



Coming Up:

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 2nd, No School



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

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Crusader Connection Bullets



Monday is Labor Day! Enjoy the long weekend!

Absences and Appointments While we appreciate you emailing the teachers to let them know of your child(ren)'s absences or appointments, please also be sure to make the school office aware as well. You can call 444-2548 or email Mrs. Spexarth at sspexarth@sjost.com. Thank you!

Did You Know?? St. Joe, Ost has earned two Diocesan of Excellence Awards. The first was the Award for Excellence in Full Formation and the second was the Award for Excellence in Catholic Identity. We are now going to apply for the Diocesan Award for Excellence in Academics. St. Joe, Ost is very proud of the dedication and hard work that our staff and students have put forth to earn excellent scores on the state assessments but also in their daily work. The application is due October 1st. We will keep you posted.

Onsite Speech Pathologist: We are very fortunate to have an onsite Speech Pathologist this school year to serve our students. Her name is Vanessa Kehr-Searl and she will be here all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays. She will be located in the PK Resource building. Welcome to St. Joe, Mrs. Kehr-Searl

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 in the St. Joseph Crusader Café! **We are in need of volunteers on Thursdays and Fridays and we'll take as much help as you can provide...1 hour or 5 hours!** 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!

Fresh Garden Produce: Our Crusader Café could always use fresh garden produce. If you have an abundance and are wondering what to do with it, please consider donating it to our Crusader Café. Your kindness and generosity is greatly appreciated.

Kindergarten Parents! If you have a student in the Kindergarten class, you should have received an email from Mrs. Baalman with links to the ASQ -3 and the ASQ-SE (Ages and Stages Questionnaire). This is just a friendly reminder that both questionnaires should be completed **online** by Monday, Sept. 9th.



Remind App– At least one parent from every school family should have received a text notification from “Remind” to accept an invitation to join one of Mrs. Charles’ “classes” or groups. Mrs. Charles uses Remind to text parents about school schedule changes and cancellations. Additionally, the Remind app is used to communicate bus delays or changes. If you have not received a link to join, please be sure to let Mrs. Charles know. (If you are a parent of bus riders, you should have received a notification to join the “Parent” class, as well as the “Bus” class.)

Box Tops for Education = free money for our school! Please click on the following link to learn how easy it is to scan your receipts and earn money for our school! Any and all help is greatly appreciated!

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/s/get-the-app>

Andale High School Indianettes Little Dancer Clinic: Please see the flyer attached to register for the AHS’s Little Dancer Clinic for students in PreK through 8th Grade. Registration Deadline : Monday, September 16th.

Garden Plain High School Mum Sale: GPHS After Prom 2025 is partnering with Stutzman’s to sell mums this fall. Please see the attached flyer for order details. They come in a 9” container and there are a variety of colors to choose from. You may submit orders through the QR code on the flyer or by filling out the flyer and mailing it with payment to Aggie Nickelson, PO Box 431, Garden Plain, KS 67050. We can accept cash, check, or Venmo payments. Order deadline will be September 19th and the mums will be ready to pick up on September 24th. As always, thank you for all the support.

What can you do at home to help your child become a Visible Learner?

Provide success criteria, i.e. explain what success will look like. For example, if you give your child the task of cleaning his bedroom, explain what his bedroom should look like when he has met your expectations.

Virtues/Dispositions: Our staff chose four Virtues and four dispositions to focus on throughout the year. We are focusing on one Virtue per quarter. Q1 is Understanding, Q2 is Charity, Q3 is Fear of the Lord, and Q4 is Patience. The four Dispositions of Learning are Taking Ownership, Optimism, Self-Control, and Connect School to Life.



Measuring the Rainbow Lab
in 7th Grade Science



Tell Me Something Good...



Our Pre-school kiddos...Aren't they adorable!



Our Kindergartners are all smiles!!

