



St. Joseph Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER SEPTEMBER

- October 5-16**—IOWA testing in Grades 1, 3, 5, 7
- October 7**—7:00 p.m. Parish Council
- October 8**—Grades 3 & 4 go to Sauder’s Museum—cars; 11:00 a.m. Vicariate Principals meeting at St. John; 7:00 p.m. PTG Officers meet; 7:00 a.m. Staff meeting
- October 9**—Grade K, 1, 2 go to Lake Erie Metropark Marsh Museum—bus; 9:30 bank day; Mass planned by Grade 4
- October 12**—Auction Jeans Day—see flier
- October 13**—Happy Birthday, Mrs. Matthews!!!
MEAP Reading, Session 1 test for grades 4, 6, 8
- October 14**—Happy Birthday, Mrs. Mercurio!!! PS, PK, K and Grade 1 go to Trabbic Pumpkin Farm
- October 15**—MEAP Reading, Session 2 testing; 7:00 p.m. PTG meeting
- October 16**— Mass planned by Grade 3; Grades 5 & 6 to Country Land Tree Farm; Gr. 7 & 8 to Erie Orchards; midterm cutoff
- October 20**—MEAP Math testing
- October 21**—Midterms go home’ 7:00 p.m. School Advisory
- October 22**—MEAP Science or Social Studies testing; 7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation meeting
- October 23**— Mass planned by Grade 2; Bank day; PTG Halloween Fun Night
- October 26**—Mission Dollar Day—moved because of MEAP testing
- October 26-28**—MEAP make-up testing.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL’S MISSION / PHILOSOPHY STATEMENT

St. Joseph Catholic School is a Catholic community that helps all persons grow to the fullness of their potential in faith and knowledge. It is dedicated to helping students grow in their spiritual, emotional, social, academic, physical and creative abilities.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



JESUS IS THE KEY

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

“Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to [the] poor and you will have treasure in heaven.” Mark 10:21

We feel loved when we receive gifts. That’s why we like Christmas and birthdays. We don’t expect the rich young man to feel loved if he has to give his possessions away.

But he was loved. Jesus loved him and offered him discipleship. The rich man and Jesus had enough, but the poor could have used a little extra. Perhaps by sharing and separating the gift from the giver, the rich man would have grown closer to God.

Jesus, help me to be generous with my time, skills and money.

Source: *Living Faith for Kids*

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Philosophy/Mission Statement—Obvious Strengths

1. The staff believes and lives the mission statement
2. The mission statement is easy to understand
3. The Mission statement is posted in prominent areas to be seen by visitors and the school community.
4. The school has incorporated a unique idea in using the mission statement as their daily school morning prayer.
5. The mission statement and philosophy statement compliment one another.



**October is the month of the
Rosary. Honor Mary by
praying it with your family.**

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME FAMILYFEST

Thank you for coming and supporting our Familyfest. We had great representation from St. Joseph's in Erie. God bless you for all your support.

IOWA TESTING THIS WEEK

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be taken by students in grades 1, 3, 5 & 7.

MEAP TESTING

The Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) is used to judge the performance of students at given intervals using the content standards prescribed by state educators. Most recently, the results of this test are used in the No Child Left Behind Act. According to the Office of Educational Assessment, no other tests measure what Michigan students should know and be able to do against established Michigan content standards and performance standards. Michigan's MEAP tests are based on the content standards developed by Michigan educators and approved by the Michigan State Board of Education. The tests are criterion-reference, meaning that each student's results are judged and reported against a set performance standard. If a student meets the standard, it means he/she meets expectations on recommended state curriculum. In theory, all students in the state could achieve the standard in every subject.

TIPS FOR TAKING TESTS

- Do your homework well each day
- Get a good nights sleep
- Eat a good breakfast—eggs are good brain food.
- Review your notes each day and all of them on the night before the test.
- Pray to the Holy Spirit to guide you

E-RATE AND REDUCED MILK FORMS

Please take a few minutes to fill out the family survey if you have not done so far and get it back to the school office. As the letter explains, this information will be used to determine the percent of discount we will be getting on our telephone bills. Usually this amount is over \$600.

Earlier you received an application for free and reduced milk. You can help the school get money from many federal grants by applying for the free or reduced milk for you children if you qualify. Our system of milk tickets makes it very easy for children to receive milk without anyone knowing. Federal money and student services for Title I are based on these applications. Some parents think that someone else may need it more. That may be true, but it may not necessarily be someone here at St. Joseph's. These are your tax dollars at work

and your children deserve to receive them if they qualify. Thank you for taking the time to help with the paperwork.

HELP SPREAD THE NEWS!

Attention faculty, parents, and students!! I am looking for ideas for news articles on the great things we are doing here at St. Joseph Catholic School. Also, please send me your digital photos from school events, field trips, sports, etc. Area newspapers are always happy to publish our information so let's keep spreading the word about our school! Send me an idea, write up a short article, or e-mail digital photos to stjosepheriemail@catholicweb.com.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE!

For electronic copies of newsletters, calendars, lunch menus, upcoming events, links to CYO game schedules/standings, pictures, and much more, visit our website at: www.stjosepheriemi.catholicweb.com. Have a suggestion for what you'd like to see added to our website? Send an e-mail to stjosepheriemail@catholicweb.com. Remember also to e-mail photos of your children throughout the school year as they participate in sports, field trips, school plays, sacraments, etc. Know that your child's name will never be referenced on the website. Thanks for your help in making our website the best it can be!

SCRIP INFORMATION

Scrip is available in the school office at all times. Any questions or special orders call Debbie Adoline 419-726-1117.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE

The Preschool and Pre-kindergarten are sponsoring a used costume sale. We will accept donations until Friday, October 16. The sale will be the week of October 19-23 before and after school. All proceeds will be donated to the Missions. Please see Mrs. Mercurio or Mrs. Amy if you have any questions.

ENCLOSURES--BE SURE TO CHECK THE BOTTOM OF YOUR ENVELOPE!

Auction News
October "Partners in Faith"
"Smile Safe Kids" ID Cards