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Dear St. Joseph Families,

We hope everyone is enjoying their last few weeks of summer vacation. I cannot believe August is here and it is time for the children to be back in school. We are excited for a new school year.

As I began to think about the hustle and bustle of all that activity, I began to wonder how many of us treat the beginning of a new school year like the beginning of a new calendar year. You know, when January 1st rolls around many of us use that time as an opportunity to reset our lives... a time to begin something we've been meaning to do or set goals that we hope and pray will change our lives. God's grace is new every morning. The beginning of a new school year is a great time for us to begin new habits that will not only affect the physical, intellectual and spiritual well-being of our children. As you start this new school year, count it as another blessing of God's mercies raining down on you and your children.

Peace,
Mrs. Rogers

***Blessing of the Backpack &
Unpack the Bag Night: Meet the Teacher & Family Dinner***

On Saturday, August 19th please join us for the 5:00pm Mass. All students are invited to bring their book bags to Mass for a special blessing by Father Andrejek. Then all families are invited to join us at the school to unpack your child(ren)'s back pack, meet the teacher from 6:00pm - 7:00pm and have dinner from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Please remember if your last name begins with the letter A-M: bring an individual bag of chips to share and if it is N-Z: bring a dessert to share. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Miller at mcrellim@gmail.com.

***Parents' Club
School Supply Kits***

Sponsored by the Parents Club

Anyone that ordered their child's 2017-2018 supplies through parents' club, they will be available for pick up in the school office at our Back to School Family Night on Saturday, August 19th and they will be in your child's room.

"First Day of ... Photos"

Don't forget to capture those "first day of...." photos on Wednesday, August 23rd! Mrs. Lisa Pallardy will again be putting together a school-wide "First Day at St. Joseph Catholic School" video for everyone's enjoyment. How can you help??? Please send your digital photos to Lisapallardy@yahoo.com after school begins on Wednesday, August 23rd. She will take everyone's submissions and turn them into a wonderful memory to this amazing day to kick off our school year and a celebration of new adventures to come. Please remember to send all "first day photos" from your front porch, at the bus stop, by the statue of Mary in front of the school to on the playground to Lisa. Let's capture those memorable moments as a school community.

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New Faces at SJS

The SJS staff welcomes our new staff member for the 2017-2018 school year! Mr. Rory O'Brien has accepted our 6th grade teacher position, Mrs. Korinna Tice will be our school secretary and Mr. Steve Skinner will be the band director. Mr. Bob Small and Mr. Drake Pallardy are joining our family as the maintenance/custodian team. We are thrilled to have them join our SJS family!

Seeking Extra-Curricular Members

Our extra-curricular committee is looking for members who are excited about promoting St. Joseph School through all our extra-curricular activities. This committee will be responsible for overseeing and working athletic events along with looking at ways to promote and raise money for the following extra-curricular activities to enhance our students: choir, band, scholastic bowl, speech, web club, etc. Also, the extra-curricular committee is seeking a co-athletic director for the 2017-2018 school year. If you are interested in enhancing our students' well roundedness, please contact the school office or join us for our next meeting on Monday, September 25th at 5:15pm.

Pre / After Care Information

Pre/After Care hours will begin on Wednesday, August 23rd from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. and then from 11:30a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will run these hours for Thursday, August 24th and Friday, August 25th. If your child(ren) are planning on staying in aftercare, please make sure to pack a sack lunch as the cafeteria will not be running until Monday, August 28th. Rates are \$6.00 per hour for one child, \$8.00 per hour for two or more children. Please remember that fees are to be prepaid. Please see Mrs. King for questions or more information.

SCRIP Program

Our SCRIP program is still alive and active. If you are interested in participating in the SCRIP program here is how it works:

- Online orders at www.shopwithscrip.com.
- The only form of payment that will be accepted is online PrestoPay.
 - No cash or checks will be accepted, even for online orders
- Physical gift cards can still be ordered. They will be bundled into one order on Monday mornings (as needed).
 - They will be shipped to the school and delivered to the school families in the weekly Blue Folders or can be picked up in the school office.
- EScrip gift cards are also be available to order
 - Note: These are great for internet shopping and last minute purchases!
- Local Retailers are no longer available to order unless it is a special season.
 - This includes Avanti's, Culver's, Fast Dragon, Kouri's, LaGondola, Monical's Pizza, Our Inn Place, Sonic, and Sam Harris.
 - We will make arrangements to preorder local retailers for restaurant fundraiser nights. Orders will need to be made ahead of time, online and with PrestoPay.
- Families will continue to receive 50% of the rebate as tuition credit or to donate to the various options we have had in the past.

