



9/11/26

St. Joseph School Families,

I wanted to make you aware that our fire alarm system will be undergoing work over the next week or so. During this time, our fire alarm system will not be operational.

Mr. Jim Levering (Facility Manager) and I have been in communication and have established additional procedures that will be followed in the event of a fire or other emergency. Our school bell and PA systems are still fully operational and can be used effectively to alert students and staff and begin our emergency procedures if needed.

We are working to have the fire alarm system back in operation as quickly as possible. Please know that the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Be Brave in Christ,

Ryan Weber
St. Joseph School, Principal

Calendar Dates

9/21: Hearing/Vision Screening

10/7: All School Photo

Teacher Emails: Here are our [teachers' email](#) addresses. This information will also be included at the bottom of every Braves Bulletin for easy reference throughout the school year.

Join us for the Homecoming Parade!

Homecoming Parade: Get ready to celebrate Homecoming in Pewamo today! Students are invited to meet and line up at Pewamo Elementary beginning at 4:30 pm, with the parade kicking off at 5:00 pm. Candy will be provided for students to throw along the parade route, so come ready to have some fun and show your school spirit!

All School Photo: Our All School Photo will be taken on Wednesday, October 7, following the 8:00 am Mass for all Young Fives–8th grade students. We ask that all students wear their **royal blue polo** for the photo.

Pewamo Block Party: Tomorrow is the big day! [Check out the flyer](#) for 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 & Dunk Tank!

Century Club Classroom Baskets: The Century Club is looking for parent volunteers to help coordinate

classroom baskets for 1st grade as well as 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. This is a fun way to get involved and directly support our students and teachers. The best part? The funds raised go right back into the classrooms, giving teachers the opportunity to purchase the specific materials their students need to succeed! If you are interested, please contact Joanna Lawless at [989-640-8405](tel:989-640-8405).

Boys basketball: The season is right around the corner! For all boys 5th-8th interested in playing basketball (season is roughly Nov-Dec), please go to the link below and fill out our form, so we can start planning for the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Klein at athletics@stjosephpewamo.org, <https://forms.gle/h5LSAa4UuW1qq47X9>

Youth Choir Masses: Are a fun way for 2nd graders through high schoolers to share their voices! We'd love to have them join us on these dates: September 27th at 10am, October 25th at 10am, November 22nd at 10am, and December 24th at 5pm (Christmas Eve!). It's a great way to bring extra joy to our Masses!

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**. All volunteers/ substitutes must be **Virtus trained**. We are looking for substitute supervisors, if you are interested let the office know. [Sign-up here](#).

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

Stand Strong, Parent Strong: Will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Cathedral Square, 360 Division Ave S, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. The evening will feature Dr. Ray, who will encourage and equip parents to lead with confidence and authority, stand strong against the challenges of today's culture, and develop calmer, more effective approaches to discipline. A Q&A session will follow the presentation. Registration is encouraged for planning purposes. The event is sponsored by Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic School, Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, and Saint Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, with support from a grant provided by the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan.

Jubilee Mass: Jubilee Year of St. Francis Feast Day Mass on October 4th at 3pm at the Cathedral of St. Andrew.

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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."