



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

Coming Up:

Thursday, 22nd First Day of Library; Middle School Parent Meeting at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

Aug. , 19, 2024



Crusader Connection Bullets



Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! We love seeing all of the familiar faces and it's a joy to welcome the new ones! This year, we have 204 Crusaders joining us; 29 preschoolers and 175 students in grades K-8...how exciting!

Theme for the school year: Our staff chose to focus on Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati this year with our theme being, "Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."

Food Service We are fortunate that this school year we are able to prepare our lunch meals onsite. Kim Gooding is our head food service director and we hired JoAnna Maus as the food service assistant. We will have only two lunch periods, K-4 will be eating from 11:10-11:43 and 5-8 will be eating from 11:53-12:24.

Additional Helpings Opportunity **NEW THIS YEAR** Students in grades 5-8 will have the opportunity to purchase additional helpings, if available, at an additional cost of \$1.00. (Students must finish all of their first helpings in order to get additional helpings). The additional charge will be assessed on the student's lunch account on PowerSchool. Regardless of the number of times they go back for more helpings, the cost is a one time charge. Priority for additional helpings will rotate by grade on a weekly basis. If you do NOT wish for your student to have additional helpings, please have that conversation with your student. We will not be responsible for monitoring who has permission to partake in this opportunity. Parents will be responsible for all charges added to their students' accounts. This additional charge will be assessed regardless of a student's lunch status (i.e. free/reduced/full pay).

What is a restorative school? St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost practices a restorative approach to wrongdoing, with an emphasis on repairing relationships and focusing on accountability. In taking it a step further, we incorporate Christian virtues school-wide and provide examples for living a virtuous life. In Quarter 1, your children are learning about the virtue of understanding and how to practically apply understanding in order to forge caring friendships.

Kindergarten Parents! If you have a student in the Kindergarten class, you will receive an email from Mrs. Baalman with links to ASQ-3 and the ASQ-SE (Ages and Stages Questionnaire). Both must be completed by every Kindergarten family.

Middle School Parent Meeting Reminder! There will be a Middle School Parent Meeting Thursday, Aug. 22nd from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. At least one parent of middle school students should plan to attend.

Uniform shorts Just a friendly reminder, especially on these hot days, that students may wear navy blue uniform shorts to school during the months of August, September and May. A belt is required for students in 1st-8th grades.



Stewardship Opportunity! Summer is over! Is your house too quiet? Or, perhaps, you are you looking for an opportunity to get out of the house and make a difference? We'd love (and greatly appreciate!) your help at St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost. We could always use the help in our Crusader Café, classrooms, etc. Feel free to pass this request on to friends or family members who are looking for a volunteer opportunity and have them email Stacy Bauman, sbauman@sjost.com, if they are interested! All volunteers must have attended a Virtus Class.

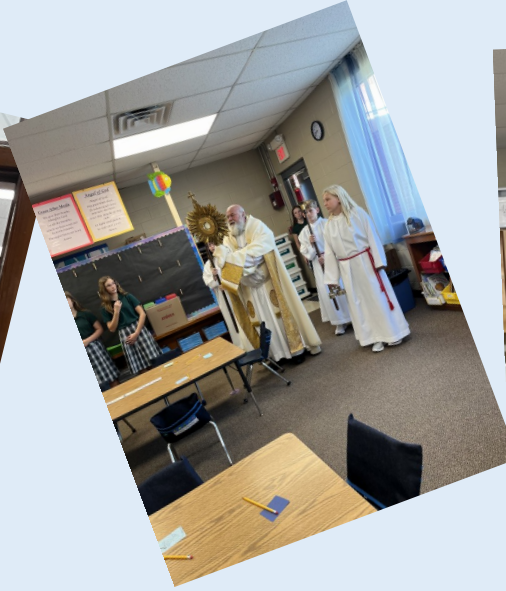
Did you know? Our staff gathers for prayer every morning from 7:25-7:30. We pray for our students, families and special intentions. We know many of you are on your way to school at that same time, so we encourage you to unite with us in prayer during your morning drive. Also, just a reminder that due to morning prayer, teachers are not in their classrooms to greet and supervise students until 7:30.

Remind App At least one parent from each school family should have received an email with an invitation to accept the Remind App's "Parent" and/or "Bus" Group. This app is used by Mrs. Charles to notify parents of sudden changes to the school day, usually due to inclement weather. The notification comes in the form of a text message through the Remind App. If your children ride the St. Joseph bus, you will also be in the bus group to ensure that you receive notifications related to bus transportation issues or changes. If you are a new family and don't receive a Remind invite via email, please be sure to email or call Mrs. Charles (lcharles@sjost.com).

Morning Extended Day The decision was made to now offer a Morning Extended Day Program starting Friday, Aug. 16th. It will be opening at 7:00am every school day and will be held in the Parish Hall. Students are to enter through the double doors and check in with Miss JoAnna Maus, our new food service assistant who will now also be the staff personnel supervising the Morning Extended Day program. **Please make sure to witness your students walking into the building before leaving.** Students will be released to their classrooms at 7:30am. **Cost for utilizing the program will be \$2.00 per family per day attended.** Fees will be assessed on PowerSchool per quarter. While we are in the early stages of getting this new program up and going, the policies will be generally the same as the afternoon program. For more details, please see the "Extended Day Information" on our website under the Registration tab.

Diocesan Instagram Our Diocesan Catholic Schools have a new Instagram page! Please follow [@wichitadiocesecatholicschools](https://www.instagram.com/wichitadiocesecatholicschools) to see pictures, learn stories, support schools, and invite others to our Diocese.

New Staff Members We hired JoAnna Maus to be our Food Service Assistant. She has worked as a cook at Dove Estates and will bring that experience to our kitchen. JoAnna is full of spunk and will be an amazing addition to our staff. We are also excited that Ely Gorges, a new St. Joe, Ost parishioner and school parent, is volunteering to help the school office with its school nurse responsibilities. You may be seeing her name coming home on school communication regarding health requirements. She will be an amazing resource as she has been helping other diocesan schools in this capacity. Finally, the decision was made to split 2nd grade because of the number of students and we hired Stephanie May to teach the additional class. Mrs. May completed her student teaching this past spring with Mrs. Osborn. She is also very excited to be joining the Crusader Family.



Eucharistic Procession—Blessing of the classrooms



2nd Grade Team Twinning



Double the twinning