



The Weekly Newsletter of Mr. Courchane
September 25, 2026

"Today and every day, be a peacemaker."

Dear 8th Grade Parents:

Hard to believe it is almost October! Truly, the 8th grade year flies by (most days...).

We have our routines down and are making good progress in religion and science. We have begun our JOG presentations (slow and steady!). October has a couple days off for the students and some fun events such as the 8th grade pumpkin carving contest, Trunk or Treat, and Parent / Student / Teacher conferences. More on all those to follow.

As I write this letter, only six of the sixteen 8th graders have met their reading goals for September. They set their goals. They choose their books. This is disappointing.

On Wednesday, we heard a presentation from Chesterton Academy, a rigorous Catholic high school in Menominee Falls. Choosing the right high school is a big decision. Fortunately, the Milwaukee area has a variety of quality high schools.

In science we have finished our chapter on Newton's laws of motion. Make sure you ask your student to see his or her test (taken Friday, September 25). In religion we are learning what it means for the Catholic Church to be "holy."

Important Dates

September 28 – Picture Retake Day

September 30 – St. Lawrence Seminary visit to SJE

October 2 – Teacher Inservice, No School for students.

October 7 – Catholic Schools Walk (during school day)

Sincerely,

Mr. Courchane

8th Grade Homeroom

Middle School Science and Religion

"I cannot endure to waste anything so precious as autumnal sunshine by staying in the house." Nathaniel Hawthorne

