

Wednesday Letter

September 30, 2026

Good afternoon,

We are super excited to see that the Prayer Garden landscaping is complete. Once all the fencing and gates have been installed, we plan to place the large marble Mary statue in the garden. The statue is currently located in the Marquette Building. This statue was donated to St. Joseph Marquette by the Sisters of Providence after they ended their association with Providence Hospital in 2003. Sr. Rebecca Berghoff was instrumental in securing the statue for our school. Additionally, we are planning to create the walking Rosary in the Prayer Garden on Tuesday, October 13th. Our Peace Partners will gather throughout the day to place the Rosary "beads" on the walkway. Later that same day at 5:30pm, we will hold a community Rosary in the garden and there will be a special blessing of the garden. All families are invited to attend the community Rosary.

I am seeking 4 volunteers to help guide the students in placing the stones for the Rosary on October 13th.

Times: 8:30 to 11:00am and 12:30 to 2:30pm. To volunteer, please email me at gpleger@sjmms.org.

Our first **STUDENT LED MASS** is on Sunday, October 4th at 8:30am as St. Joseph Parish. All families are invited to attend – please have students wear their uniform. Students may still join those singing in the choir, offer to read, or serve as an Altar Server – contact Mrs. Seidl to volunteer your child(ren) at eseidl@sjmms.org.

BLESSING OF PETS!! Will be on **Tuesday, October 6th**. This awesome event celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We will begin with a Prayer Service in the gym at 2:00pm led by the 4th grade class. Following the prayer service, we will transition to the gym parking lot to meet parents and the family pets. Fr. Edwin will be present to bless the pets. Parents bringing pets should plan to arrive by 2:15pm. Parking will be available on 4th Street, in the Marquette and St. Joseph parking lots. Please be prepared to clean up any mess your pet creates. All students will return to their homeroom at 2:45pm to prepare for dismissal. PreK and Kinder pick up will be in the gym area.

Students may bring their favorite stuffie or pet picture to be blessed if they don't have a pet or their pet can't attend.

BOOK FAIR runs through Friday afternoon at 3:30pm. Visit them in the Marquette gym foyer.

RAFFLE INFORMATION

- Turn-in today brought in \$7,750, bringing our total collected thus far to \$12,715.
- This week's incentive drawing is on Friday after turn-in. We will draw 10 winners from each age group (PreK/K, 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, & 7th/8th). Winners will get an Athletic Free Dress coupon.
- Students earn tickets to put in the weekly drawing cans when they turn in sold books on turn in days. Sold books can be turned in at either MJC or St. Joe's cafeteria; no need to make two stops if your kids are at separate campuses.
- **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.
- **OCTOBER RAFFLE SCHEDULE:** Updated schedule in enclosed – there a few open spots still available if interested.



Save the Date for Trunk or Treat!



The Parent Board is excited to announce that our annual **Trunk or Treat** will happen again this year on the afternoon of **Friday, October 30, 2026**. Parents will have the opportunity to volunteer to decorate trunks and/or donate candy. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details and sign-up information as we get closer to the big day! If you have questions, contact Johanna Thielen at (253)740-6351.

OPTION C email issues: we understand that some families with gmail accounts are not receiving emails we send through Option C. Option C IT confirmed they found the issue and are working to resolve the problem.

CONGRATULATIONS to this week's staff of the week – Mrs. Jennifer Hull.

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 below or this QR code to make your nomination. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in recognizing our staff. <https://forms.gle/KYCaikNkgCp7z3iB9>



Fresh Catch News!

Tickets and Tables are now on sale!! Visit our website (<https://sjmpb.ejoinme.org/freshcatch2026>) or use this QR code to purchase your ticket(s) or full table.



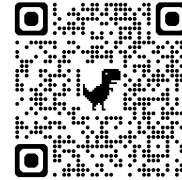
Dessert Dash needs more submissions! Complete the Dessert Dash form and turn it in at the Grade School Office by 10/16. Each dessert equals 1 hour of volunteer time. Contact Alexis Osbourne with questions 509-833-6705

Special Silent Auction turn-in day on Friday, October 2nd from 7:30am-8:15am in the cafeteria. Any parent who drops off their Silent Auction item will receive 1 extra hour of volunteer time! NOTE: this incentive is only offered at this turn in date/time/location. Make sure that when you drop off your silent auction item it needs to be in a basket or packaged for easy transportation AND your Donation Commitment Form is securely attached to your items.

Classroom Art Projects will be starting soon! We are looking for volunteers skilled in finish carpentry, quilting, and jewelry making. Do you know someone who has these skills?! Please contact Lindsey Roy, 509-952-6247 or Brittany Choquette, 406-559-6925. More volunteer opportunities are coming soon...stay tuned!

We are looking for a volunteer who can create a professional Slideshow, contact Lindsey VO if interested, 509-969-9010.

Raffle for a Half of Beef! Get your tickets early by visiting our beef raffle website <https://sjmpb.ejoinme.org/beefaffle2026> or use this QR code.



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday the 30 th	Cross Country travels to Selah – leave at 2:40 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) La Salle Homecoming game at Marquette Stadium – 7:00pm St. Joe's students get in FREE!
Monday the 5 th	First Monday of the Month – students and staff are invited to wear FREE DRESS Volleyball travels to Kittitas – B team at 3:30 followed by A team
Tuesday the 6 th	Raffle turn in day: 7:30 to 8:15am – collection tables in MJC and St. Joe's cafeteria BLESSING OF THE PETS Prayer Service (4 th grade) at 2:00 Pet blessing at 2:20
Wednesday the 7 th	Volleyball hosts Cle Elum – B team starts at 3:30pm A team follows Parent Board/School Commission/SRB social gathering at 6:00pm in the cafeteria Parent Board meeting at 7:00pm in room 11
Thursday the 8 th	Blood Drive – 12:30 to 3:45 Cross Country at La Salle High School – race starts at 4:00pm
Friday the 9 th	NO SCHOOL – Teacher Professional Day

Blessings.

Gregg

BLOOD DRIVE on Thursday, October 8th from 12:30 to 3:45pm.
To schedule an appointment, use this QR code.

