

Wednesday Letter

September 9, 2026

Welcome back,

Students are being super cooperative with very limited recess as the contractors work to finish up the 4th Street project. It is exciting to see the progress that has been made this week so far this week. It is so cool to see the turf install creep across the play field. We should see grass and trees installed in the prayer garden by next week. The fencing crew is scheduled to begin their work tomorrow. The excavating crew has plans to clean up the gym parking area and get the final stretch of curb/gutter and sidewalk prepped on Friday so the crew from Poppoff Inc. can lay the cement on Monday.

WEDNESDAY LETTER DRAWING: Congratulations to Johnny James (8A) as he won the free SWAG shirt.

DROP OFF & PICK UP: It seems that that we are becoming familiar with the new traffic pattern for drop off and pick up. Many thanks for your continued patience as we adjust to the new normal. If you are dropping off between 7:45ish and 8:00am the line tends to be crowded – we ask that cars move as far as possible along the St. Joe's building to get cars off Lincoln Ave as quick as possible. Thank you.

CROSSING GUARDS: We are working to bring back crossing guards to help students and parents cross to and from the St. Joe's parking lot and the school. Students in grades 4 to 8 were invited this morning to volunteer to serve. Interested students picked up an informational / permission form to show parents. We anticipate training students next week and getting a schedule set as soon as possible.

BOOK FAIR: The week of September 28th through October 2nd in the **gym foyer**. NOTE the new location
Look for the enclosed volunteer sign-up sheet.

OCTOBER RAFFLE SCHEDULE: The Raffle team is working on developing the October schedule and is looking for suggestions of new locations that would allow the raffle car to be present and have parents sell raffle tickets. If you have or know of a business, please contact Lindsey at 509-952-6247.

☆ **PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK:** Just a quick reminder to review the handbook, sign the signature page at the end and return the signature page to one of the school offices. There appears to be two turn in dates, September 11th and 18th. Students turning in the signature page by the 18th will receive a free dress coupon.

Saint Joseph Parish will host its annual **parish festival** in the school/church parking lot on Sunday, September 13th. There will be live music and entertainment, a raffle, and food for sale. All proceeds support parish ministries. The festival will begin at noon, with live entertainment beginning at 1:00. All are welcome.

HOMILY SERIES: Mike Seidl will be preaching a homily series during the 8:30 Sunday Masses at Saint Joseph Parish from September 13th through October 18th. The topic for the homily series is "A Biblical Way to Pray the Mass." Each week, he will focus on two or three parts of the Mass and suggest ways to pray those parts more deeply. All are invited to attend, even if you are only able to make it on one Sunday.

INDIVIDUAL PICTURES are scheduled for Thursday, September 17th. Please look for the electronic flyer for details on how to order your child's pictures. NOTE: Use this QR code to place your order
NOTE: all orders must be placed online!



FACEBOOK PARENT GROUP: The St. Joe's Parent Group is another way to stay informed and have your questions answered quickly by other parents at the school. This is a private Facebook group. If you are interested in joining, you can find the group here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SJMParents>

SCHOOL SWAG: can be ordered through Apple and Vine using the QR code to the right or via their website <https://appleandvineco.com/collections/st-joseph-marquette>. School SWAG includes sweatshirts, hoodies, and/or T-shirts with our school logo. These items may be worn in class or in place of the dress code polo shirt. PLEASE NOTE that the SJMMS PC90 Fleece crewneck sweatshirts are NOT uniform approved – they were designed for parents. Students can wear them, but not as part of their uniform. Apple & Vine will process your order and deliver your order to school within 10 days. Those placing an order will receive notification that their order is available to pick up.



SAVE THE DATE FOR FRESH CATCH

Mark your calendars - Fresh Catch is happening Saturday, November 7th. This is our largest school fundraiser and supports the tuition reduction program. All families are required to contribute to the event through multiple options! Please see the enclosed flyer for more details.

Contact our event chair, Lindsey V/O with any questions, 509-969-9010, ldvaagen@gmail.com

NEW PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION – the Parent Board and School Commission would like to invite all families to gather at school on Friday, September 11th from 5 to 7pm to celebrate the new space at school. There will be food trucks and a beer garden available to purchase. We hope your family can stop by for this school community event.

IMPORTANT DATES

Friday the 11 th	SCHOOL MASS at 8:30am Mass of the Holy Spirit (students invited to wear red shirts) (7 th grade) New Playground Celebration for all families from 5-7:00pm at school
Sunday the 13 th	St. Joseph Parish Festival opens at noon
Monday the 14 th	Volleyball hosts Granger – C team starts at 3:30pm B and A teams to follow
Wednesday the 16 th	Raffle kick off assembly at 2:00pm in the gym Volleyball hosts Union Gap – C team starts at 3:30pm B and A teams to follow
Thursday the 17 th	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY for individual pictures – see electronic flyer for details Students can wear FREE DRESS today Finance Committee meeting at 5:30pm in the Marquette library School Commission meeting at 7:00pm in the Marquette library
Friday the 18 th	SCHOOL MASS at 8:30am (6 th grade)
Monday the 21 st	Volleyball hosts Mabton – B team starts at 3:30pm A team to follow
Wednesday the 23 rd	Volleyball hosts Granger – C team only match starts at 3:30pm
Thursday the 24 th	Volleyball travels to Goldendale – B team starts at 4:00pm with A team to follow
Friday the 25 th	SCHOOL MASS – COMMUNION SERVICE at 8:30am (5 th grade) Early Release at 11:30am OPENING DAY FOR THE FAIR – enjoy the afternoon

Blessings.

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