

Wednesday Letter

September 23, 2026

Good afternoon,

The kids are loving the playground and playfield space – we can't wait for the fencing crew to complete their work installing the fencing, gates, and safety netting. The landscaping crew has made great progress – it was really cool to see the plants and trees go in on Monday. The crew will be back tomorrow to install the sod in the Prayer Garden and rock/grasses along the St. Joe's building.

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 student readers, students to sing in the choir, 2 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 would like to sign your child up to participate in our student led Mass, please contact Mrs. Seidl at eseidl@sjmms.org. Students are welcome to participate in the choir even if they are unable to attend the practice. We will have donuts after the Mass for fellowship. We hope your family will be able to attend!

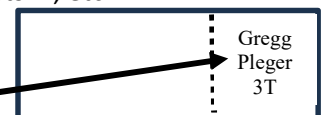
ROAD WORK NOTICE: On Monday, September 28th, Tri Valley will begin work to extend the curb/gutter and sidewalk across 4th Street at MLK to meet city requirements. Unfortunately, this work will require excavating most of the left-hand lane of MLK at the intersection of 4th Street. There will be traffic control posted on MLK which will cause a disruption in traffic flow throughout the week. The work is expected to be completed by Friday afternoon, but please don't hold your breath.

BOOK FAIR is the week of September 28th through October 2nd and will be in the gym foyer. Teachers will be taking their class to the book fair for a review of the items for sale. Students can visit the book fair during recess times to purchase items as well as visit with parents before or after school. We strongly recommend parents set up an e-wallet online to avoid the lost cash issues. Use this QR code to set up your e-wallet.



RAFFLE INFORMATION

- We held our Kick-off Assembly this afternoon – each child received their raffle packet. **PLEASE PLEASE** ask your child(ren) for their packet as it includes their assigned 20 raffle tickets and multiple flyers which provide information on best practices for selling tickets, tracking your tickets sales, how and when to turn tickets in, etc.
 - PLEASE NOTE: those with a fair spot will find extra tickets in their packet.
 - Labeling your books: *ON THE BACK* of each book by the staple, please write your child's first & last name and the child's grade and teacher's last name initial.
- **ADDITIONAL TICKETS:** Contact Sarah at sfeusner@sjmms.org or stop by her office to check out more tickets.
 - Any additional books sold beyond the required 4 books per child, will earn a ½ of a volunteer hour – the more you sell the more hours you will earn. These hours will be calculated at the conclusion of the raffle season.
- **TURN IN DAYS** are every Tuesday and Friday from 7:30 to 8:15am. The first turn in day is Tuesday the 29th. Collection tables will be set up at MJC and in the St. Joe's cafeteria.
- **OCTOBER RAFFLE SCHEDULE:** Please see the enclosed schedule. Please contact Lindsey Roy at 509-952-6247 if you would like to fill any of the open locations. The November calendar will be available towards the end of October.



AFTERCARE is seeking donations of gently used board games, puzzles and/or toys. Please drop-off items in the MJC or St. Joe's office. Thank you for your generosity

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>

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

Fresh Catch News!

Tickets and Tables are now for sale!! Go to our website and make your purchase, this event has SOLD OUT the last two years! Individual tickets are \$70, a regular table for 10 is \$650, and a VIP table is \$1,000. After purchasing your table, please send your guest list to sjmmspb@gmail.com See the website for more details: <https://sjmpb.ejoinme.org/freshcatch2026> We hope you can join us for the event!

Hands on Support Opportunity! We will start collecting Silent Auction submissions starting Friday 10/2, 7:30am-8:15am in the school cafeteria. We need volunteers to help collect these submissions, take a picture of the submission, and move items to our on-campus storage area. Sign up at <https://evite.me/BCDjfaPcts>

Classroom Art Projects will be starting soon! Being involved in these is a great way to get your Fresh Catch hours and meet our school community. Those interested in participating in classroom art projects should contact Lindsey Roy, 509-952-6247 or Brittany Choquette, 406-559-6925.

Questions: contact Lindsey VO, ldvaagen@gmail.com, 509-969-9010

SPIRIT WEEK INFO: The St. Joseph Marquette Leadership Club Presents Spirit Week! 9/28-10/2. Students and staff are invited to dress up (see below for details), those who dress up are eligible to enter their name in a daily drawing. A winner from each campus will be drawn to win a prize. Please join us in showing our school spirit throughout the week, ending in the LaSalle Homecoming Football Game Friday 10/2/26 at 7pm.

MONDAY: High School or College Merch. Wear your favorite team's colors or apparel.

TUESDAY: Twin Day! Dress like your classmates or besties!

WEDNESDAY: Pajama Day. Stay cozy and show up for school in your PJs. The Leadership Club will also be handing out popcorn during lunch to all students!

THURSDAY: Anything But a Backpack. Get Creative and come up with a new way to get your gear to school.

FRIDAY: St. Joseph Spirit Day!!! Show your school pride in our school SWAG and colors

IMPORTANT DATES

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 Cross Country travels to Ellensburg – leave at 2:20pm Race starts at 4pm
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
Monday the 28 th	SPIRIT WEEK BEGINS Book Fair opens Volleyball travels to Highland – C team starts at 4:00pm with B & A team to follow
Tuesday the 29 th	Raffle turn in day – 7:30 to 8:15am – collection tables in MJC and St. Joe's cafeteria ROSARY at 8:30am in the church (7 th grade) Volleyball travels to Sunnyside (Sierra Vista)–leave at 2:20 C team plays at 4pm –B & A team to follow
Wednesday the 30 th	Cross Country travels to Selah – leave at 2:30 Race starts at 4pm
Thursday, October 1 st	MID-QUARTER
Friday the 2 nd	Raffle turn in day: 7:30 to 8:15am – collection tables in MJC and St. Joe's cafeteria Leadership Club to Camp Dudley for leadership retreat – 8:30am to 2:30pm SCHOOL MASS at 8:30am (8 th grade)

Blessings.

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