St. Joseph PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Great SCHOOLS in a *Great* COMMUNITY

WELCOME!

It is a privilege, as your new superintendent, to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. The Board of Education, administration and staff of St. Joseph Public Schools (SJPS) are excited and ready for our students to join us on the first day of school.

The past 17 months required all of us to be flexible and patient as we navigated challenging circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I commend the SJPS Board, staff, administration, and parents for their unwavering commitment and dedication to providing our students safe, inclusive learning environments throughout the entire school year. This community should be proud of its tremendous support of one another and our students during a global pandemic.

The community can also be proud of its support to the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation (SJPSF). This partnering organization gifted over $700,000 to our schools last year. On behalf of the students, staff, administration and Board of Education, I would like to express our deep appreciation of the community's continued support to our Foundation. Through the Foundation's efforts, we are strongly positioned to support all SJPS students and prepare them to successfully meet the challenges of the future as caring, compassionate, and motivated individuals.

Much to our dismay, the journey to educate students in a global pandemic continues. As we embark on the new school year, we will stay focused on providing our students safe, inclusive school environments and the most opportunity for in-person learning. Difficult decisions will have to be made. We may not all agree with these decisions, however, they will be made with the overall well-being of our school communities in mind and to ensure safe, in-person learning to the greatest extent possible. The support of our entire school community gave each of us strength during last year's most difficult times and will be needed in the future as we navigate the changing pandemic conditions.

Beginning this school year, we have enhanced our supports for the development of the whole child through increasing social emotional learning for students in grades Y5/K-12. These supports include: a full time counselor, returning the high school to three full time counselors and the middle school to two full time counselors (restored from cuts in 2011), increasing social work support, and aligning social emotional efforts across all grade levels. Our students continue to push themselves in academics, athletics, arts and social well-being. With all of these pressures, in addition to the stresses of the pandemic, our school staff and school community must continue to support the academic, physical, social and emotional well-being of every child. The systemic sustainable support we are incorporating this year is further enhanced with professional development for staff in the areas of restorative and trauma-informed practices and by collecting feedback through student voice. These efforts support the goals of our newly adopted strategic plan, which aims to support all students with safe, inclusive learning environments so that every student is given the opportunity to thrive, academically and socially.

We look forward to welcoming new and returning students on the first day of school, Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

GO BEARS! - Jennifer Fee, Superintendent of St. Joseph Public Schools

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CAFETERIA

We are pleased to inform you that St. Joseph Public Schools will be participating in the Seamless Summer Option as part of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs for the School Year 2021-22.

The GREAT NEWS is that ALL students enrolled in our district can receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at NO CHARGE to your household each day. All menus are posted on our website.

To help assist in our production and parent planning we have implemented an online ordering system from www.sendmoneytoschool.com where meals can be ordered up to five days in advance at the Elementary Schools and Middle School. We have a short Youtube video on the website to instruct on how to set up your account.

Ala carte items will be available for purchase at Upton and the High School. Students must have money in their food service accounts to purchase these items. Parents may put money in their student accounts online through www.sendmoneytoschool.com or send check/cash with the student. Elementary students with a packed lunch can purchase a milk from the cafeteria for 60¢.

Breakfast and Lunch are FREE to ALL but we still need your household to fill out and sign the Free and Reduced-Price Meal Application (if applicable). Applications can be found online at www.lunchapp.com or a paper copy from your school. This information is critical in determining the amount of money that our school receives from a variety of State and Federal supplemental programs like Title I A, At-risk (31a), Title II A, E-Rate, etc.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the Food Service Director, Demrhy Youngquist at 269-926-3127 or by email dyoungquist@sjschools.org

TRANSPORTATION

Bus routes available at www.sjschools.org

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! The Transportation department has always been about the safety of our students, and this year we will be continuing some of our safety procedures that were set up last school year. Some of our safety protocols are:

- All students need to wear a mask on our school vehicles per Federal mandate.
- Hand sanitizer available on the bus as you enter.
- School vehicles will be sanitized after each route and at the end of the day.
- At the end of each school week we will do a deep cleaning and use an electrostatic fogger to super sanitize our school vehicles.

