

Wednesday Letter

September 2, 2026

Welcome back,

Many thanks to the SRB Foundation for hosting the Move In Night BBQ and those members who volunteered their time to cook and serve all those hot dogs! We all very much appreciate their continued support of our school community.

I would like to welcome the 37 new families and their 62 children to St. Joseph Marquette. We are super excited that you chose St. Joe's for your child's education. I would like to encourage you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns, I am happy to address them. My cell number is 509-949-5358 and my email is gpleger@sjmms.org.

I wish to apologize for the chaos and construction mess we all will be dealing with over the next 2 to 3 weeks.

The crews are making progress, but there is lots to wrap up before campus is the way I envisioned it would be to start the new school year. I humbly ask for your patience and understanding as the different crews work to complete their piece of the puzzle. Milestones we expect to see soon:

- The new climbing dome (volunteers assembling this evening starting at 5:30pm).
- Completion of rock grade of the turf play area (scheduled to be done on Thursday)
- Completion of sidewalks to the gym fence (middle sidewalk scheduled to be poured on Friday)
- Fence and entry gates installed (starting September 8th)
- Prayer Garden completed (scheduled to start on September 8th)
- Garden areas by St. Joseph and Marquette buildings fully installed

As you read through the rest of this letter, please keep in mind that there is a 'test' at the end.
All the answers are in today's Wednesday Letter!

DROP OFF & PICK UP: It appears that everybody is in sync with the new traffic pattern of entering campus on 4th Street and exiting on 3rd Street. With the completion of the striping on 4th Street, it will be clear that 4th Street is one way and having the St. Joe's parking lot crosswalks connected will make it much safer.

CAR RAFFLE NEWS

EARLY TICKET SALES: We are scheduled to have the raffle car at the St. Joseph Parish Fiesta on Sunday, September 13th. Please contact Lindsey Roy at 509-952-6247 to sign up for one of the times slots listed below.

TIME SLOTS: 8:30 to 10:30am, 10:30 to 12:30pm, 12:30 to 2:30 and 2:30 to 5:00pm

FAIR SCHEDULE: If you are interested in selling raffle tickets at the Fair, you must fill out the information on the enclosed Fair Sign-up Sheet. Select up to 4 time slots that work well with your schedule, rank spots in order!
The sign-up sheet must be returned to the St. Joseph or MJC office by 3:15pm on Tuesday, September 8th

OCTOBER RAFFLE SCHEDULE: The Raffle team is working on developing the October schedule and is looking for suggestions of 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: Enclosed is your family's copy of the Parent/Student Handbook.

Please read the handbook for clarity of our policies and procedures. There is a signature page at the back of the handbook for both parents and students to sign. Please return the signature page to the St. Joseph or Mother Joseph Center office on or before Friday, September 11th. Students will receive a free dress coupon!

WEDNESDAY FOLDER: A Wednesday Folder will be sent to each family each Wednesday with the family's youngest child. The Folder will include the Wednesday Letter and enclosures for the week. Additionally, the letter and enclosures will be sent to the email address(s) you listed in Option C.

FROM OUR SCHOOL NURSE: Silvey Perrault, our school nurse, would like to remind parents that they must have a signed **Physician's/Dentist's Order for Medication** form on file, in the St. Joseph or MJC office, if a child needs to take daily medication or have precautionary medications at school. If you need a form, please contact Mrs. Feusner at 509-575-5557 or sfeusner@sjmms.org or visit the school website – search for forms.

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>

AFTER CARE: The After Care program provides supervision for students in grades Pre-K to 8th grade from dismissal to 6:00 pm. Please note there is a registration form that must be completed and there are daily use fees that apply. Please contact Sarah Feusner or Kelly Hall (new bookkeeper) at 575-5557 for further information and/or to register. Our PreK and Kinder students will be picked up at the Mother Joseph Center by 2 of our supervisors and will walk over to the Mercy Building around 3:00pm. Students in grades 1 to 8 will meet at the Marquette steps following dismissal and then will walk to the Mercy Building. After Care supervisors have established a schedule that will allow for free time, snacks, time for homework, and quiet play time. Please note that all school rules and expectations apply to children in After Care including electronic and phone policies.

If using After Care on early release days, students need to bring their own lunch and drink.

OPTION C: This program manages all the school records and family information in addition to providing an avenue to communicate with families through parent alerts that go to your email and text. Every family who has an email account in Option C should have received today's Wednesday Letter and attachments in their inbox and a text notification that the Letter was in your inbox. If you did not get these and want them, please contact Mrs. Feusner at 509-575-5557 so she can check to ensure your e-mail and phone numbers are correct.

NEW PARENTS: if you have not received your Option C USERNAME / PASSWORD, please contact Sarah Feusner at 509-575-5557 or sfeusner@sjmms.org for her support.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM: Students can order school lunch each morning with their teacher. Pre-K to 3rd grade lunches are \$3.75 each. Grades 4 to 8 are \$4.00. In addition to the hot lunch option, students may order a SWAK lunch (sandwich, cheese stick, vegetable, fruit, and milk). Students in grades 4 to 8 also have the option of a full salad bar instead of hot lunch. Single milk costs .50 cents and students in grades 4 to 8 can order an extra entrée for \$1.00. Lunches can be paid for on a daily basis, but we prefer that families prepay for lunches (contact Mrs. Hall to do so). Lunch money can also be given to Mrs. Riel in the St. Joseph office or Mrs. Juarez in the Mother Joseph Center office.

FREE & REDUCED LUNCH PROGRAM: Families have the opportunity to apply for the Free & Reduced program to cover or help cover the costs of lunch for their children. Forms are available in the Marquette office if you would like to apply. In addition to receiving services, the school's Title I funding is generated by the number of students who qualify for the program; therefore, **I would like to encourage families to apply for the program.**

SCHOOL SWAG: can be ordered through Apple and Vine using the QR code to the left 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

Saturday, November 7th

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: All orders will be online! Website and QR code can be found on the flyer.

LA SALLE EVENT ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th from 5 to 7pm - check out the flyers in your email inbox

- 14th Annual **SUDS & SLIDERS** tailgate party: sliders, baked potato bar, local brews & wine, live music (Die Bruder)
 - \$35 per person \$25 for alumni
- **Future Lightning Night:** meet the football and cheer teams, FREE: games, face painting, pizza and tons of fun.
- **Events held on Christ the Teacher campus:** Sliders in the courtyard, kids event in the playground area

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. Hope your family can stop by for this school community event.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday the 2 nd	Parent Board meeting at 7:00pm in the Marquette Library
Friday the 4 th	EARLY RELEASE at 11:30am La Salle's Suds and Sliders/Future Lightning events at Christ the Teacher Future Lightning event at Marquette Stadium for kids (during the Suds & Spuds event)
Monday the 7 th	NO SCHOOL – Labor Day
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 from 5-7:00pm
Thursday the 17 th	SCHOOL PICTURE DAY for individual pictures – see electronic flyer for details 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)

Blessings.

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DRAWING FOR FREE SCHOOL SWAG SHIRT WILL BE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th!

Return this form to Mr. Pleger on Thursday morning with the correct answers to these questions to receive a Free Dress Coupon. Additionally, this form will be your raffle ticket for a free school SWAG t-shirt.

- 1) When is your Student Handbook signature page due? _____
- 2) When can students wear their SWAG T-shirts? _____
- 3) When is the FAIR RAFFLE SIGN-UP SHEET DUE? _____
- 4) Does your family plan to attend the NEW PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION on Friday, September 11th? _____
- 5) When is the Fresh Catch Dinner & Auction? _____

Student name(s): _____

Parent signature: _____