



This Week:

Thursday: Scholar's Bowl @ Holy Spirit

Friday: Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception- NO SCHOOL

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Crusader Connection



Highlights from Mrs. Hohl

Preparing for the Second Semester

Although we've been busy participating in the various fall activities and holiday celebrations this semester, we've also been working hard at preparing for next semester's multitude of state and diocesan assessments! This year, KSDE launched a new assessment program to help teachers and students prepare for the tests. We are currently in the second round of administering the predictive assessments. These tests allow the teachers to evaluate the students' knowledge and skills relative to a specific set of academic goals and are designed to inform decisions both at the classroom level and beyond.

- Interim predictive assessments provide an estimate of future performance on the state assessment.
- There are predictive assessments for English language arts and mathematics.
- Three assessments, in both subject areas, are provided in the Fall, Winter, and Spring.
- Each test is composed of 25 questions and includes both traditional and technology enhanced items.
- Each assessment is designed to cover approximately one half of the content standards assessed on the Kansas state assessment. When a student has completed all three predictive assessments, he/she will have been exposed to approximately one and one-half of the content on the state assessment.

Spring Academic Assessments:

3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
Math	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
Religion	Religion	Science	Social Studies	Religion	Science
	Technology	Religion	Religion		Social Studies
	Keyboarding	Keyboarding	Technology		Religion
					Technology

Happy first week of Advent! May you and your family grow closer to our Lord and Savior, and to each other, during this Advent season.



Christ is the eternal prophet, priest and king. As members of Christ's Mystical Body, we commit ourselves to carry on His mission of teaching, sanctifying and governing the People of God.

The Spirituality of Stewardship

“Make a list of things you covet at this point in your life, anything from a new pair of shoes to a car, everything from a computer to a lawn mower, from a wine rack to a manicure. Then reflect upon each item and consider whether your longing represents a real need or merely a want. Did your desire stem from a goading advertisement? Is your ego involved? Is it a status symbol? Be honest, because we don't fool ourselves. And we most assuredly do not fool God.”



Smith, Colleen. Catholic Stewardship: Sharing God's Gifts. Harrington: Our Sunday Visitor, 2001. Print.



Extended Day Room Change– Thursday, Dec. 7

The hall is being utilized by another group this Thursday, December 7th, so Extended Day will meet in the basement of the Middle School. Please be sure to knock loudly on the south windows and Mrs. Seiler will let you in to pick up your child.

Save your loose change! Dec. 11– Dec. 15th



During the second week of Advent (love), we will be holding a Penny Wars competition at school. Students are encouraged to bring in their loose change (or dollars) to contribute. We'll use the money to purchase Scrip cards for the St. Anthony Family Shelter.

Crusader Café News

There have been a few revisions to the December lunch menu. An updated version of the menu can be found on the school website.



Crusader basketball games this week:

12/9– 8th grade boys v. St. Anne @ St. Francis @ 10:00 AM

12/9– 8th grade girls v. St. Joe Wichita @ SEAS @ 11:00 AM

12/9– 6th grade girls v. Holy Cross Lutheran @ Resurrection @ 9:00 AM



Tuesday, December 19th

7:00 in the Gym



Mrs. Webb has asked that the students wear nice dress clothes; no jeans, please. Boots are allowed.



From the School Office...

The end of the Second Quarter and the First Semester is just 2 weeks away! Please be sure to check PowerSchool for current grades, attendance, and lunch account balances. Thank you!

Scrip Cards

Scrip cards can be used online or instore when doing shopping as well as making great gifts. The bonus of using these cards is each scrip card purchased earns a rebate for the school. This is an excellent way to support Catholic Education! Many local and online retailers cards are available along with prepaid Visa cards. A complete list of vendors is available online at www.sjost.com/fundraisers/scrip. To order, or for more information, please email Betty Seiwert at bseiwert@sjost.com or contact the School Office at 316-444-2548 with any questions.



PTO News

- Each year, the generous spirit of our parents compels many to give the teachers and staff gifts of appreciation at Christmas time. If you choose to do so again this year, please consider a cash donation that will be divided among the teachers and staff. Donations to the PTO Christmas Fund are welcome until Friday, Dec. 15th. Simply put your donation (of any amount) in a marked envelope and send it to the office. Thank you!

PARISI SPEED SCHOOL- FRIDAY, DEC. 15



SHELDON HOWELL FROM PARISI SPEED SCHOOL, WILL BE SPENDING THE DAY WITH MRS. CLUPNY AND HER PE CLASSES ON FRIDAY, DEC. 15. HE WILL PROVIDE TECHNIQUES TO INCREASE SPEED, AGILITY, AND STRENGTH IN ORDER FOR STUDENTS TO MAXIMIZE AND IMPROVE ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE.

ABOUT SHELDON HOWELL:

SHELDON IS A WICHITA NATIVE. ATTENDED BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATED FROM WICHITA NORTH IN 2008. SHELDON RECEIVED ALL CITY HONORS FOR BASEBALL IN 2008.

ATTENDED NEWMAN UNIVERSITY 2008-2009, THEN TRANSFERRED TO BUTLER COMMUNITY COLLEGE 2009-2010. AT BUTLER HE WAS A CONFERENCE CHAMPION, AND WAS VOTED TEAM CAPTAIN, AND RECEIVED CONFERENCE ALL STAR HONORS. AFTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE, HE ATTENDED FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY 2010-2012, WHERE HE ENDED HIS CAREER. AT HAYS HE ACHIEVED TEAM CAPTAIN/ATHLETIC ACADEMIC HONORS. SHELDON GRADUATED WITH DEGREES IN LIBERAL SCIENCE, BUSINESS COMMUNICATION, AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

SHELDON'S COACHING EXPERIENCE INCLUDES THE KANSAS CANNONS 2014, ANDALE HIGH SCHOOL 2015, AND HAS COACHED YOUTH BASEBALL SINCE GRADUATING COLLEGE. SHELDON IS ALSO THE COMMISSIONER FOR THE KANSAS COLLEGIATE LEAGUE BASEBALL.

SHELDON IS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR OF WICHITA PARISI AND A CERTIFIED PARISI PERFORMANCE COACH.

"THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THIS PROGRAM IS THE PASSION THAT THE STAFF HAS TO DEVELOP THE ATHLETES THAT ARE IN IT. WE STRIVE EVERY SINGLE DAY TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE AND CHARACTER INTO EACH ONE OF OUR ATHLETES, WHICH ALLOWS THEM TO SUCCEED ON AND OFF THE FIELD. ULTIMATELY BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM AND ALLOWING EACH ATHLETE TO ACHIEVE GREAT THINGS WHILE THEY ARE HERE, AND WHILE THEY COMPETE."

No School, Friday, December 8th

for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.



Health Corner

Parents and Parishioners

The St. Joseph Catholic School Wellness Committee is in need of an additional committee member for the new year. The committee meets 2-3 times a year and works to establish goals and strategies to improve overall student and staff health and wellness. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Hohl at ehohl@sjost.com.

From The Pastor



A note from Fr. Dan...

All families need to please complete and return stewardship renewal packets ASAP. Thank you for your commitment to a stewardship way of life!