Once again this year, "requests for Transportation ridership" are being done online. This is still a work in progress. A big thank you to all our families for their patience and understanding as we assign students to vehicles while trying to maintain safe spacing of students on each vehicle. Seating assignments will be used again this year. Please remind your students the importance of sitting in their assigned seat. Bus tags for elementary and middle school students who have filled out the request for ridership online will be given out at Upton Start up day and at the elementary ice cream socials. Any bus tags that are not picked up will be given to your student's teacher. As the school year progresses we are learning what works and what doesn't. The only consistent thing in transportation is change.

We are all so grateful to be back and excited about seeing our students face to face again!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Transportation Department, Sara Petrosius, at 269-926-3900 or by email spetrosius@sjschools.org

BELL SCHEDULES

SJHS

1st Hour	7:45 – 8:44
Exchange	8:44 – 8:49
2nd Hour	8:49 – 9:48
Exchange	9:48 – 9:53
3rd Hour	
Announcements	9:53 – 10:00
Class	10:00 – 10:59
Exchange	10:59 – 11:04
4th Hour "A" Lunch	
Lunch	11:04 – 11:32
Exchange	11:32 – 11:37
Class	11:37 – 12:39
Exchange	12:39 – 12:44
4th Hour "B" Lunch	
Class	11:04 – 11:32
Exchange	11:32 – 11:37
Lunch	11:37 – 12:05
Exchange	12:05 – 12:11
Class	12:11 – 12:39
Exchange	12:39 – 12:44
4th Hour "C" Lunch	
Class	11:04 – 12:05
Exchange	12:05 – 12:11
Lunch	12:11 – 12:39
Exchange	12:39 – 12:44
5th Hour	12:44 – 1:43
Exchange	1:43 – 1:48
6th Hour	1:48 – 2:47

UPTON

Announcements	7:45 – 7:54
1st Hour	7:54 – 8:54
Exchange	8:54 – 8:58
2nd Hour	8:58 – 9:58
Exchange	9:58 –10:02
3rd Hour	10:02 –11:02
Exchange	11:02 –11:06
4th Hour	11:06 – 12:34
7th Grade Lunch	11:06 – 11:30
6th Grade Lunch	11:38 – 12:02
8th Grade Lunch	12:10 – 12:34
Exchange	12:34 –12:38
5th Hour	12:38 – 1:38
Exchange	1:38 – 1:42
6th Hour	1:42 – 2:42

Meet our New
COUNSELOR, SPEECH PATHOLOGIST & TEACHERS

Kelly Gaideski

"It has been several years since we have welcomed this many new faces in our classrooms! We are excited to share with you our newest teachers, counselor, and Speech Language Pathologist who are looking forward to working with our students this year. It was a busy hiring season and we filled our last position just last week!"

Kelly Gaideski, Assistant Superintendent

Kimberly Borlin
Kimberly is the new special education teacher at Upton. She is the mother of two and recently became a grandma to her 9-month old grandson.

Lauren Borre
Lauren is a St. Joseph resident and parent of two SJPS students. Last year she served as a SJPS elementary virtual teacher. Lauren will teach 2nd grade at E.P. Clarke.

Kaylee Gray
Kaylee taught at Niles and Benton Harbor Charter School. She is a St. Joseph resident and mother of two young children. Kaylee will be teaching 5th grade at E.P. Clarke.

Kelsey Griffith
Kelsey was a student teacher at Upton MS and returned to SJPS as an elementary virtual teacher last year. This year, Kelsey will teach 5th grade at Lincoln.

Katie Hartfield
Katie will join the E.P. Clarke team as a young fives teacher. She brings years of experience as an early elementary teacher at Trinity Lutheran School in St. Joseph.

Emmy Koenig
Emmy, a St. Joe native, has become part of our SJPS family this summer coaching Upton volleyball. She is a recent graduate of MSU and will teach 3rd grade at Lincoln.

Brittany Mohney
Brittany was a speech-language pathologist for Buchanan Community Schools. She will serve students at E.P. Clarke, Upton, and SJHS. Brittany is a St. Joseph resident and mother of a young son.

Ashley Pagel
Ashley is our new elementary P.E. teacher. She taught for years at Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary. She is originally from Berrien Springs and is active in local travel volleyball leagues.

