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## IN THE COMMUNITY



We had such a wonderful time at Party on the Pavement last month bringing awareness to our awesome schools and Catholic education.

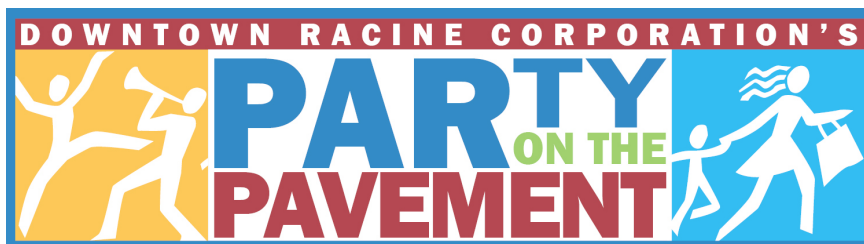
Our booth was visited by hundreds of community members. Children colored bookmarks or made fun Halloween masks.

Thank you to all of our students and staff that came out to volunteer that day, you're the best! And thank you to everyone that took a moment to visit our booth!

What to keep up  
with what's going  
on? Follow us on  
social media!



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Know of someone or something we should feature? Share with us!

Need an event posted? Please tell us!

Have questions? Ask us!

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## ST. RITA'S BUILDS TOGETHER IN SUCCESS

ROOTS IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION GIVE PUSH TO NEW HEIGHTS



**St. Rita  
School**

A SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Please give an energetic Siena Catholic Schools welcome to  
Ms. Jennifer Petruska!

My experience with Catholic education started with my own. I grew up in Gurnee, Illinois, and attended St. Patrick's School; K-8. I truly believe the strong foundation I received from a Catholic education positively impacted my life in multiple ways.

I was a teacher for 5 years and then became a gifted and talented coordinator for 9 years. I worked with students and staff in all subjects for grades K-8. I earned 2 Master's degrees, Curriculum & Instruction and Educational Leadership, as well as two National Board Certifications.

For the past 4 years, I was the elementary principal at 21st Century Preparatory School in Racine. I believe a principal's job is to collaborate with teachers, parents, students, and the community to positively impact student learning.

This school year is off to a great start! I am really impressed with the St. Rita students, staff, and parents. The students are respectful and conscientious. They take their education seriously. The staff is hard-working and selfless. They are supportive of the students, each other, and me. The parents are incredibly helpful and generous with their time, energy, and financial support. St. Rita School is an amazing place!

## FUN FACTS

I love to travel.

I have visited over 40 countries!!

I hope to reach 50 countries before I am 50!!!

Santorini, Greece



Antelope Park,  
Zimbabwe



Warsaw, Poland







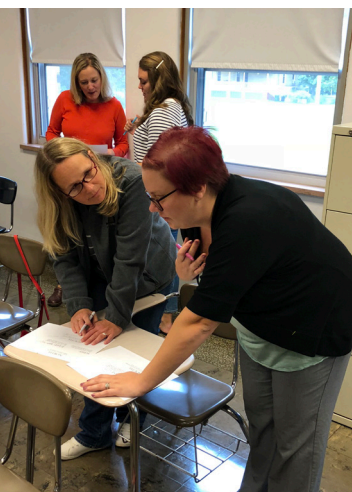
## Building a Community of Learners

### STUDENT WELLNESS

As Catholic educators in Racine we are rolling up our sleeves and going to work together to improve student learning. Since August, educators from our six schools have gathered together at St. Catherine High School for three days of professional learning focused on our student achievement data. In the past week, our learning was lead by Heather Wenthold, from the Center for Urban Teaching, and Todd Willems, Chief Academic Officer for Siena Catholic Schools. Administrators and key staff members led break-out sessions where our teachers took a deep look at how our students are performing on key assessments. Looking at data is gritty work, but critical to the improvement of student learning.



As a system of Catholic schools we are blessed with educators who take their own learning seriously and want to help our students achieve their full potential. Building a community of learners for Racine begins with collaborating with their colleagues in sharing best practices.



I am proud to see the commitment to growth that is obvious among our staff.

Regards,

*Brenda White*

Brenda White



"As a community we use our professional development time to sharpen our collective skill sets through new learning while also collaborating with our colleagues in spreading powerful practices that have generated results at our individual school sites."

