
COUGAR TRACKS

Mission: Saint Joseph Catholic School Community is committed to all students to provide spiritual and personal growth, academic excellence, and service to others.

Do What Makes You ~~Happy~~ Holy

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Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and Thursday with the 3rd & 4th grade having mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!



Family Movie Night

The St. Joseph Student Council will be hosting an outdoor movie night on Friday, October 6th beginning at 7:00. This is open to students PK-8th grade. Please see the flyer sent home last week for more information. We hope to see many families there!

House Meeting

The 7th & 8th grade students planned scavenger hunts for each house that was about their Saint. At the end of the scavenger hunt they found their house crests designed around their Saints.

Fall Fun Day

This year we will be having Fall Fun Day on Friday, October 6th. This will be in place of our fall field trip. We have many different activities and games planned for the day!

Grandparents Day

We had a wonderful day celebrating our grandparents at Grandparents Day! The students did a great job at their Mass parts and performances, with many thanks to Mrs. Wirths for working so hard to have them ready! Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal thanks to Ms. Jill, Ms. Donna, and their help for the day, Sharon Nave and Diane Root. We are so grateful to be able to share such a special day!

Protect Young Eyes

Protect Young Eyes is a group that shows families, schools, and churches how to create safer digital spaces. The dioceses is bringing their presentation to our area for our students and parents. Students in grades 3rd-8th will be attending a presentation on Tuesday, October 17th at Our Lady of Lourdes in Columbia. **We are looking for parents that would be able to drive that day. We are unable to get a bus for the time needed. Planned time would be from noon to 3:15. If you would be able to drive, please let Mrs. Watring know by Friday, October 6th. This is for 3rd-8th only.**

There will also be a parent presentation that evening at 6:30 at Our Lady of Lourdes. If you can attend, I strongly encourage you to do so. Some of the staff has heard the presentation at the NCEA Conference and it was very eye opening and full of useful information for parents of students accessing the internet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

10/2-10/6-1st-8th Testing Week
 10/6-Fall Fun Day/Movie Night
 10/13-End of 1st Quarter
 10/17-Protecting Young Eyes
 Presentation-3rd-8th grades
 10/19-Early Out @ 12-P/T
 Conferences
 10/20-No School
 10/21-Home & School Auction
 10/25-School Pictures
 10/31-Trunk or Treat

Home & School Auction

The Home & School Auction is right around in the corner! The committee is working hard collecting auction items. Please be sure to have October 21st on your calendar to support this event for our school!

Testing Week

Next week students in grades 1st through 8th will be taking the Iowa Assessments. This is a standardized test that will be a tool to help us see what our students need to learn for the rest of the year. Please make sure that students are getting a good night's rest and a good breakfast. We will be providing a snack for them mid-morning.

All School Mass

Sunday, October 8th will be our first All School Mass. Students that have Mass parts are listed below. Students are chosen from the sheet turned in at the beginning of the year. If you did not return one and would still like for your child to have a part let Mrs. Watring know. If your child(ren) does not have a part this time, they will at another All School Mass. Please practice any readings at home, we will also practice at school next week.

Servers: Elizabeth Wessing & Marina Wirths

Song Leader: Penny Hoff

1st Reading: Tyson Martin

Response: Owen Rental

2nd Reading: Henry Stark

Petitions: Aria Kliethermes, Willa Wolfe, Heath Fenical, and William Schuster

Baskets: Will Kusgen, Braxton Inskeep, Leo Williams, Waylon Imhoff

Offertory: Clara Shadwick, Hadleigh Stegner, & Nellie Vollrath

If your child is unable to be at this Mass, please let Mrs. Watring know so a replacement can be made. Thank you!

*Formation Fun
for Families*

Want a little faith to go? Download the Amen App on your phone for access to prayer, reflections, rosary, music, novenas, and my favorite...BEDTIME STORIES! They are designed to help you relax and go to sleep and shut off after a designated time. Play one for your or your kiddos and fall asleep wrapped in the arms of our Lord.




Virtue of the Quarter: Fortitude

- Using knowledge to do the right thing.

Saint of the Month: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Virtues for the Year:

Faith-gift from God that allows us to believe in him

Hope-allows us to trust in God's promise to share his life with us forever

Love-greatest of all, allows us to love God and one another