Lyndsay Pjesky
Lyndsay is a St. Joseph High School graduate and MSU alumni. Last spring, she quickly became a highly requested guest teacher at Brown and Lincoln. She will teach 4th grade at E.P. Clarke.

Susan Schweir
Suzi is joining our guidance department as an additional middle school counselor. She previously served SJPS as a high school counselor. Suzi has nine years of experience in school counseling and has recently moved back to St. Joseph. We are happy to have added this additional counseling position and even more happy to welcome Suzi home in this new role.

Cassidy VanGilder
Cassidy completed student teaching in December and received her BA degree from WMU. She will be teaching 8th and 10th grade English Language Arts and take on the role of our musical director.

Samuel Wallace
Sam completed his student teaching at Upton MS and is returning home after teaching three years in Berrien Springs. Sam will be teaching 7th grade world history at Upton and you can also catch Sam on the sidelines as an assistant varsity football coach. Sam is a SJHS graduate and a Central Michigan University alumni who resides in St. Joseph with his wife, Amanda who is a math teacher at SJHS.

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL

Welcome Back! I was hoping we would put the Covid-19 school year behind us as we left for summer break and begin planning and preparing for a "normal" start to this school year. Unfortunately, it does not look as if that will be the case, we have all closely followed the pandemic through the summer and know we will still face some challenges as we enter the 2021-22 school year. With that being said, our experiences over the last year and a half have us well prepared for whatever the pandemic brings our way!

Return to learn plans have been created at the district and county levels and we are well prepared to hit the ground running with the new school year. As always, we are excited to get the students and staff back into the building! And, I am even more optimistic and excited about recreating and establishing the student social piece of the high school experience that has been missing since the onset of Covid.

I am very pleased to announce that we had very little turnover this year with regard to staff. As I enter my 6th full year as the High School Principal, this will be the first time I have not had to hire a full time staff member over the summer, which is fantastic news! We do have a new part-time face in the English Department, Cassidy VanGilder, who is joining us to teach a section or two for us while spending most of her day teaching at Upton Middle School. Morgan Altergott joined our math department at semester last year as she finished up student teaching at Upton and we look forward to her beginning her first full year with us. Kim Scouler also joined our high school team midyear as a paraprofessional and did a great job assisting our special education department. And, we are very fortunate to announce that an additional half time guidance counselor position was created at the high school. This brings Amy Peterson to us full time so she will no longer have to split her time between Upton and SJHS, giving us three full time guidance counselors. We are very excited about these staff additions!

We are excited about the beginning of a new school year and look forward to the preparations, opportunities, successes, and challenges that every new school year brings.

GO BEARS!
Mr. Greg Blomgren – Principal

YEARBOOKS
Have your ordered your yearbook yet? Don't forget!

UPTON MIDDLE SCHOOL

First of all, we hope everyone had an exciting, relaxing, and memory-filled summer! The staff of UMS is looking forward to the 2021-22 school year. It was a very unusual school year last year and we are hopeful that some normalcy is on the way soon. The Upton staff is committed to providing a positive, safe, fun, and challenging environment that will help our students grow academically and as great young people. We are excited to start The Positivity Project this school year that our elementary schools began last school year. More will follow on this project soon.

Our school encourages and welcomes your communication and involvement. Please become a part of our UPTO (Upton PTO), sign up for the parent portal in PowerSchool, attend extracurricular activities, etc. I will keep a regular blog that you will hopefully view from week to week called, Mandarino Minutes. We know that a strong partnership with home and school helps to provide the support that our children need.

We want to welcome several new faces at Upton Middle School this year:
- Kim Borlin- Special Education
- Suzi Schweir- Guidance Counselor
- Cassidy VanGilder- English Language Arts
- Sam Wallace- Social Studies

I know you will join me in welcoming them to the "Upton Middle School Family"!

On non-late-start days here are some times to be aware of:

- 7:15 AM Doors unlock (Breakfast is available)
- 7:45 AM Class Begins
- 2:42 PM Dismissal

It will be a great school year! Enjoy the beautiful last weeks of summer. I look forward to seeing many of you throughout the school year.