If you have any questions or need assistance setting up your online SCRIP account, PrestoPay, or using the MyScripWallet App please contact Whende Rueschhoff at scrip@stjosephschoolpekin.com or (309)370-3437.

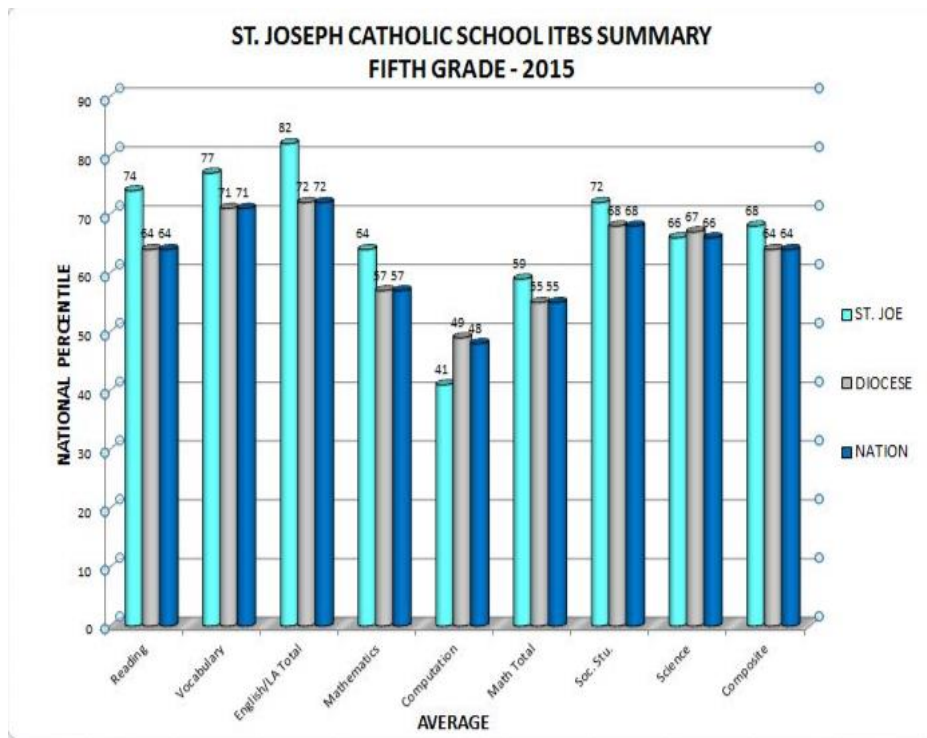
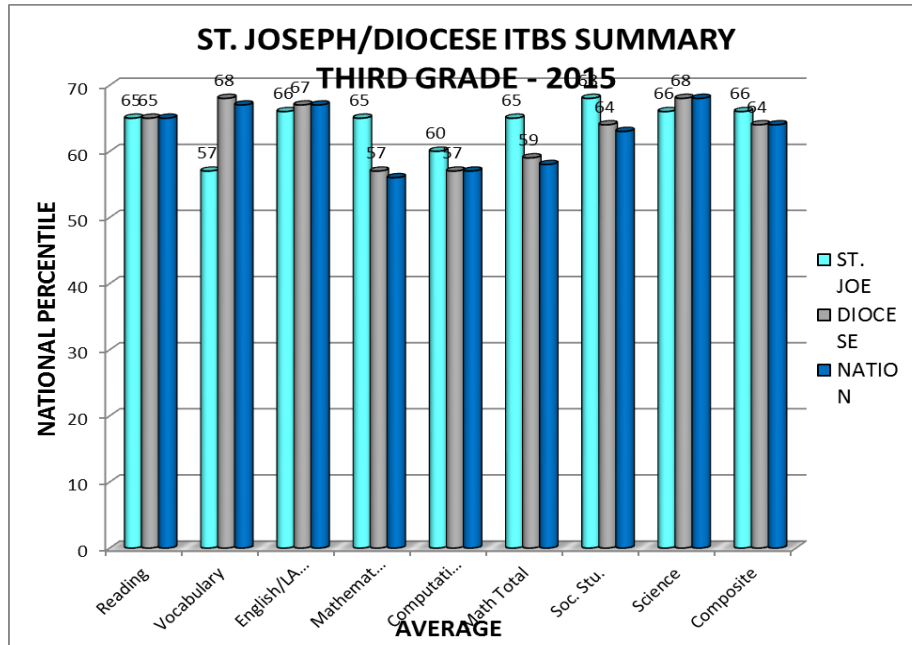
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Iowa Test of Basic Skills and ACRE Test Scores

