St. Joseph Marquette Catholic School's

Wednesday Letter

October 28, 2026

Good afternoon,

VOLUNTEER HOUR STATEMENTS are enclosed. Please review your statement for accuracy. If you have any questions, please contact Lindsey Riel in the St. Joseph office or contact her at lriel@sjmms.org. Raffle, Fresh Catch & Halloween Candy hours are not included.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES are on November 9th and 10th. I would like to invite all families to schedule a conference with their child's teacher. Visit Option C, select OFFICE drop down menu to find TEACHER CONFERENCES. If you need help logging in to Option C or scheduling a conference, please contact Sarah Feusner at sfeusner@sjmms.org or 509-575-5557.

LIVING SAINTS: The 8th grade students invite you to visit the Living Saints on November 2nd from 12:45 to 2:30 in the cafeteria. The students will be in costumes and are prepared to share the story of their Saint with anyone who stops by and drops a few coins or bills into their collection can. Students are invited to bring a handful of change/bills to hear the stories of 41 inspiring people who showed they loved God in both ordinary and heroic ways. All money raised through the Living Saints' performance will benefit the Highland Food Bank.

VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE will be held on Thursday, November 12th at 2:15pm in the Marquette Gym. The organizing class would like to encourage all families who have or have had a family member serve in the military to write the name of their loved ones on the enclosed form and return to school by November 6th. ADDITIONALLY, we would like to invite any Veteran's to join our Prayer Service in person – in uniform or not.

RAFFLE

"We are up to $59,200 collected for the Car Raffle. Please continue to turn in all of your sold tickets during the Tuesday and Friday morning collections in the St. Joe's cafeteria and MJC. This Friday only, every student that turns in sold tickets will have their name put into a separate bucket for a chance to win a free dress coupon, with the winners from each age group being drawn at the end of the day. Coupons delivered on Monday morning.

NOVEMBER RAFFLE SCHEDULE: the updated November Raffle schedule is enclosed. We have one open spot available: Friday the 27th from 1 - 3pm at Public House East. Text Lindsey Roy at (509) 952-6247 to reserve.

- Remember to check out extra tickets before you go out to sell with the car – see Sarah in the office or email her.
- If you run out of tickets while selling with the car, call Paige (509-985-7243) she has emergency tickets with the car.

WEEKLY INCENTIVE NEWS:

- **Week of October 19th: *PIZZA LUNCH FOR YOUR CLASS*** – incentive winners are:
  - **Connor Hargreaves (PKA), Enzo Pontarolo (1M), Max Barth (4A), Joseph Patry (5G), & Blake Chandler (8A)**
- **Week of October 26th: *SWAG Sweatshirt*** – 1 winner per grade level group. Winner drawn on Friday the 30th.

Trunk or Treat

- Last minute candy donations will be accepted until noon on Friday. Drop off your candy in the St. Joe's or MJC office.
- Parents volunteering to have a trunk, you will be in the Marquette Gym parking lot – turn left off of 4th into the lot.
  - Mr. Pleger will guide parking. If you want to be beside someone, make sure you are in line together

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30th information

- Students can wear Halloween themed FREE DRESS – no costumes as part of their free dress
- Students will be able to change into their costumes after lunch recess to wear to Trunk or Treat & class activities.
  - Please note: NO masks or face coverings, props, weapons, or blood and gore as part of their school costume'
- Students should bring a bag or container for Trunk or Treat – with 38 trunks there will be lots of treats!

The 2026/27 **FAMILY DIRECTORY** is now available in the File Library in Option C.

Fresh Catch News!

Attend the Event! Tables and individual tickets are still available! Use this QR code to purchase your table or tickets. The auction has a Half Beef raffle. Use the QR code and click on the "Win a Half a Beef!" tab on the menu to purchase your ticket! Half Beef Raffle tickets are $20! Or stop by Sarah's office to buy one.

10 days to GO – what you need to know!

- If you haven't completed your Promissory Note obligation for Fresh Catch or have any questions about your obligation, please contact our event chair, Lindsey VO at 509-969-9010.
- Gift cards are still needed!
- The Dessert Dash and all Hands-On volunteer shifts are all full - thank you!
    - We are looking for 2 men to help roll up the floor pads on Monday, November 9th – 7:00 to 8:30am
- The auction booklet was sent to the printers, so we cannot include any new sponsorships.
- **Final silent auction submissions are due this Friday 10/30**. No donations will be accepted after then. Donations can be turned in at any school office thru 3:15pm on Friday, October 30th!