The Best is yet to come,
Mr. Mandarino

Academic Hall of Fame

The SJHS Academic Hall of Fame was established beginning with the class of 2018. The Academic Hall of Fame committee reviews the selection process annually and students are nominated based on the top 10 weighted cumulative GPA's of their graduating class.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The 2021 recipients are:
Nicholas Clancy, Owen Faulkner, Mae Fischer, Myah Frazier
Norah Judge, Anna Miesse, Ella Ott, Grace Portenga,
Ashley Schlipp, Kevin Wang, Lucas White.

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GRANT: Summer Reading Book Bonanza and Secondary Summer Sendoff Grant

SJPS Students receive free books for summer reading. Pictured is Emilia Mantei, Grade 11.

Mission:

The purpose of the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation is to raise, steward and distribute resources to enrich the education of students in the St. Joseph Public Schools.

Vision:

Increase opportunities for students in curricula, facilities and various learning options by securing resources from diverse sources of funding through broad community involvement.

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Enriching SJPS Education One Grant at a Time!

Since 2005, The St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation has provided grants to teachers for activities and programs that are not funded by the general fund of the school district. These are grants specific for teachers to use in their classrooms. Teacher Grants are awarded once a year and announced at the district's annual staff breakfast prior to the start of the school year. Congratulations educators, and thank you for all you do for our students!

Operation Update $1,318

Laura Pallo, Gabriela Para, SJPS Speech- Language Pathologists

Updated IPads for daily use for data collection, assessing, and speech and language therapy.

Don't Drop the Bloxels! $600

Lisa Ziel, Melissa Binns, Jason Huber - E.P. Clarke 5th grade Teachers

Bloxels is a gamified way for students to create, explore, code and narrate stories to share with the world.

High Noon Reading Intervention Program $1,302

Tessa Sheldon, Lincoln Elementary Special Education Teacher K-5

A research based tool providing multiple components of literacy all in one place - phonics, word parts, writing, reading comprehension and vocabulary.

Graphing Calculators $2,813

Sarah Juengling,SJHS Math Teacher

School provided calculators for families who may need assistance.

Learning is Always in Play $297

Natalie Rank, ECDD Teacher

Play is used to build skills in cognitivity, cause and effect, problem solving, speech and language, fine motor skills and more. Adding new manipulatives to the inventory will enhance the learning of all children in the program.

PLT4M Conditioning Program $1,500

Sara Smothers, Physical and Health Education Teacher Gr 6-12

Setting the stage for strength and proper technique is paramount in creating active movers for a lifetime which is the goal of the PE Department. PLT4M is cutting edge technology designed to motivate students to continue a healthy lifestyle.

Flexible Seating for Secondary Resource Room $2,127

Callie Campbell, Special Education Teacher SJHS

Flexible seating in the resource classroom will provide a variety of seating options that affect the classroom environment and student learning. The importance of student choice in creating their own learning environment is directly related to their physical learning posture.

Band & Orchestra Spain Tour - Masterclass & Performance in Madrid $5,000

Burke Lokey, SJPS Orchestra Director and Josh Doe, SJPS Band Director

During the 2022 SJHS Band and Orchestra Tour to Spain,the group will engage in a sponsored performance at the American School in Madrid with local and international students. In addition the students will engage in a private Master Class directed by a professional clinician to elevate performance experience.

Ian Brown
Upton Middle School
Social Studies Teacher

CARMEN A. GRANDY AWARD FOR TEACHING EXCELLENCE*

Ian Brown, Upton Middle School Social Studies Teacher

Bringing the World to All: Virtual Reality Headsets in the Classroom $14, 628

Ian Brown, the recipient of this year's award, explains that Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality allow for the world to come to the classroom increasing students' depth of knowledge and understanding of the world through experiential learning. By engaging students in hands-on experiences and reflection, they are better able to connect theories and knowledge learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

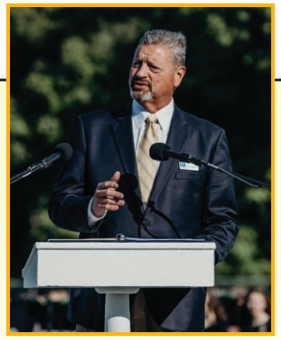
** This award was established in 2017 by Charles, Lori, Leah and David Grandy in honor of their mother/grandmother, Carmen A. Grandy, who taught in the St. Joseph Public Schools from 1967 through 1995. Throughout Mrs. Grandy's career, she explored potential approaches, techniques and tools to enhance her teaching methods and improve learning outcomes for students.*

It is granted annually to a secondary teacher to explore and implement innovative teaching ideas in the classroom.

