



St. Joseph Catholic School

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DATES TO REMEMBER OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

- October 22**—MEAP Science or Social Studies testing;
7:00 p.m. First Reconciliation meeting
- October 23**—Mass planned by Grade 8; Bank day;
PTG Halloween Fun Night
- October 26**—Mission Dollar Day—moved because of
MEAP testing
- October 26-28**—MEAP make-up testing.
- October 29-30**—No school. Teachers will be at the
MANS Convention in Detroit.
- November 1**—K of C Ladies Auxiliary Feather Party
- November 3**—Picture retakes
- November 4**—Fieldtrips for Grades 2, 3, 4
- November 5**—No school for students; Countywide in-
service day for teachers.
- November 6**—8:30 a.m. Mass planned by Grade 2;
Bank day
- November 7**—St. Joseph Panther Pride Auction

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



JESUS IS THE KEY

GOD'S PROMISE

"They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble." Jeremiah 31:9

Do you know what a covenant is? It is a solemn agreement between two people. God promised to protect the Israelites if they would obey his commandments. At a time when most people worshiped many gods, he would be their one and only.

God made the Israelites an example to the world. The one true God would, like a loving father, guide and care for those who followed his laws.

By going to Mass on Sunday, you honor the covenant between God and his people.

Source: [Living Faith for Kids](#)

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.



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

MEAP TESTING THIS WEEK

MEAP testing will be on specific days and subjects for students in grades 4, 6, and 8

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

School and Community--

The faculty has great communication between its members. There is a concerted effort to communicate with parents, parish, and community. Informational pamphlets concerning community organizations are available to the public. The marketing committee serves well to promote the school via the use of various media.

SICK KIDS

We have been having many students absent for this time of the year. The main causes that parents are reporting are allergies, fevers, Strep throat, flu, etc. One parent has reported that their school child has H1N1 according to the doctor. In today's envelope are some helps for parents and directives from the CDC—Center for Disease Control.



The recommendations that we have received are to sanitize regularly. Our teachers and students sanitize everything weekly or more often. All general areas are sanitized 2-3 times a week or daily in some cases. Students are reminded often to cover their mouths when coughing—this is the easiest way that germs are spread, and to wash hands with soap and water often, especially

after using the restroom. Students and adults should not be spitting on the playground or at sports events since this also easily contributes to the spread of germs.

It is also recommended that students dress for the weather. If it is cold, they need to bring a coat and wear it anytime they are coming and leaving the building. At this time of the year the weather changes day-by-day. Some students do not bring a coat to school and need it by recess time because the temperature has changed. Outdoor recess is very healthy for students after being in a building learning in the classrooms.

These are the recommendations for what to do if your child is sick:

1. Keep them home. If they tell you they don't feel well and they aren't well—Keep them home. Don't expose others to their germs on the bus or in school. Usually these students are sent home even before the day begins. It would be much better to keep them home and bring them in later if they feel better. Parents can usually tell if their child is feeling sick or better by the behavior that is exhibited.
2. Children who have fevers must be free of the fever for 24 hours before returning to school.
3. Practice good hand hygiene by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
4. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder. Not into your hands.
5. Stay home if you or your child is sick for at least 24 hours after there is no longer a fever or signs of a fever. Keeping sick students at home means that they keep their viruses to themselves rather than sharing them with others.
6. Emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention are: Fast breathing or trouble breathing; bluish or gray skin color, not drinking enough fluids, not urinating or no tears when crying, severe or persistent vomiting, not waking up or not interacting, being so irritable that the child does not want to be held, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion, flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough.



LINK OUR WEBSITE!

If you have a business website, would you be willing to link our website to it? This will help to get the word out to more persons about our great school. Manny Evola did it to his Danberry Reality Website. He said there were lots of hits on it in just the first few days. If you need help, just give him a call at 419-283-7505.

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS ARE HERE!

Any St. Joseph student or parishioner who is in grades 5-8 can sign up by calling Tom Banachowski @ 734-243-2981 or Connie Newell @ 419-726-9313. Anyone interested in coaching give us a call!

5TH GRADE WREATH SALE



The 5th grade can have a Christmas Wreath Sale to help raise funds for their Camp Storer Week in Grade 6. 5th Grade parents are needed to help organize this event. We have vendors asking for our business. If you would like to chair this, please

contact the office for further information about it.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Do you know of a graduate of St. Joseph Catholic School that has gone on to do great things in high school, college, or in their career? We would like to feature these students in our community news. If you have information, please contact Tammy Guth at stjosepheriemail@catholicweb.com

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SALE

The Preschool and Pre-kindergarten are sponsoring a used costume sale. 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.

HALLOWEEN LUNCH & PARADE

Mark your calendars! Dig out your costumes! It's just about time for our annual Halloween Lunch & Parade! Join us Wednesday, October 28th at 12:00 noon for a tasty treat. PTG provides this lunch for ALL students (even if you do not get hot lunch). As always, we search far and wide for the most delectable foods for our students. This year is no exception, and we know you will enjoy it! Our menu this year is:

Crispy Caterpillars	Baby Worms
Bone Splinters	Belly Jelly
Earwax	Egg Juice

Parents are welcome (and needed) to help us prepare and serve this feast. Don't worry we will feed you too! Bring your costumes to wear! The kids love seeing the parents all dressed up too!

At 2:00 p.m. we will start our annual parade through the school. The kids work their way through the classrooms to show off their costumes to the other kids. We end up outside and each class gets their picture taken on the school steps to be put in the yearbook! Then it's back to their classrooms for the class parties.

We hope you will join us for a "spook-tacular" afternoon of fun and festivities.

PLEASE HELP

More help is needed for the Halloween Fun Night this Friday. A volunteer form was sent home last week. Set-up will begin at 1:00 p.m. Help during the fun night is needed in concession, games and clean-up. Eighth grade parents and students are also needed for the Haunted Hallway. If you can help in any way please contact Fiona Skryzmoski at 734-848-3032 or call the school office.

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

Flu Guidelines for Parents
October "Firm, Fair & Consistent"
Auction Flyer