



**This Week:**

**Wednesday– Confession**

**Friday- End of Quarter 1; 1:00 Dismissal; Spirit Day**

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## Highlights from Mrs. Hohl

Oct. 8th-14th is Kansas Anti-Bullying Awareness Week

This year's theme is "Choose Respect" and nicely compliments the Catholic Church's Respect Life theme and activities during the month of October. Each day this week, our morning announcements will focus on educating our students about bullying and encouraging them to do what they can to make our school a safe and friendly environment for everyone.

It's important for students to be clear on the definition of bullying. Bullying is defined as unwanted, aggressive behavior that is repeated. It can take on many forms. Bullying can be physical, like hitting, kicking, or punching. It can also be social or emotional, like using harsh and intentionally hurtful words, leaving someone out, or gossiping and spreading rumors.

This week, our message will include explaining the difference between bullying and tattling, encouraging students to speak up if they see something that is not ok, the expectation to not join in on the inappropriate behavior, and empowering students to be a friend to those being bullied. Thank you for taking the time to reiterate this important message at home as well.



Thank you for participating in Parent Teacher Conferences last week! The feedback from the teachers indicated that the conference sessions were positive and the change in this year's format seemed to be favorable. We will be visiting soon about making further adjustments to the middle school teachers' conference schedule to allow for our growing student body...a great and welcomed problem to have!

You should have received an important email from me over the weekend regarding a scam, but in case you didn't, please read the important information below...

I wanted you to be aware of a couple different email scams that are going around asking people to pay their invoices and attaching a fees document that may or may not open. The email says it's from me, but the email address is not from the sjost.com domain. Thankfully, I have had a couple of parents stop by my office to ask about the emails and I'm grateful I can inform you that it is a scam, known as "spoofing." Unfortunately, however, there are at least two completely different emails being sent. Presently, we are not emailing fee statements, but rather sending home paper copies.



I did speak with the technology coordinator for the diocese and she highly suggests running a virus scan if you have received these emails and tried clicking on the "fees document" to open and/or download. Even if nothing opened, it's important to run the scan.



**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.**

# Grow *in* Virtue

In your busy family life, take every opportunity you can to talk about your values, whether you are in the car, at the table, or just relaxing.

This week: Tell your children about the adults who shaped the goodness in you as you were growing up and the good people who loved you even when you failed. Chances are you will be talking about people of virtue, who practiced patience, kindness, prudence, and justice.



Thanks to Kristy Horsch and Stacey Spexarth for setting our school up with an Amazon Smile account! Launched in 2014, Amazon.com found a way to give back to charitable causes through the convenience of online shopping with Amazon Smile. The Amazon Smile Foundation is committed to helping nonprofits achieve their missions with a donation equaling 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases. When placing an Amazon.com order, please use the following link to support our school...

Our unique charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/05-0599025>

## Student Lectors at Mass

Our students will be lectoring at each daily Mass!

This week:

Monday- Friday: 5th grade



### Health Screenings

Health screenings will take place next Thursday, Oct. 18, during school hours for all students, including preschoolers. Please remember to have students wear their glasses for this screening. Preschoolers who are not in session on Thursday are welcome to participate in the screening during the morning hours of the testing. Just check in at the school office and we'll escort you to the site of testing. Health screenings include hearing, a variety of vision tests, height, weight, body measurement index, blood pressure, and pulse. We are grateful to the WSU staff and nursing students who assist with the testing and the use of their specialized equipment that we do not have on site.



Count Your Kid In Preschool Screening  
Friday, Oct. 26th

Maize Early Childhood Center  
9405 W. 37th Street North  
Wichita, KS 67205

Call 316-794-8641 for a free appointment

The purpose of this screening is to assess children, birth—5, in the areas of walking, talking, seeing, hearing and learning.



### Afternoon Extended Day Schedule

Monday- Hall with Mrs. Elpers  
Tuesday- 1st grade with Mrs. Puetz  
Wednesday- 1st grade with Mrs. Puetz  
Thursday- 7th grade with Mrs. Haukap  
Friday- 2nd grade with Mrs. Kurth

### Morning Extended Day

All students may arrive between 7:25-7:45 AM daily. All students being dropped off prior to 7:40 must report to the school gym. Students are released at 7:40 to head to their classrooms.



### Football this week!

7th- Andale vs. Mustangs @ Magdalen @ 9:00  
8th- St. Francis vs. Collegiate @ Collegiate @ 10:30



**VOLLEYBALL THIS WEEK! TOURNAMENT PLAY BEGINS TONIGHT! ALL BRACKETS ARE POSTED ON THE VOLLEYBALL PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE.**

**7th grade 1st round: 10/9 @ 6:30 @ St. Peter, Schulte** (pending the outcome, their 2nd game will be either on 10/10 or 10/15)

**6th grade 1st round: 10/10 @ 5:00 @ Magdalen** (2nd round will be on 10/10 also)

**8th grade 1st round: 10/11 @ 6:50 @ Holy Cross Lutheran** (2nd round will be on 10/13)



**From the School Office...** Thank you to all of the parents who volunteer to drive and assist with the supervision of students while on field trips. We are so thankful that you take the time to make off site educational experiences possible for our students. As a friendly reminder, due to the importance of maintaining supervision and safety of the students, we ask that younger siblings not accompany parents who sign up as field trip chaperones. Thanks for your understanding.

All volunteer drivers are highly encouraged to view the Catholic Mutual Group's online defensive driving curriculum. It can be viewed at <https://wichita.cmgconnect.org>

I JUST WANTED TO SAY...



YOU'RE AWESOME!

- We appreciate everyone who joined us last week for the meat and dough trainings for bierock bakes!
- Thanks again for the delicious dinners you provided our teachers during Parent/Teacher Conferences last week!
- Those who volunteered to help run the concession stand at last week's home games were a huge help!
- All of our vacancies for Fall Party volunteers have been filled...thank you!



Save the date for Trunk-or-Treat!

Saturday, Oct. 27th  
6:00-7:30 PM

In addition to Trunk-or-Treating, we'll be projecting a kid's movie outdoors and are in need of hay bales. If you have hay bales that you'd be willing to drop off on the 27th and pick up the following day, please let Mrs. Hohl know!

# Health Corner



Fall Parties will be celebrated on Tuesday, October 30th @ 2:30 PM! Kindergarten-4th grade students are invited to dress up as saints on this day.



### Crusader Kitchen News:

Lunch Envelopes are being sent home today.  
\$45 per student- \$8 for reduced lunches.

All payments are due by Friday, Oct. 19.

Thank You!!!



Spirit Day THIS Friday!



Quarter 1 ends this Friday!

As a reminder, school will dismiss at 1:00 PM on Friday, Oct. 12th. Additionally, the deadline for reaching AR goals is 3:30 PM.

# Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

Mark Your Calendars!

The 21st and Maize Chick-fil-A has agreed to host another Spirit Night to benefit St. Joseph Catholic School!

Tuesday, Oct. 30th  
4:30-8:30 PM

20% of the dine-in and drive-thru orders will be donated back to our school when customers say they're there to support St. Joe!

We're planning to use the money we receive from Chick-fil-A Spirit Nights for new basketball uniforms in the future!



## Healthy Handwashing



1 Wash with soap and water for 10 seconds.



2 Help children wash their hands.



3 Rinse well.



4 Dry hands with a single-use towel.



5 Use towel to turn off water.



6 Place in a container lined with a plastic bag.