



COUGAR'S CORNER



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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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✝ OUR MONTHLY VIRTUE IS JUSTICE PRAYER FOR JUSTICE

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the riches of creation are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;
a world where different races and cultures live in harmony and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Author Unknown

RESOURCES

My Own Superhero - A song to empower every child

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gX43dxto99o>

The Rainbow Fish Author Marcus Pfister
Wonder: A Novel Author Patricia Palacio



INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS DAILY MATH REVIEW



We are excited to be using David Costello's "Daily Cumulative Math Review" (DCR) as part of our Morning Routine! This engaging activity helps students strengthen their math skills by reinforcing concepts they've learned—not just day-to-day, but for long-term success.

Each day, students spend about 8 to 10 minutes on DCR:

- 4 to 5 minutes working independently on review questions
- 4 to 5 minutes reviewing solutions together as a class

Students use whiteboards or notebooks to show their thinking as they work through problems. This daily practice builds confidence, critical thinking, and a strong math foundation. The consistency also helps create a routine where learning is always reinforced, not just introduced once and forgotten.

UNLOCKING MOTIVATION WITH IXL'S SMARTSCORE!

IXL's SmartScore is a powerful tool that helps students stay motivated and grow. Unlike percentages, it measures true understanding by considering accuracy, difficulty, and consistency. As students progress, their SmartScore adjusts to keep them challenged.

Building Skills & Confidence (0-70):
Students build confidence as they practice, with mistakes having minimal impact, encouraging steady progress. 🚀📚

Building Determination (71-90):
Students face tougher questions, strengthening determination and understanding. At 80, they reach proficiency! 💪📚

Going Above & Beyond (90-100):
In the Challenge Zone, questions become more rigorous, and mastery requires focus and perseverance. ⭐💡

A NEW ADVENTURE AWAITS SIGN UP FOR KINDERGARTEN TODAY!

WAS YOUR CHILD BORN IN 2021? IT'S TIME TO ENROLL IN KINDERGARTEN!



ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL
OFFERS A FAITH-BASED, WELCOMING, CLOSE-KNIT ENVIRONMENT.

Here's what we offer:

- A team of caring, experienced educators focused on each child's needs and interests.
- A supportive and nurturing school community.
- Transition programs in Spring and August to ease the Kindergarten transition.

a place
where we
all belong
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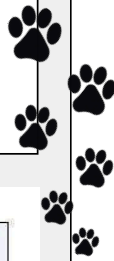
Important Information



ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Consistent attendance is crucial for students to reach their full potential. Arriving at school on time every day ensures students have regular access to learning, which helps them develop essential skills in subjects like reading, math, and science. Each school day offers new lessons, practice, and discussions that are thoughtfully designed to promote both academic and social growth. Missing even one day or being late can disrupt this learning process, making it more challenging for students to catch up and stay on track with their classmates.

Beyond academics, regular attendance helps students build important life skills like responsibility, time management, and perseverance. By attending school consistently and on time, children can form strong relationships with staff and peers, fostering a sense of community and belonging. This stability also promotes positive habits that will serve them well throughout their education and future careers. By prioritizing regular attendance, families play a key role in ensuring their children are fully engaged in learning, prepared for success, and able to make the most of the valuable educational opportunities available to them.



1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!

SCHOOL SAFETY REMINDERS



Please be aware of the three way stop at the corner of Huot and Powell. All vehicles must come to a complete stop before proceeding through the intersection.

Our schoolyard **supervision begins at 8:30** in the morning. In order to ensure your child's safety, please do not drop them off prior to that time.

If you are **picking up your child at the end of the day, please contact the school by 2:00** to have them removed from the bus list. Please also check in with the staff on duty before leaving with your child.

The safety of our students is our first priority! Thank you for your cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENTS/THEME DAYS



- February 2: Groundhog Day
 - February 3-7: Cookie Grams for Sale
 - February 7: 100TH day of School
 - February 10-13: Candy Grams for Sale
 - February 14: Valentine's Day; Dress in Red, Pink and White
 - February 17: Family Day - No School
 - February 19: Report Cards Go Home
 - February 21: Kindergarten Open House from 12:30-2:30; Dress in Black and Yellow
 - February 26: Pink Shirt Day; Anti-Bullying Day
- *Parent Council Meeting TBD

ENSURING A SAFE & HAPPY ENVIRONMENT

Please be mindful of allergies to food items and scents.

Just a reminder that students are not permitted to use their cell phones and personal devices from "Bell to Bell." We greatly appreciate your support to protect our instructional time during the day.



Chantal Chaperon-Cote, Acting Administrator