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Lynne Scheffler has been principal of St. Joseph’s for sixteen years and takes pride in the success of her alumni; Seventy-six percent enter high school as Honors/AP students, eighty-six percent become high school honor roll students, and ninety-two percent attend college. The school’s pastor says she “accompanies each student on their journey year by year as friend and mentor.” Scheffler spearheaded a 1:1 Initiative to implement 21st Century learning in the classroom since 2010. With the approach that technological devices are tools to enhance student learning, classrooms at St. Joseph’s have become places where collaboration and critical thinking thrive and teachers deliver strong, technology-enriched curriculum. Based on community need, Scheffler launched a pre-school program in 2002 that has grown into an all-day pre-Kindergarten program. She also works with the public school system to provide qualifying students with special education services, a relationship cultivated throughout the years for excellent results. Her philosophy is: “We are a family. We laugh. We cry. We play. We learn. We grow. We pray. We love!” St. Joseph’s was named a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2010, and Scheffler received the NCEA “Lead. Learn. Proclaim.” Principal Award in 2016. She serves as a member of the Diocese of Joliet AdvanceEd Leadership Team and holds a B.A. in Elementary Education from Northern Illinois University and a Masters in Educational Leadership from Governor State University.