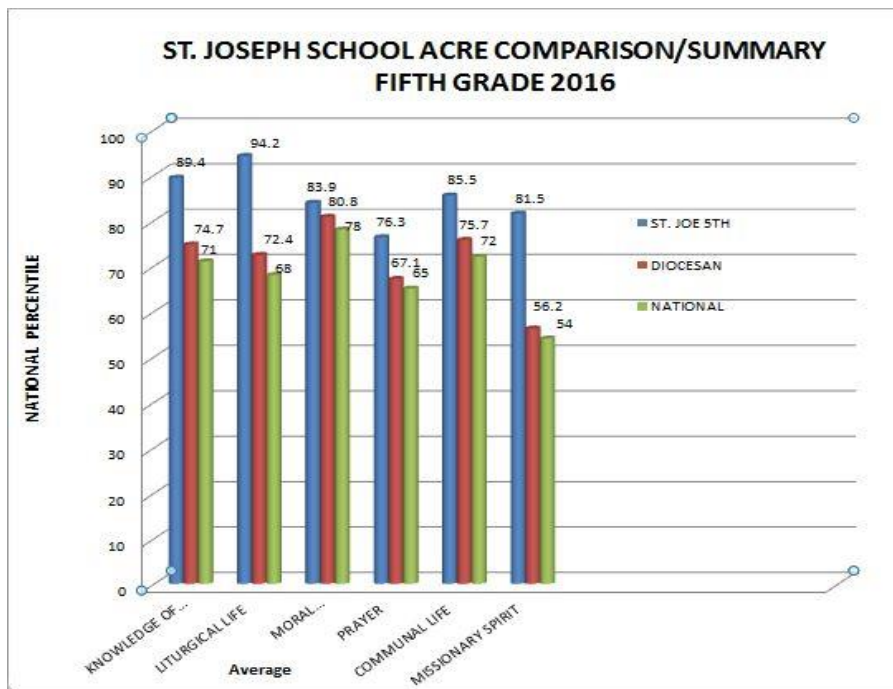
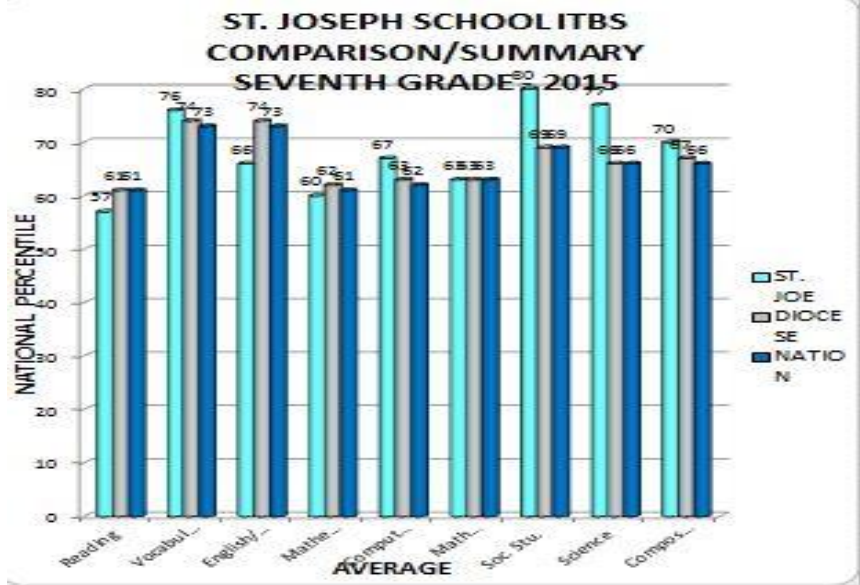
We are proud of the academic achievements of our students, especially as we continue to focus on the education of the whole child.