REQUESTS:

- We are looking for 4" tall glass vases to use at the event. If you have any you would like to loan or donate, please turn them in at the St. Joe's or MJC Offices.
- Do you have spotlights? Or flood lights? Or both?!!? Fresh Catch decorating committee could use them, please contact Lindsey VO for details (contact info above).

FUN SCHOOL RELATED AUCTION ITEMS!

- The Silent and Live Auction have some great items that our school community may want to bid on even if you are not able to attend the event. We have a solution, contact Lindsey VO (509-969-9010).
- **Live Auction**: Fishing trip with the Principal, Principal for the Day, PE Teacher for the Day, Front Row Seating at the Christmas Program!
- **Silent Auction**: Golden Ticket Free Dress Passes, Free Hat Passes, Free Shoe Passes, VIP Pick Up Parking Spot, Classroom Art Projects.
- See our catalog of the live and silent auction items. Use the QR code

ASK THE PARENT BOARD any questions about Volunteer Hours, Fundraisers, or Events! We want to make it easy for every family to understand how volunteer hours, fundraisers, and school events work. Let us know which topics you'd like more information on by completing the form found at https://tinyurl.com/asktheparentboard or this QR code.

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 QR code to make your nomination. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in recognizing our staff.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION titled: Technology & Life Online: Keeping Our Kids Safe! **Join us for a FREE community presentation where you'll learn practical tips, helpful resources, and ways to recognize online risks and better protect your children. The presentation is on Tuesday, November 3, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Eisenhower High School. Dinner will be provided! Childcare and fun activities available for children ages 2–18. Spanish interpretation available**

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday the 29th	Drama Performance at 6:00pm in the auditorium – Grades 6-8 drama students to perform
Friday the 30th	Raffle Collection Day – 7:30 to 8:15am
	SCHOOL LITURGY at 8:30am (6th grade)
	Trunk or Treat from 12:30 to 2:30 in the gym parking lot
Monday, November 2nd	FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH – FREE DRESS
Tuesday the 3rd	End of the 1st quarter- Reports Go Home Nov. 5th
	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
Wednesday the 4th	Parent Board meeting at 7:00pm in Mrs. Ramirez's room (room 7 in the St. Joe's Building)
Friday the 6th	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
	SCHOOL LITURGY at 8:30am – 5th grade
Saturday the 7th	FRESH CATCH in the Marquette Gymnasium
Monday the 9th	Early dismissal at 11:30am
	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
	Boys' Basketball travels to Riverside Christian – B team tips off at 4:00pm A team to follow
Tuesday the 10th	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
	Early dismissal at 11:30am
	PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Wednesday the 11th	NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day
Thursday the 12th	**Veteran's Day Prayer Service** / Assembly at 2:15pm in the Marquette Gym
	Boys' Basketball hosts Granger C team tips off at 3:30pm B and A teams to follow
Friday the 13th	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
	SCHOOL LITURGY at 8:30am (2nd grade)
Monday the 16th	Boys' Basketball travels to Harrah C team tips off at 3:30pm B and A teams to follow
Tuesday the 17th	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
	ADORATION at 12:45pm in the church
Wednesday the 18th	Jose' Iniguez presentation
	1st to 4th grade students at 12:15pm
	5th to 8th grade students at 1:30pm
	Boys' Basketball travels to Union Gap B team tips off at 4:00pm A team to follow
Thursday the 19th	School Finance Committee meeting at 5:30pm in the Marquette Library
	School Commission meeting at 7:00pm in the Marquette Library
Friday the 20th	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
	SCHOOL LITURGY at 8:30am (7th grade)
Monday the 23rd	Boys' Basketball hosts Highland C team tips off at 3:30pm B and A team to follow
Tuesday the 24th	Raffle Collection Day 7:30 to 8:15am at MJC and in the cafeteria
	ROSARY at 2:10pm in the church (6th grade)
Wednesday the 25th	**SCHOOL LITURGY** at 8:30am (4th grade)
	EARLY RELEASE at 11:30am
Thursday the 26th	THANKSGIVING DAY
Friday the 27th	No School – Thanksgiving break

Blessings.

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