

Wednesday Letter

September 16, 2026

Good afternoon,

It is fun to see the progress being made on the 4th Street Project. The turf guys are thinking they will complete their work on Friday. The landscaping guys are projecting end of next week to finish the prayer garden. However, the fencing guys are non-committal on predicting the completion of their work – seeing lots of progress, but there is much to do, and they are still waiting on the gate hardware to build the gates.

CROSSING GUARDS: Beginning Monday morning, we will have two student crossing guards help pedestrians cross back and forth from the St. Joe's lot to the sidewalk. Please look for them and honor their directions. Thank you.

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 to see assignments. I see a few open spots, call Rosie to fill. Thank you to all the volunteers who signed up!

FAIR RAFFLE SCHEDULE: The fair schedule is enclosed. I received 78 sign-up sheets to fill 35 time slots – unfortunately that leaves lots of people off the schedule. I do reference last years schedule with the intention of assigning different families to the schedule – it doesn't always work out but it is my goal. Please review the enclosed schedule and contact me if you cannot accept your time slot. Thank you – Gregg

Look for the October Car Raffle Schedule Enclosed. Any questions please contact Lindsey Roy (509)952-6247.

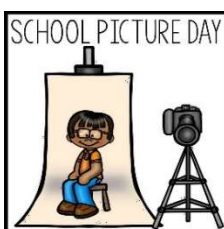
HOMILY SERIES: Mike Seidl will be preaching a homily series during the 8:30 Sunday Masses at Saint Joseph Parish from September 13th through October 18th. The topic for the homily series is "A Biblical Way to Pray the Mass." Each week, he will focus on two or three parts of the Mass and suggest ways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

FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITION: Parents and staff are invited to nominate any school staff they feel is going above and beyond for our students and school. Please use the link or QR code to make your nomination. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in recognizing our staff.
<https://forms.gle/KYCaikNkgCp7z3iB9>



STUDENT LED SUNDAY MASSES: This year, the school is going to lead quarterly Masses at the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at Saint Joseph Parish. The first will be on October 4th. We are looking for 4-6 students to read, students to sing in the choir, 2-3 students to bring up the gifts, and 2 students to be altar servers. We will hold a practice for choir members and readers on September 28th at 3:15 pm in Mr. Seidl's room. If you can help lead this Mass, please contact Mrs. Seidl at eseidl@sjmms.org. You are welcome to help lead the Mass even if you are unable to attend the practice. We will have donuts after the Mass for fellowship. We hope your family will be able to attend!

Interested in ordering our **uniform skirt/jumper**? If so, please follow this link to find our plaid options.
<https://www.landsend.com/shop/school/S-ytp-xe8>



INDIVIDUAL PICTURES ARE TOMORROW

All students are invited to wear FREE DRESS for pictures. Please note that all picture orders shall be made online. Use this QR code to place your order.



SAVE THE DATE FOR FRESH CATCH – Saturday, November 7th

Fresh Catch News!

Our planning committee is meeting weekly, Tuesdays at 8am in the Marquette Library. Join us if you can! Everyone gets to be involved in Fresh Catch in some way, and we do need each family's support to ensure the success of this awesome event. Review the ways you can get involved besides helping the planning team.

WORKING THE EVENT: Set up, night of opportunities, clean up and tear down. Look for the signup sheet that will be coming out soon.

SPONSORSHIP: Solicit a sponsor for the event. Please see the attachments (Sponsorship Opportunities, Procurement Letter and Sponsorship/Donation Form). Feel free to share these with the businesses or individuals you are attempting to solicit a sponsorship from as they explain Fresh Catch and the benefits for their business.

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS: Please consider making a donation! These items tend to be experiences and are sold at a higher price. Ideas include timeshare vacations, sports tickets, an event, or private function/class.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS: Donations needed! These are gift cards, smaller experiences, classes, or theme baskets that can be purchased at Fresh Catch. Physical baskets will be turned in at the school cafeteria, 7:30am-8:15am on 10/2, 10/16, and 10/23. Digital donations can be emailed to simmspb@gmail.com. Incentives for Silent Auction turn in!

10/2: get an extra hour of volunteer time! 10/16: SWAG water bottle drawing, 10/23: Free Dress coupon for each of the kiddos in your household.

DESSERT DASH: Provide a dessert for Fresh Catch! These are required to be gourmet and should feed 10-12 people. If interested, please complete the enclosed flyer and return it to a school office by 10-16-26. Requesting a Dessert Dash submission does not guarantee a slot. There is a maximum of two submissions per household.

Questions? Please contact Lindsey VO at 509-969-9010, ldvaagen@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES

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 Volleyball hosts Mt. Adams – C team only match starts at 5:30pm
Thursday the 24 th	Volleyball travels to Goldendale – B team starts at 3:30pm 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.

Gregg