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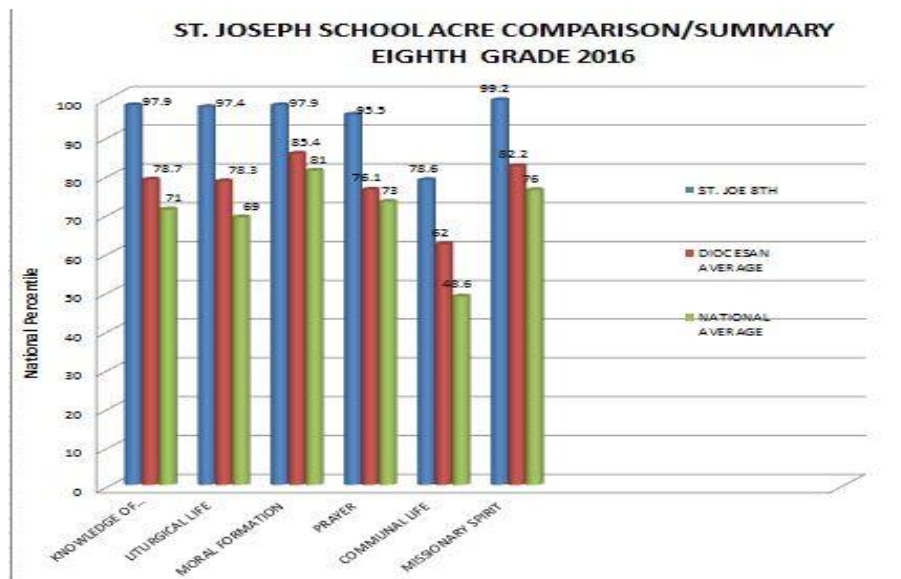
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Hot Lunch Program and Snack Program

St. Joseph School's hot lunch program will begin Monday, August 28th. The snack program will begin Tuesday, September 5th. St. Joseph School participates in the federally funded hot lunch program. The cost of the meals is \$2.50 for children in grades K – 8. Milk purchased by students with cold lunch and/or students purchasing extra milk are 50 cents per carton. For all 5-8 graders, an extra main item may be purchased for a \$1.45. (Example: a slice of pizza; a taco; chicken sandwich, etc.)

Please note all student lunches are expected to be PREPAID on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis. In the event a family balance exceeds \$20.00, the child(ren) will receive a carton of milk and a cheese sandwich for lunch instead of the scheduled meal for the day. Also, no snack will be allowed until the balance is paid in full. You may pay for all your children in one sum - the right amount of currency or check is acceptable. Please send lunch money in a sealed envelope with the following information: **Student name, grade, amount of lunch money, date.** Parents are strongly encouraged to check lunch balance on the RenWeb remain current on account. If any questions should arise, please contact the Toni Burks.

St. Joseph School will offer an optional snack program for grades 1 - 8. All snacks will follow the healthy regulation guidelines. Each student may purchase a snack for 50 cents. Grades 1 – 3 will be offered milk only in the morning while grade 4 – 8 will be offered a healthy snack in the afternoon. The free/reduce guidelines do not apply to the snack program. If you wish your children not to receive snack, please send a written notice to the school. Otherwise, all students will be offered a snack.

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St. Joseph School will offer an optional breakfast program for grades K-8. All breakfast meals will follow the healthy regulations guidelines. Each student may purchase a breakfast for \$1.45 from 8:15am – 8:40am. The free/reduce guidelines do not apply to the breakfast program.

Students may bring their own lunch from home rather than eating hot lunch. Students may leave for lunch with their parent/guardian who must sign the student out in the office. On special person lunch, parents will need to bring a sack lunch or carry out from a restaurant for their meal and their child's meal. On regular school days, outside food is prohibited due to Health Code Regulations.

Parent/Student Handbook Updates

As we are preparing for the 2017-2018 school year, the [Parent/Student Handbook](#) is established to place in writing the **policies and procedures** that make up the day-to-day operations of our school. These policies have been developed over many years. Each new year updates to the handbook are bolded below for your convenience. Please always take time to read the entire handbook as some policies have changed or have been added.

