

*St. Joseph the Worker School Commission*  
*Helpful Hints for New Parents*  
[www.bealcityparish.org](http://www.bealcityparish.org)

**MISSION STATEMENT**



Saint Joseph the Worker Roman Catholic parish and school encourages its members to live fully the message of Jesus Christ. Inspired by the Holy Spirit through faith, love, sacraments, and service, our parish family will be a community of lifelong achievers and a center for academic excellence.

 **Advent Program/Spring Concert**

The Advent Program is in December during the week at 7 PM in the evening. The Spring Concert is held in May. Information is sent home closer to the time of the event. Dress attire is addressed as well.

**AR (Accelerated Reader)**

This program usually starts in First or Second Grade. Reading Level is determined by the STAR Test. Reading level determines how many points a student has for a goal each marking period. Library and classroom books are marked with the reading level and point value. After a child completes his/her book they then take a multiple choice comprehension test on the computer. 80 % is needed to pass the test.



**Art Reach**

October begins the Art Reach program. Volunteers for all grades are needed to come into the classrooms once a month and introduce a work of art. Can't commit to once a month? Talk to others to see if the responsibility can be split up! Training will be available from Art Reach during the month of September, so sign up early! Students really enjoy this time learning about the different artists.

**Auction**

This is our main fundraiser for the school. It is held in the spring every year. Every parent is expected to donate to a classroom basket, donate either a verbal/silent/cash donation, and work at least a one hour shift the night of the auction. Parents are also needed to work on the various committees that organize and run the auction. Please contact Diane Fussman or Mrs. Hauck at [stjoeschoolauction@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeschoolauction@gmail.com) with any questions. This year's auction is planned for **April 24, 2020**.

### **Box Tops/School Spirit UPC's**

The school will have contests at various times of the year to see what classroom can bring in the most points. Winning classrooms earn a special treat. You will be notified each time there is a contest.



### **Catholic Schools Week**

A celebration for our school and faith! This begins the last Sunday in January and run through the week. Each day there will be a special event happening!

### **Color Day**

The first Friday (school is in session) of the month. Students can wear sweatpants and shirts, t shirts, athletic wear, hoodies, etc. No sandals.

### **Crop Walk**

This is our annual service project (held in October) for the REAP Food Pantry located at St. Henry Church. Parents, relatives, friends, etc. sponsor a student. You may donate a set amount of cans/nonperishables per lap, or a lump amount. The students walk around the playground for 30 minutes (younger students walk 6- 8 laps and older students walk between 9- 11 laps). Adults are welcome to walk as well. After the event volunteers are needed to transport the nonperishable items to St. Henry Church.

### **Dress Code**

A detailed description is in the Parent/Student Handbook and there is a link on our website [www.bealcityparish.org](http://www.bealcityparish.org). If you have any questions, please call the school office. Sweatshirts that are not dress code can only be worn for outside time.



### **Facebook**

Questions? Use our school Facebook group to ask question and find out information on school happenings. Type in St. Joe's Parents group to join.

### **Field Day**

Field Day is a day filled with fun outside activities and a treat. Date is set towards the end of the school year.

### **Field Trips**

The students at St. Joe enjoy field trips throughout the year. Kindergarten, First, and Second Graders are on a three year rotation for field trips. They rotate between the Chippewa Nature Center, Potter's Park, and the Discovery Museum. The Second Graders go to the Mt. Pleasant Ice Arena one day a week for four weeks in the winter (usually February and March) to participate in the Learn to Skate Program. This is funded by the Ice Arena. Third Graders visit the Ziibiwing Center Museum, and Fourth Graders go to the Michigan Historical Museum and State Capitol. Fifth and Sixth Graders attend Camp Hayo Went Ha for three days in the fall.

## **†Mass**

Students attend Mass weekly on Thursdays at 8 AM. The bell rings at 7:40 AM on these days. As a tradition, Kindergarteners and new students will be introduced by our Sixth Graders at a September school Mass. This is a real treat you do not want to miss!

Students are provided with envelopes at the beginning of the school year. They are to bring those envelopes to weekend or school Mass with their time, talent or treasure. Money collected is donated to local charities.

## **Monthly Bulletins**

In order to facilitate communication and keep parents informed of what is happening at St. Joseph the Worker School, we will send you an email reminder of when the monthly newsletter is ready for you to view at [www.bealcityparish.org](http://www.bealcityparish.org). It can be expected the first week of each month. Paper copies are available upon request. Please read it carefully to find out about upcoming events and school happenings. Also check the Google calendar link to stay informed on upcoming events.

## **Parties**

These are held on Halloween, Christmas, and Valentine's Day. Teachers will be in contact with the parents about games and treats. All parents and family members are welcome to attend. Parties usually begin at 1:30 PM.

## **Reconciliation/Confirmation/First Communion**

The Second Grade Sacrament Programs are done outside of school to include all the children of the parish. Sandy Boge our Religious Education Director schedules these classes.



## **School Supplies**

These are posted on the website. Please replenish after Christmas. Little ones go through lots of pencils and glue!



## **SCRIP**

Do you shop weekly at Meijer, Wal Mart or Target? Go to the movies or out to dinner? Need gas for your automobile? If so, why not purchase a gift card from the school office to pay for your purchases? A percentage of the money you spend comes back to our school. Many options are available. Please contact the school office at 644-3970 for a complete list.

## **Sending Things to School**

Please label ALL your child's items. We do have a lost and found box if you are missing anything. If you are sending a note or money, please put it in an envelope with your child's name and teacher's name.

## **Student Drop off and Pick up**

If your child is not riding the bus to and from school, please use the following procedures. If you are bringing your child to school, park on Winn Road. (School side of the road) and have your child use the sidewalk between the school and church to walk back to the playground. Do not drop your child off on the south side of the building, this is for busses only.

When picking up your child after school, please park in the lot behind the school or church. Children will be brought out to you by a staff member unless you are at their classroom door at dismissal.

**Volunteers** All parents are expected to volunteer for different events throughout the school year. We welcome all parents and grandparents to help out in our school!

## **School Commission**

This commission consists of 8-12 parents, the principal and pastor. They help provide advice and counsel to the pastor and principal for the overall support of the school. The commission assists in long range planning, school improvement, marketing, accreditation and the formulation of policies for the school. They plan various activities such as Catholic Schools Week, Teacher Appreciation, Field Day, Science Fair, and many other activities. The commission meets the last Tuesday of each month at 6 PM in the school library. Members have a three year term and may serve a second term. Members are available to the parents and community so that any concerns can be brought to the meeting for discussion.

If you have any questions, please contact the school office or a member of the commission. Members of the commission contact information is listed below:

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