

# Green Wave

Dear St. Joseph School Families,

We are busily planning to welcome your children back to St. Joseph School this fall! Our School Building Reopening Committee has been working diligently to interpret the health and safety protocol recommendations from the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and we have developed our own St. Joe's Preparedness Plan. The health and safety of all members of our St. Joseph School community is our top priority. As we all know, procedures and protocols will evolve as we continue to inform our decisions based Archdiocesan, CDC, and MDH guidelines.

***Please see the attached infographic pdf with updated information about what school will look like this fall.*** A more detailed brochure will be shared with you in the near future. We will also host a parent Q & A session on August 18th at 6:30 p.m. in our church.

Thank you to our School Building Reopening Committee Members for their continued work!

Father Paul Kammen, Church of St. Joseph Pastor  
Randy Haney, Church of St. Joseph Parish Director  
Kelly Roche, St. Joseph School Principal  
Kayla Rooney, Church of St. Joseph Faith Formation Director  
Angie Cummings, SJS 6th Grade Teacher  
Brooke Entingh, SJS 5th Grade Teacher  
Angie Wells, SJS 4th Grade Teacher  
Paul Germann, School Advisory Committee Member  
Chris Markov, School Advisory Committee Member  
Jessica Smith, School Advisory Committee Member & Registered Nurse  
Jenelle Kelley, School Parent & Physician's Assistant

Our goal is to be open in the fall and welcome students back to our building! However, we will follow health and safety protocols and follow best practice.

Sincerely,



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Click here to watch our NEW school promotional video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgg\\_QwKAyzw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgg_QwKAyzw)



St. Joseph School has a unique opportunity to participate in a \$10,000 challenge grant sponsored by the Schulze Family Foundation. If we raise \$10,000 by August 15th, we will receive \$10,000 = **\$20,000** for St. Joseph School! You can help us reach our goal by clicking here to donate: <https://school.stjosephcommunity.org/current-families/donate/>

**Upcoming Dates:**

August 5th-6th	Used Uniform Sale (details to come!)
August 11th	New Family Information Night & Preschool/Kindergarten Orientation (Sign Up Genius options will be sent to families)
August 13th	Packet Pick Up & Lifetouch Picture Day, 3-7 p.m. (Sign Up Genius options will be sent to families)
August 18th	Back to School Q & A Session, 6:30 p.m.
September 2nd	Welcome Back Night, 4-7 p.m.
September 8th	First Day of School!

**Lifetouch Pictures on August 13 at St. Joseph School!**

You can order your student's picture packages online! Information will be ***emailed*** to all school families two weeks prior to the picture date. School pictures will be taken on Thursday, August 13th from 3-7pm.

**August Assessments:**

St. Joseph School will not be holding August assessments at the start of this school year. Because we feel all students' reading and math skills will need to be assessed grades in K-8, we will plan to use various tools to measure progress in the first few weeks of school.



*Gala Update:*

As we all know, COVID19 has taken a toll on nearly all special events these past few months, including our own experience with Mass and Eighth Grade Graduation and of course, our Annual School Gala. Initially we chose to postpone the Gala until September 2020. Most recently, we have decided to reschedule the Gala to April 2021.

We are disappointed and sad to postpone this beloved event. However, in this ever-changing landscape of a global pandemic, information and circumstances change rapidly and we must pay attention and adjust where necessary. As our school response team works to ensure a safe and practical school opening in the Fall, the Gala Committee chose to reschedule the Gala for the Spring when our communities are safer and more willing to gather.

**Good News!** We will host an **online Pop-Up Auction August 13 – September 4** to leverage donations from our community and help offset the loss of Gala revenue. This effort can raise \$12,000. With sponsorships that number grows to \$28,600—that's a recovery of over half of our \$45,000 2019-20 event goal.

We look forward to sharing more information about our online Pop Up Auction in the coming weeks: how to bid, where to register and when to preview the items LIVE!

As recipients and benefactors of our school's mission we are uniquely positioned to help our school thrive. We are thrilled to offer you an opportunity to help continue our mission for our students of academic excellence, leadership, and social justice through Catholic teachings and traditions.

Thank you for faithfully supporting the fundraising efforts of our school. We are grateful for your encouragement, prayers, service and support.

Sincerely,  
Kelly Roche, Principal  
Sheila Swift, Development Coordinator

*Preschool-8th Grade School Supply Lists:*

School supply lists are subject to change based on our preparedness plan. We will update families soon on additional supplies that may be required.

<https://school.stjosephcommunity.org/current-families/school-supply-list/>

*St. Joseph School Wish List:*

St. Joseph [School Wish List](#) is being updated for the 2020-2021 school year!