Physical Education - Grades 6-8

1. Proper gym uniforms are a must. Three non-equipped P.E. violations in a quarter will result in a detention. This will also result in their grade being lowered one letter grade.
2. Proper uniforms consist of: Plain dark blue or royal blue shorts, Plain **grey** t-shirts or St. Joseph shirts are acceptable. White or **black** socks and gym shoes. Please mark student's name permanently on the inside neck or waist band.
3. Students will be given school locks to be used in the locker room. Do not bring a lock from home. There is no charge to use these locks. However, there will be a \$3.00 fee for lost locks. The school cannot be responsible for articles left in unlocked lockers. Only the student issued the lock, PE teacher and the office know the combinations. Please do not give out your combination.
4. Please do not bring glass deodorant bottles or any other glass items to the locker room.

HOME ASSIGNMENTS

Home study is assigned to help students become self-reliant and self-directed. Assignments are designed to reinforce daily lessons, to supplement and enrich class work, and to prepare for certain lessons through various experiences. Since each student has different capabilities and interests, it would be difficult to denote the specific amount of time to be spent on an assignment. If a problem arises, the teacher should be contacted.

If a parent notifies the school office by 9:00am, your child's homework will be available for pick up in the school office at 3:15pm or can be sent home with their sibling. If your child leaves early during the school day, their homework will be available for pick up after 4:00pm in aftercare. Any missed tests or quizzes will need to be scheduled with your child's teacher upon returning.

If a student is absent for one day due to illness, he has one school day after his return in which to complete the make-up work for full credit. If he is absent 2 days, he has 2 days in which to complete the work, 3 days absent, 3 days for make-up work, etc. If a student turns in late work in grades K-8, the student's grade will drop 10% from the grade they receive for each day that it is late. No late work will be accepted on long term projects and/or on in-class work assignments. If after 5 school days the work is not turned in, it will become a zero in the grade book.

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Tuition and Fees for Admission

St. Joseph receives its financial support through parish funds and student tuition. School tuition is underwritten by St. Joseph Parish. The parish subsidizes the school approximately **\$3,030.00 or 48%** per student. If you have two children in the school, the parish subsidizes **\$8,310.00** of your cost; three children **\$13,400.00**.

St. Joseph Parish/School families are expected to give to the parish through Sunday collections and to school through tuition.

Tuition and Fee Schedule

Financial support for Catholic school education through parishioner offerings.

Cost per Student	<u>1 Child</u>	<u>2 Children</u>	<u>3 Children</u>
at St. Joseph School	\$ 6,380	\$ 12,760	\$ 19,140
Cost Covered by Parish	<u>(3,030)</u>	<u>(8,310)</u>	<u>(13,400)</u>
Parent cost for 2017 - 2018	\$ 3,350	\$ 4,450	\$ 5,700

Group A – Catholic

<u># of Children</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>10 Month Pay</u>	<u>11 Month Pay</u>
1	\$3,350/annual	\$335/month	\$305/month
2	\$4,450/annual	\$445/month	\$405/month
3	\$5,700/annual	\$570/month	\$570/month

Group B - Non-Catholic

<u># of Children</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>10 Month Pay</u>	<u>11 Month Pay</u>
1	\$3,850/annual	\$385/month	\$350/month
2	\$4,950/annual	\$495/month	\$450/month
3	\$6,200/annual	\$620/month	\$565/month

Tuition Payment Plans

- I. One Annual Payment due **August 8, 2017**
- II. Two Equal Payments due **August 8, 2017 and January 12, 2018**
- III. Ten Monthly Payments direct withdrawal from checking or savings account on the 3rd or 17th of each month September through May.
- IV. K - 7th grade may choose eleven monthly payments direct withdrawal from checking or savings account on the 3rd or 17th of each month September through June.

In addition to tuition, the following fees will be assessed:

Registration: \$75 per student (non-fundable) - paid with tuition agreement,
\$150 per student if paid after May 31st

Time, Talent and Treasures Requirements:

Time and Talent: During the 2017 – 2018 school year, each two parent family will need to complete 20 hours of volunteerism. A single parent family will need to complete 10 hours of volunteerism.

Treasure: Each family may buy out their family volunteer hours at \$20.00 per hour.

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Required Fundraisers: Required Fundraisers: Walkathon (\$125.00 per family), St. Joseph Spring Festival (Sell \$200.00 in Raffle tickets per family) and Carnival (donations for carnival or \$10.00 towards expenses)

Optional Fees: Yearbook: **\$15 per student - due at registration**

8th Annual Run with the Saints Marigold Festival Weekend

Please come join us for the 8th Annual Run with the Saints on Saturday, September 9, 2017. The run will take place at Coal Miners' Park in Pekin at 7:30 am. If you would like an entry form or more information, please contact Coach Myers. Hope to see you for a Saturday morning stroll.