For more information on SJPS Foundation grants visit our website www.sjpsfoundation.org.

We can offer no greater gift to our children than to dedicate ourselves to educational excellence. To realize this ambition and to carry St. Joseph Public Schools into the future, we ask for your trust and active support.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



September, 2021

As we look forward to another school year, the SJPS Foundation continues to engage in activities which support our mission to raise, steward and distribute resources to enrich the education of students in the St. Joseph Public Schools District. We believe our schools are an essential component of this special community - a community which deeply cares for the well being and education of its young people.

I am honored to serve as President of the SJPS Foundation. Our Board of Directors is so passionate about the education of our children. We support the Board of Education's strategic planning efforts and are uniquely positioned to provide significant funding in their resolution to meet the diverse and dynamic needs of all students, staff and community.

We are proud of our resilient teachers and students who have adapted to shifting teaching and learning methods. We are also proud of our loyal donors who stuck with us during these challenging times and with their generous gifts, enabled us to meet the needs of all 3,000 SJPS students from young fives - 12th grade.

On June 1, we launched our annual No Show Ball. We are happy to report a successful campaign with a record number of donations, including many from first-time donors to the SJPS Foundation. These gifts will position us well for future teacher grants and special projects. We will continue working closely with administrators, teachers, students, parents and community members to identify the needs of our students.

Respectfully,

Sam Abdelnour, President
St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation

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THANK YOU ALL!

NO SHOW Ball 2021

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BEAR IMPACT

SJPS Alumni who are making the world a better place — one Bear at a time.

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SJHS Grad Shares the Beauty of St. Joseph

Laurie Schmidtke's roots run deep in the community of St. Joseph. Born and raised here, Laurie spent summers on the beach relaxing, playing, swimming, and building sand castles. She also has wonderful memories of walking to school with neighborhood friends, packed stadiums at football games and her older sister showing her around the high school after her last year at Milton Jr. High.

A 1976 graduate, Laurie says, "St. Joseph High School has such a special place in my heart. It's hard to pinpoint what it is, but my memories of the wonderful teachers, the excitement of the students and the overall school atmosphere are lovely." Her parents, also SJHS Alumni, owned "Downtown Printer" in St. Joseph, now "Cabana's Ice Cream," for 25 years. Laurie credits them for her business sense and still has copies of the renowned high school newsletter, "Wind-Up" from 1943 to 1945.

Laurie's journey in photography started as a hobby with a point and shoot camera. The Canadian wildfires in 2015 produced some phenomenal sunsets in Southwest Michigan. Laurie took a few photos and soon it became a nightly stop at the beach to see what the sky would paint. Many times there was no sun visible and yet, the grey sky against the gorgeous St. Joseph lighthouse still was an incredible sight. "I like to take photos of simple things and the beauty of nature, which is why I use the name "Simply Laurie."

Laurie states, "Through trial and error, I experimented daily with the beautiful sights here in Berrien County. From a sunset to a grape vineyard to a graceful sailboat in the summer, SW Michigan provides a variety of beautiful scenes. When people saw the photos and asked about prints, I did my homework to find the best print labs and product manufacturers who could make my product at a reasonable cost to sell to people who really loved my photographs."

Simply Laurie has become a full time endeavor for Laurie after working at Whirlpool Corporation while raising her daughter, also a graduate of SJHS. Laurie advises students to "hone in and seek to learn everything you can about a particular area of interest. Learn, re-learn, adapt to change, and stay focused. Get really good at one thing."

Laurie's beautiful photos have become legendary on social media, and a favorite way for St. Joseph, Michigan enthusiasts to start their day. Laurie's photos can be viewed on her Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/simplylauriephotography or on her website, www.simply-laurie.com. Her photos and products are available for purchase on her website as well as in five local retail and business establishments including Waterfront Framing and Design and Purely Michigan, both located in downtown St. Joseph.

BULLETIN BOARD

Feed the Bears SJPSF Cookbook

Teachers, Students, Parents, Grandparents, Alumni:

Recipes needed! Email your favorite recipe to sjpsfcookbook@gmail.com. Please include your affiliation with SJPS!