-Todd Willems, CAO



## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Siena Catholic Schools is looking for all types of volunteers! Helping in the school office, filling in for classroom aides, etc.

Grades range from 3K -12 at the following schools:

John Paul II Academy  
Our Lady of Grace Academy  
St. Catherine's Middle/High School  
St. Joseph  
St. Lucy  
St. Rita

Safeguard Training will be provided as needed.

If interested please contact  
Sam Krezinski at  
[info@sienacatholicschools.org](mailto:info@sienacatholicschools.org)

## Beet & Feta Bake!

*Taher's October 'Harvest of the Month' Recipe (4 servings)*

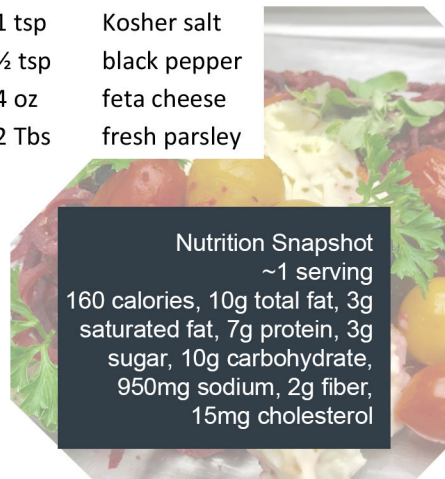
### What you need...

|       |                                 |
|-------|---------------------------------|
| ½ c   | yellow grape tomatoes           |
| ½ c   | red grape tomatoes              |
| 2 Tbs | minced garlic                   |
| 2 Tbs | fresh or dried oregano          |
| 1 Tbs | red wine vinegar                |
| 10 ea | Kalamata olives                 |
| 1 Tbs | olive oil                       |
| 2 ea  | whole beets (peeled and spiral) |
| 1 tsp | Kosher salt                     |
| ½ tsp | black pepper                    |
| 4 oz  | feta cheese                     |
| 2 Tbs | fresh parsley                   |



### What to do...

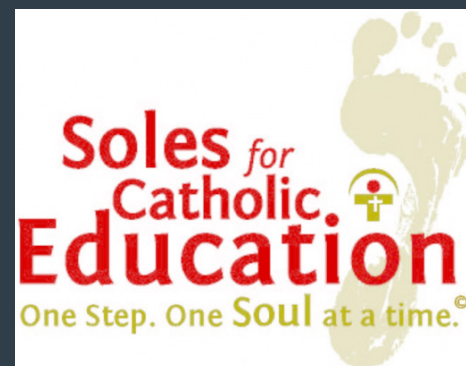
1. Preheat oven to 400°F.
2. In a large bowl, combine all ingredients except the cheese and parsley.
3. Place the feta cheese in the center of a casserole dish, top and surround with the beet mixture. Cover with foil and bake for 20 minutes (or until the beet noodles wilt).
4. Serve, garnish with parsley.



Nutrition Snapshot  
~1 serving  
160 calories, 10g total fat, 3g saturated fat, 7g protein, 3g sugar, 10g carbohydrate, 950mg sodium, 2g fiber, 15mg cholesterol

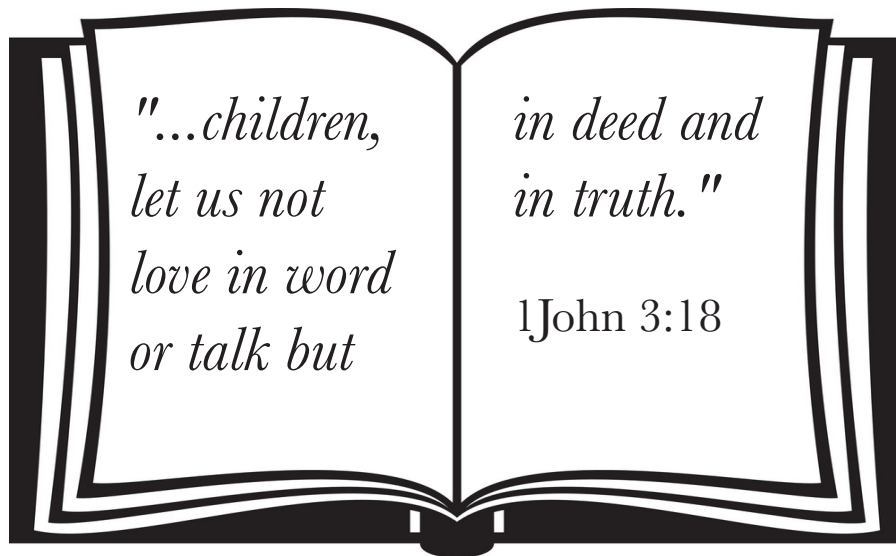
## WALK 2 MILES TO RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOLS!