3rd Annual PND Cheerleading Fall Fashion Show

The 3rd Annual PND Cheerleading Fall Fashion Show will be on Sunday, September 10 the ballroom of the Spalding Pastoral Center located at 419 NE Madison Ave in Peoria. Doors open at 2:00pm with the show beginning at 2:30pm. Local businesses and boutiques will be showcasing women's, men's and children's clothing, as well as cash and carry cosmetics, jewelry, and skin care. Try your Irish luck at the vendor raffle table and enjoy specialty hors d'oeuvres from Triple Dipple's, as well as entertainment by Music Traxx. Boutiques and vendors include A Perfect Pear, Apricot Lane, Branded, Classy Girl Boutique, Corpo Bello Boutique, DaVinci Med Spa, dōTERRA, Hello Dolly, JamBerry, Jeffrey Alans, Jones Bros., LipSense, Lisa Smith Photography, Men's Wearhouse, Pink Sugar Boutique, Rambler, Random, Rodan + Fields, Ruby Ribbon Clothing, Stars and Stitches Boutique, Stella & Dot, The Runaway Rack, Thirty-One, Touchstone Crystal Jewelry, and Wishing Star Boutique. Tickets are \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Students. During the Fashion Show, Obed & Isaac's will be offering a Pub Burger and two beverages for \$25 at their Peoria location, 321 NE Madison Avenue. Tickets must be purchased in advanced. Contact Maria Martin at 309-645-5013 or mmartin@welchsystems.com for tickets.

Crayola ColorCycle

I'm excited to tell you about a very special program Parents Club is coordinating at our school in conjunction with Crayola. It's called Crayola ColorCycle – an amazing new program devised to turn used markers into energy! All around St. Joseph students and teachers will be collecting used markers that are ready to be discarded. The markers will be sent to a facility where they will be converted into clean fuel. This fuel can be used to power vehicles, heat homes, cook meals and more! Please help support our efforts by sending your kids in with any used markers you may have around the house – even non-Crayola brands. Drop-off boxes will be located around the school for your child to deposit the markers. Thank you in advance for participating! With the help of parents like you across the country, the Crayola ColorCycle program can keep tons of plastic out of landfills each year. Remember, don't throw out that used marker—*ColorCycle it!*

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New Beginnings

A new chapter or phase is starting in your
life.

Remember life is an adventure

To explore whilst you have fun.

This is going to be great.

It's time to live your life.

It's time for change

Go for it!

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August/September Calendar of Important Dates

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				17	18	19
				Baseball @ home against Bartonville Grade	Baseball @ Georgetown	Back to School Mass – 5:00pm with SJS Unpack Book bags/Open House
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Teacher's Institute Baseball @ home against Hollis	Teacher's Institute Baseball @ St. Pat	1 st Day of School Early Dismissal @ 11:30am Kindergarten Screening	Early Dismissal @ 11:30pm Kindergarten Screening CC @ PJHS	Mass - Teachers Early Dismissal @ 11:30pm Kindergarten Screening Baseball @ home against Eureka	Baseball @ Hartem/Edmen (DH) Confirmation Retreat 9:00- 5:00pm
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Regular Schedule Begins 1 st – 8 th Kindergarten Dismissal @ 12:30pm	Preschool Open House	Preschool Open House Baseball @ home against Morton	Baseball @ Rankin	Baseball @ home against Limestone Walter	Mass – 8 th Adoration 2:00pm Euchre 7:00pm	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	No School – Labor Day	1 st Day of Preschool Regular School Day 8:50am- 3:25pm Snack begins CC @ El Paso	Baseball @ Home against South Pekin – 8 th grade Recognition CCD begins	CC @ Metamora Parents Club Mtg. 6:00pm	Mass – 7 th 7 th grade Sophia's Kitchen	SJS Marigold 5K Run/Walk Baseball @ home against Delavan (DH)
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
ITBS Testing Begins for 3 rd , 5 th , & 7 th grades	Baseball @ Monroe	Baseball – Regionals TBA CC @ Germantown Hills	CCD		Mass – 6 th	