time of spiritual growth and anticipation!

Calendar Dates:

11/25: Spelling Bee Grades 4th-8th

11/27: PW Half Day, No after school bussing 11/28-11/29: No School- Thanksgiving Break

12/12: Advent Program- 10:30 & 6:30

Century Club 2025: If you haven't purchased your Golden Paddle ticket yet, don't wait—there are only a limited number left! Make sure you secure yours before they're gone! Also, if you're planning to donate a silent auction item, please reach out by emailing centuryclub@stjosephpewamo.org. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated! Thank you for supporting our cause!

<u>No School on 1/24/25:</u> We are thrilled to announce that we've added an additional day off to our schedule! This extra day will give our generous Century Club members the time and space they need to decorate and help make this year's event truly unforgettable. We appreciate your continued support and can't wait to celebrate together!

<u>House Shirts:</u> Students are encouraged to wear their house shirts to school on Wednesday, 11/27. If they choose to wear their house shirts, they may be out of dress code.

<u>Advent Program:</u> Mark your calendars for the 2024 Advent Program on <u>December 12</u>, 2024. Fliers with important details, including times and what to wear, were sent home today with the oldest child in each family. Be sure to check your child's backpack for all the info you need!

<u>Can Drive:</u> Our non-perishable food drive will take place from <u>December 1st to December 20th</u>. The non-perishable food items collected will be donated to a local family in need. Your generous contributions are greatly appreciated!

<u>Empowering God's Children:</u> will be presented during the week of December 2, 2024. Forms have been sent home with each student. If you wish to opt your child out, please return the completed form by **November 27, 2024**.

K of C Poster Contest: Last week students were given "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster sign up. If your child needs the required 11x17 paper. Have them come to the office to pick them up. These are due back to the office on 12/11/24.

<u>Colder Weather Ahead:</u> As temperatures begin to drop, we want to remind everyone to dress warmly and appropriately for the weather. Please ensure your child has the necessary clothing to stay comfortable and avoid getting sick. To help minimize the number of lost items, we kindly ask that all personal belongings be clearly labeled with their name. This will assist us in returning misplaced items to their rightful owners quickly and help reduce the volume in our lost-and-found.

<u>Immaculate Conception:</u> This year the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, Dec. 9, so it does not conflict with the second Sunday of Advent. Students will be attending that Mass at Noon. We will treat this as a Friday Mass day.

<u>Santa comes to Pewamo:</u> Join in for the festive afternoon on Sunday, December 1st from Noon to 2:30 as Santa Claus makes his grand arrival in Pewamo! Be sure to arrive a few minutes before Noon to watch Santa pull up to the station on a fire truck.

<u>Bishop Scholarship:</u> Round one of the 2025-2026 Bishop Scholarship is now available and will end 12/8.. If you are interested in applying, here is the <u>Parent Instructions</u> on what is needed and I have attached the <u>Parent Application</u> guide as well.

Youth Choir: Students in 2nd grade - High School are welcome to join Mrs. Catherine Weber in singing on November 24 at the 10 am Mass. We would like to have a count, if your child would like to join, please sign up here and be at the church by 9:45am.

Athletic Opportunities

St. Joseph Basketball: The 5th and 6th grade boys are off to a great start with 2 wins! Here is their schedule if you would like to cheer them on!

Moms Hot Lunch Menu

11/27: Chicken Tenders 12/4: Pizza 12/11: BBQ Pork View the menu here.

Playground Duty Schedule

St. Joseph School Calendar

School Staff Emails

Have a great weekend and God Bless!

Be Brave In Christ, Ryan Weber

School Mission

"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."