It's like trick or treating! Everyone gets a swag bag! The high schools set up booths along the route on Mount Mary University's campus in Wauwatosa and hand out candy, balloons and more!



Mount Mary University  
2900 N. Menomonee River Parkway  
Milwaukee, WI 53222





### SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED

Siena Catholic Schools is looking for substitute teachers!

Grades range from 3K -12 at the following schools:

John Paul II Academy, Our Lady of Grace Academy, St. Catherine's Middle/High School,  
St. Joseph, St. Lucy, St. Rita

License teacher preferred. Bachelors degree required.

Safeguard Training will be provided as needed.

Compensation is \$100/day.

If interested please apply at <http://bit.ly/SienaJobs>

**Thank  
you!**



**Tom Scheller celebrates 44 years of service!**

High School History and Social Studies Teacher &  
Track and Cross Country Coach at St. Catherine's

**Mike Kost celebrates 41 years of service!**

Director of Maintenance at St. Catherine's

**Frank Miles celebrates 33 years of service!**

High School Science Teacher &  
Students Against Destructive Decisions Advisor at St. Catherine's

**Congratulations!**

**Great  
Work!**





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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF RACINE  
FAITH FORWARD EDUCATION

## September 30 - October 27

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                                    | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                      | SATURDAY                            |
|--|--|--|---|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 30   | OCTOBER 01   | 02<br>St. Joseph*                          | 03<br>St. Joseph*   | 04<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi | 05<br>NO SCHOOL             | 06<br>St Rita*                      |
| 07<br>Our Lady of the Rosary   | 08<br>St. Lucy*<br>Columbus Day<br>Indigenous People's Day | 09   | 10<br>St. Lucy*<br>National Bring Your Teddy Bear to Work/School Day  | 11<br>St. Lucy*                                   | 12<br>St. Lucy*             | 13<br>National Train Your Brain Day |
| 14   | 15<br>JPIIA<br>Feast of St. Teresa of Avila                | 16<br>St. Lucy*<br>National Dictionary Day | 17  | 18<br>Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist            | 19<br>JPIIA*<br>St. Joseph* | 20<br>Soles Walk for Education      |
| 21   | 22<br>National Color Day                                   | 23<br>OLOGA*<br>St. Rita*                  | 24<br>St. Joseph*<br>National Food Day  | 25<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Parent-Teacher Conferences     | 26<br>NO SCHOOL             | 27                                  |
| ALL SIENA CATHOLIC SCHOOLS<br>04 & 05 - NO SCHOOL, TEACHER IN-SERVICE<br>20 - SOLES WALK FOR EDUCATION.<br>MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY, MILWAUKEE, WI<br>25 - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES<br>26 - NO SCHOOL<br><br>JPIIA<br>15 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY<br>19 - TRICK OR TUNK<br><br>OLOGA<br>23 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY |  |  | St. JOSEPH<br>02 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY<br>03 - PET BLESSING, 2:15PM<br>19 - BLACK & ORANGE DAY/ HALLOWEEN FAMILY DANCE<br>24 - HALLOWEEN PARADE & CLASS PARTIES<br><br>St. LUCY<br>08 - TOYS FOR TOTS/ COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE BEGINS<br>10, 11 & 12 - LIGHTENING THEATRE, 7PM<br>16 - DONUTS WITH MOM AND DAD<br><br>St. RITA<br>06 - OKTOBERFEST<br>23 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY |   |                             | Looking Ahead...                    |
|  |  |  | November 02: St. Joseph's Trivia Night<br><br>November 09: St. Rita's The Royal Affair: Dinner and Auction, 5:30pm-9:30pm, St. Rita Gymnasium<br><br>November 21-23: Thanksgiving Break   |   |                             |                                     |