

# St. Joseph School

## Fall 2021 Highlights 🎃

### Best of the Best!

We are proud and humbled to announce that St. Joseph School was named Best of the Best in the childcare and private school categories in The Journal's contest! In addition, St. Joseph Catholic Church won for best house of worship! Thank you so much for spreading the word about our wonderful school!

### Warm Feet and Hearts

Thanks to your generosity, we delivered over 500 pairs of socks to both the Martinsburg Union Rescue Mission and the Eastern Panhandle Empowerment Center. Thank you so much!



### Trunk-or-Treat

Our annual Trunk or Treat on Oct. 29 was a huge success! We had Halloween games, a haunted house, costume contests, and more for our students and their families!

### SJS cross-country

The SJS cross-country team wrapped up its season on Oct. 21. The middle school boys and girls on the team competed against several private schools in Virginia.

### Upcoming Events

Now-November 5<sup>th</sup>  
Cinnamon Roll, Cookie, & Coffee Sales

November 9<sup>th</sup>  
School Family Association Meeting

November 10<sup>th</sup>  
End of First Trimester

November 11<sup>th</sup>  
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 16<sup>th</sup>  
Bank at School Day with City National Bank

November 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Thanksgiving Break

December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
School Science Fair

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Pre-K Christmas Program

December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Middle School Christmas Program

December 17<sup>th</sup>  
Elementary Christmas Program



Trunk-or-Treat Winning Trunk



Costume contest winners



## From The Principal's Desk

This first trimester has flown by! Our students and teachers are excited to be back in school in-person and have been actively engaged in their lessons! While the COVID-19 pandemic continues to place restrictions on day-to-day life, we have felt some semblance of a return to normalcy.

Our Pre-K and Kindergarten students took the first field trips that our school has had since the start of the pandemic. The children and their parents went to Orr's Farm and Old McDonald's Pumpkin Patch & Corn Maze respectively. They had a wonderful time picking pumpkins and playing in the corn maze. We also were able to host our annual *Trunk-or-Treat* and had a successful *Grandparents Day*.

In addition to telling you more about our school, I wanted to share some exciting news! After Christmas our school will begin a **Building Renovation Capital Campaign!** This will help us add four additional classrooms to our Pre-K building and replace the roof and install a new lighting system in our gymnasium. This campaign will allow us to keep up with increasing enrollment demand in our school as well as the needs of our local community.

May God bless you,

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## How you can pitch in:

### #1: Please pray for...

- Our upcoming Capital Campaign!
- All our students and teachers as we complete our first trimester.
- Our new associate pastor Rev. Praveen that has joined us all the way from India!

### #2: Connect

Whether you are a parent or community member we would love for you to become more involved in our school. Learn more by:

- Visiting [sjswv.org](http://sjswv.org)
- Calling 304-267-6447
- Stopping by our office on 110 E Stephen St.

### #3: Give

Our school community is so grateful to all those that give so generously to support us. We have several opportunities for giving! Donations can be made at [sjswv.org/donate](http://sjswv.org/donate).

- Contribute to our Capital Campaign!
- Give the gift of a Catholic education by donating to our Adopt a Student Fund!
- Buy sweet rolls, cookies, and coffee through our Sweet Rollers order forms!