2022 Distinguished Alumni Nominations are open until Dec. 15, 2021.

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- OCTOBER 1: Engraved brick orders due - downline order form at www.sjpsfoundation.org
- DECEMBER: A perfect Holiday Teacher Gift – Thank A Staff Certificates

MEMORIALS AND CONTRIBUTIONS
JUNE - AUGUST

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2021 SJPS Foundation Photo Contest Top Ten Finisher - "Monkey Bar Buds" by Katie Mandarino.

Thank you for your donation to help fill the needs of our teachers and students at St. Joseph Public Schools.

WAYS TO GIVE

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Contact Executive Director Sue Riemland at 269.926.3252 or sjpsfoundation@sjschools.org

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YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY STRONGER

Although we have been able to enrich the education of St. Joseph Public School students, there is still so much more to do. Thank you for your gift.

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I would like to contribute to the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation.

Amount enclosed:

____$25 ____$50 ____$75 ____$100 ____$1000 _____Other

My employer will match my gift: ___ yes ___ no

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____ We are planning a class reunion. Our group is considering a donation. Please contact me.

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Please also consider a three-year pledge, memorial, honorarium and business donations to benefit our students.

Make checks payable to: **SJPS Foundation or donate online at: www.sjpsfoundation.org**

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Welcome to ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

St. Joseph Public Schools Elementary Principals left to right: Kristen Bawks (Brown), Andrew Pratley (Asst. Principal Brown), Craig Hubble (Lincoln) and Jesseca LaFayette (E.P. Clarke)

Mrs. Abbott's campers fostered their love of reading in their classroom tent.

LITERACY ALL SUMMER LONG!

St. Joseph Public Schools deeply value literacy and enrichment opportunities for our learners all year long. With the support of the St. Joseph Public Schools Foundation, Learning Lasts Lit Camp was created to foster the further development of early literacy skills.

This opportunity was intentionally designed to provide ongoing literacy experiences throughout the summer. Thirty students in Kindergarten through third grade kicked off their summer learning adventure in June by attending four days of connected literacy lessons with their fellow campers. Our teaching staff connected remotely one day per week with each learner for an individualized lesson and campers met face to face an additional day each week. Teachers and learners celebrated their summer-long learning adventure with a culminating field trip to the local nature center. This innovative approach by our staff inspired learning all summer long.

Our campers visited Sarrett Nature Center on their final day of learning together. This hands-on experience was the perfect opportunity to celebrate their summer-long journey.

St. Joseph PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Great SCHOOLS in a *Great* COMMUNITY

2021- 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

AUGUST
26 Upton Start-Up Day
30 High School 9th & New Student Orientation
31 Y5/K Back to School Night/Orientation

SEPTEMBER
1 Elementary Ice Cream Socials
7 **School Begins**
13 High School - Back to School Night
14 Middle School - Back to School Night
20 Elementary - Back to School Night, Grades 1-5
22 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
29 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.

OCTOBER
6 Student Count Day
6 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
13 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
14-15 1/2 Day, Y5/K-5 only - Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
18 No School Y5/K-12 - Professional Dev.
20 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
27 Y5-K/12 Late Start - Professional Dev.

NOVEMBER
3 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
5 End of 1st Marking Period (MS/HS)
10 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
11 1/2 day Y5/K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
12 1/2 day Y5/K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences
17 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
19 1/2 day for students Y5/K-5 only
19 End of First Trimester - (Elementary)
24-26 No school Y5/K-12 - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER
1 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
8 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
15 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
17 Winter Break begins at end of day

JANUARY
3 School resumes
5 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
12 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
17 No school Y5/K-12 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
19 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
24 End of 2nd Marking Period (MS/HS)
26-28 1/2 Day 6-12 only, Semester Exams (HS)
27-28 1/2 Day Y5/K-12 Parent/Teacher Conf. (Elem.)
28 End of 1st Semester (MS/HS)

NOTE:
This calendar may be modified as necessary to comply with state law and through the calendar committee.

FEBRUARY
2 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
9 Student Count Day
9 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
16 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
18 No School Y5/K-12
21 No School Y5/K-12 - President's Day
23 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.

