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NEWSLETTER

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Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3 Mass - Led by grade 7
- Sept. 6 Board of Ed. meeting at 7:00
- Sept. 10 Confessions
- Sept. 14 Tentative Chocolate Delivery
- Sept. 15 Early Dismissal

Dismissal

3:15 ASAP and Public Bus
3:25 Bus
3:30 All others

A Spectacular Start to the School Year!

We have officially begun the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you parents for sharing your kids with us! Seeing them the first day made all of our hard work getting ready worth it!

Newsletters

This is the only print copy of the newsletter for this year. We are switching to email - only! I am emailing this one out, too, so if you don't get the email please let us know!

Pictures

Pictures are taken at the school during events. We would like to share those pictures on the school website, St. Joseph Catholic School and St. Mary's Academy Facebook page, school slideshow, or with newspaper publications such as the Devils Lake Journal, New Earth, or broadcasting media such as TV. If you do not want your child's picture or name appearing in any of the above, please notify the school.

Yearbooks are for sale

Last year the Publication class and teacher put together a wonderful keepsake for the year!! The cost of the yearbook is \$25. You can purchase them in the office.

VIRTUES

Education in Virtue is program for students in Tiny Disciples through eighth grade to grow in virtues and see the virtues as concrete expressions of their Catholic Faith. It is an interactive program and curriculum structured on the teachings of St. Thomas Aquinas regarding the virtues and gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Program was developed by the Dominica Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist from Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is designed so that the entire student body, is studying the same virtue each week, to provide a whole school and home focus. The program covers 38 virtues over the course of a year.

EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH

St. Joseph and St. Mary's Swag

Two ways to order sweatshirts and other swag. There is a website from Decorated Wearables - <https://stjoesschool.itemorder.com/> and an order form from Creative Impressions. We will keep both open for 2 weeks and then place the orders on September 10.

ST. JOE'S & ST. MARY'S APPAREL



* CHOOSE LOGO *



LOGO #1



LOGO #2
(Grades 7 & 8 only!)

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	SIZES	COLOR	SIZE	QTY	LOGO #1 or #2	PRICES	SUB-TOTAL
ST226	Adult 1/4-Zip	XS-4XL	Black Elec. or Navy Elec.				XS-XL=\$44. ⁹⁵ 2XL=\$46. ⁹⁵ 3XL=\$48. ⁹⁵ 4XL=\$50. ⁹⁵	
STC28	Pom Beanie	---	Black/Red or Black/Iron Grey	---			One Size = \$14. ⁵⁰	
ST225	Adult Hoodie	XS-4XL	Black Elec. or Navy Elec.				XS-XL=\$48. ⁸⁹ 2XL=\$50. ⁸⁹ 3XL=\$52. ⁸⁹ 4XL=\$54. ⁸⁹	
YST225	Youth Hoodie	S-XL	Black Elec. or Navy Elec.				S-XL = \$44. ²⁵	

Please make checks payable to: St. Joseph School
All proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Catholic School!

Total

Name: _____ Ph. #: _____





It is our goal to provide a Catholic education to all of our students by prioritizing safety, academic excellence, and mission.

- **Safety:** It is the expectation that all students (with the guidance of their parents) and staff take personal responsibility for their own safety. Having said that, SJSM will encourage best practices in handwashing and sanitizing. Those who are feeling ill are expected to stay home. Masks will be encouraged but not required for all those who come into our schools.
- **Academic Excellence:** Our mission is best accomplished through in-school learning as well as maintaining the social and emotional well-being of students.
- **Mission:** Education success through the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church.

COVID Guidelines

- Masks are encouraged but not required.
- Masks may be required if multiple COVID cases arise in a classroom/group.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at schools.
- We encourage students to carry their own water bottle. Water bottle filler will be available.
- **Illness:** It will be key for students and staff to stay home when feeling ill.

Symptoms to watch for:

- Fever $>$ or $=$ 100.4
- Loss of taste and smell
- Cough, non typical
- Chills
- Shortness of Breath
- Headache, non typical
- Muscle aches
- Sore throat
- Nasal congestion, non typical
- Runny nose, non typical
- Diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting

Before returning to school, student or staff member should be symptom free. Please consider having a COVID test or contacting your primary care provider before returning to school.

- COVID Positive Protocols

If a student or a staff member tests positive:

Notify the school

Follow isolation guidelines per the NDDOH

Notify any close contacts

If you are a close contact:

You will be notified by the NDDOH with quarantine protocols

- COVID Notification

A letter with instructions will be sent to the grade-level or group regarding a positive case.

Masks may be required if there are multiple positive cases in a classroom.

- COVID Testing

Testing will be available at our buildings for staff and students.

Testing for students will be available by appointment.

A parent must accompany the student. (more information will be shared regarding testing)

Parental consent for testing is required for all students. The Consent form is available on the website.

Information will be shared with NDDOH.

These protocols will be subject to review and updating throughout the year. A successful year will require collaboration, communication, and cooperation among all students, parents, and staff.

We are looking forward to a wonderful and successful year. If you have any questions regarding illness, COVID or any other health questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Clouse at 701-662-5016 or michelle.clouse@stjosephschool.org.