

8/28/26

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

We have officially completed our first week of school! It has been such a joy to see our hallways filled with smiling faces, laughter, and learning once again. Thank you for your continued support and for helping make this first week such a wonderful start. We are truly blessed to have such an amazing school community!

I'm excited to see what God has in store for us and can't wait to see what the rest of the school year brings! Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Calendar Dates

9/2: Confirmation Discernment Night

9/4: No School

9/7: No School

9/11: Bike-A-Thon

9/9: Young Fives First Day

9/9: Picture Day

9/21: Hearing/Vision Screening

Tuition: First tuition payment is due September 1st.

Safe Storage Annual Notice:

School districts are required to provide the Michigan Department of Education's (MDE) [Safe Storage Notice](#) to every parent or guardian annually. The notice may be distributed by mail or electronically and is intended to provide families with information about Michigan's safe storage requirements. MDE has provided resources to support districts in meeting this annual notification requirement, including the MDE-MI Safe Storage Notice and the "[What is the Secure Storage Law in Michigan?](#)" Guide for MDE. If you have further questions please see the [MDE website](#).

Virtus Training: Any **new families with students in Young Fives through 8th Grade** this school year who plan to volunteer for holiday parties, playground duty (K-8th Grade), field trips, classroom help, or similar activities must complete VIRTUS training. If you or someone you know needs to complete the training, it can be done online through [VIRTUS Online](#), or you may contact the school office for assistance.

Census Verification Forms: Went home with the oldest sibling in each family, please check these over to make sure the information that was transferred from Finals site to Infinite Campus is correct. Please have these returned by Thursday, September 3.

Transportation: A friendly reminder that if Pewamo-Westphalia Schools do not have school, we will not have bussing. If your child/ren will be riding the bus after school, they must have a note to give to the bus driver. Additionally, if someone other than a parent/guardian or previously stated, will be picking up your child/ren, please provide a note or email to the office in advance. This helps ensure the safety of all our students.

Playground Duty Sign-Up: We're letting K-8th grade parents choose playground duty dates

that best fit their schedules again. Please sign up for **at least six dates, ideally in sets of three, across Fall, Winter, and Spring. If you don't sign up by August 20th, we will assign dates for you** and notify you accordingly. All volunteers/ substitutes must be **Virtus trained**. We are looking for substitute supervisors, if you are interested let the office know. [Sign-up here.](#)

Student Absence: If your child will be absent, please call the school at 989-593-3400 or email Mrs. Mowatt, Mr. Weber and the student's teacher. Here are the [staff emails](#).

Student Check-In/Out: When dropping off your child(ren), please walk them into the school and sign them in. Similarly, be sure to check them out when picking them up. Your signature is required for our records and helps us ensure the safety of all students.

Mom's Hot Lunch: The 2026–2027 Hot Lunch [menu and program information are attached](#). If your child will *not* be participating, please let Emily Simon know as soon as possible. We're also in need of volunteers to help cook once a month on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. If you're able to volunteer or donate baked goods, please reach out to Emily at (517) 285-6239. Hot Lunch service begins on September 2, 2026. Make checks out to Emily Simon and bring them to the school office.

St. Joseph School Apparel: We are so excited to introduce our very own on-demand store through [Fabricated Customs](#)! Shop whenever you'd like and order your favorite St. Joseph gear with just a few clicks! FYI - T-shirts tend to run a bit small!

- [Please label sweatshirts](#), We have started a sweatshirt Lost & Found and would love to return them to their rightful owners.

Athletic Policy: Any student participating in sports must read the athletic policy, complete the required forms, submit payment, and provide a current physical. You can view the [2026-2027 Athletic Policy](#).

Infinite Campus: Please be sure to bookmark the updated link for easy access. This applies to both parents and students that gives access to grades, teacher communication and more.

- [Parent Portal URL](#)

- [Student Portal URL](#)

[Here are the steps](#) you can take to download the app on your phone.

Pewamo Block Party: Mark your calendars and [check out the flyer](#) for the date, time, and all the exciting events planned! There will be something for everyone to enjoy. And I hear there will even be some familiar faces at the Pie Booth!

[Updated 2026-2027 Handbook for Students and Parents](#)
[2026-2027 School Year Calendar](#)
[School Staff Emails](#)

Be Brave In Christ,

Mr. Ryan Weber

School Mission

“St. Joseph School, staff, parents, and parish family are committed to teaching quality, Christ-centered Catholic beliefs and values. Our uniqueness is displayed in our staff dedication, parental involvement, and community pride, which make St. Joseph a leader in academic excellence, social integration and appreciation of each individual as a child of God.”