MARCH
2 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
4 1/2 day Y5/K-5 only - End of 2nd Trimester (Elem)
9 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
14 No School Y5/K-5 Only
16 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
23 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
30 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
31 End of 3rd Marking Period (MS/HS)

APRIL
1 No School Y5/K-12
4-10 No school students Y5/K-12 - Spring Break
11 School resumes
13 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
20 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
27 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.

MAY
2 No School Y5/K-5 Only
4 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
11 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
18 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
25 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
27 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR SENIORS
30 No school Y5/K-12 - Memorial Day

JUNE
1 Y5/K-12 Late Start - Professional Dev.
5 Commencement
6 End of 4th marking period (MS/HS)
8-10 No PM classes students 6-11 only - Semester exams (HS)
9 1/2 day students Y5/K-11
10 1/2 day, students Y5/K-11; End of 3rd Trimester (Elem); End of 2nd Semester (MS/HS); LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

HALF-DAY SCHEDULE

Elementary Schools
8:30 am-12:09 pm
Upton Middle School
7:45 am-11:00 am
High School
7:45 am-11:01 am

FULL-DAY SCHEDULE

Elementary Schools
8:30 am-3:50 pm
Upton Middle School
7:45 am-2:42 pm
High School
7:45 am-2:47 pm

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2021 FALL VARSITY ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

CROSS COUNTRY

9/11 BC Lakeview Invite*
9/17 Ottawa Hills Invite*
9/22 SMAC West @ Port.Northern*
9/25 Cougar Falcon Invite*
10/2 Ber. Cnty XC Inv. @ Bridgman*
10/6 SMAC West @ Mattawan*
10/9 Portage Invite*
10/23 SMAC Champion. @ Kal Cntrl*

FOOTBALL

9/2 BC Central*
9/10 Portage Northern
9/17 Kalamazoo Central*
9/24 Okemos (Homecoming)
10/1 Portage Central*
10/8 Lakeshore
10/15 Chelsea*
10/22 BC Lakeview

WOMEN'S GOLF

9/10 Marshall Invite*
9/13 West @ Mattawan (Lake Cora)*
9/17 Coldwater Invite*
9/20 SMAC West @ PN (The Moors)*
9/21 Sturgis Invite @ Island Hills*
9/29 SMAC @ Bedford Valley*
9/30 Pre-Regional @ Island Hills*
10/5 Regionals @ Island Hills*
10/11 Gull Lake Schools*

MEN'S SOCCER

9/1 Kalamazoo Central*
9/7 Loy Norrix*
9/9 BC Lakeview
9/14 Mattawan*
9/16 Portage Northern
9/18 Holland
9/21 Gull Lake
9/23 BC Central*
9/25 Paw Paw*
9/28 Lakeshore
9/30 Portage Central
10/5 SMAC Crossover
10/7 SMAC Crossover
10/11 Vicksburg
10/13 District*
10/14 District*
10/15 District*

***Indicates away game**

MEN'S TENNIS

9/1 Portage Northern
9/7 Portage Central*
9/8 Mattawan
9/13 BC Central
9/15 Gull Lake
9/18 Rockford Quad*
9/22 Edwardsburg
9/25 SMAC League*
9/29 Vicksburg*

WOMEN'S SWIMMING

9/7 BC Lakeview
9/14 Mattawan
9/16 South Haven Tri*
9/21 Portage Northern
9/30 Tri w/Bridgman and Cldwtr
10/5 BC Central*
10/8 MISCA Meet @ Calvin College*
10/9 MISCA Meet @ Calvin College*
10/14 Plainwell
10/19 Portage Central
11/5 SMAC @ Portage Northern*
11/6 SMAC @ Portage Northern*
11/11 Diving Regional*
11/19 State Finals*
11/20 State Finals*

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

9/8Loy Norrix
9/15 Mattawan*
9/22 Lakeshore*
9/27 Three Rivers
9/29 Portage Northern
10/6 Portage Central
10/11 Buchanan*
10/13 SMAC West @ East*
10/16 St. Joseph Invite
10/18 Berrien Springs*
10/20 SMAC East @ West
10/26 Vicksburg Mini*
11/1 Districts*
11/9 Regionals*
11/11 Regionals*

For additional game details, times, JV & Freshman schedules, directions, ticket information, district & regional dates, and youth clinics please visit www.stjosephhighschool.bigteams.com/

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