



Coming Up:

- Friday, Sept. 13th: Spirit Day
- Monday, Sept. 16: Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
- Monday/Tuesday, Sept. 16-17: Vision Screening
- Monday, Sept. 23rd: Diocesan In-service (no school for students)



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

September 12, 2024

Crusader Connection Bullets

Spirit Day Coming Up! The first Spirit Day of the new school year is tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 13th. Students are invited to wear spirit shirts with jeans, or navy blue uniform shorts to school.

JEANS must be free from rips, tears, and holes. If girls prefer, they may wear spirit shirts with their plaid jumpers or skirts. Shoes should adhere to the policy written in the Parent/Student Handbook.

Student Service Hours: The service program for students in Kindergarten through Grade 8 is entitled "Called to Serve". The purpose of this program is to provide students with the opportunity to make a difference in our Church, school, and surrounding communities through various service and support programs. All students from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade are required to give of themselves in service to their Church, school, and community. Realizing service is unlimited and for the Honor and Glory of God, the numbers are an absolute minimum per quarter. They are as follows:

Kindergarten 15 minutes	1 st Grade 30 minutes	2 nd Grade 2 hours
3 rd Grade 3 hours	4 th Grade 4 hours	5 th Grade 5 hours
6 th Grade 6 hours	7 th Grade 7 hours	8 th Grade 8 hours

All students are required to complete the amount stated each nine weeks. Any student, who does more than the required quarterly minutes in the summertime, may carry over minutes beyond the 1st quarter. Please contact the classroom teachers for examples of age appropriate service opportunities and how your child(ren) should log the minutes of service completed.

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.

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night: Monday, Sept. 16th will be our first Chick-fil-A Spirit Night! This year's proceeds will go towards our Academic fund. This fund covers the cost for class fieldtrips, entry fees for Battle of the Books, Religion Bowl, Scholar's Bowl, etc. Please see attached flyer with all the information. Thank you for supporting this cause!



Vision Screening: Ely Gorges, our volunteer nurse, will be conducting vision screenings on Sept. 16th & 17th.

Reminder! No school Sept. 23: There will be no school on Monday, Sept. 23rd due to the Diocesan In-service.

Individual Pictures: Individual pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 25th. Don't forget to bring your best smile!!



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.

German Dinner Raffle: Back by popular demand, the basket raffle will return to the German Dinner this year. However, there are a few changes. We only plan to provide five baskets from the school. To accomplish this we are asking each family to donate \$25 or more to this cause. We have a basket raffle committee that will be shopping, purchasing, and arranging the baskets for the day of the event. Our goal is to have all baskets completed before Christmas break. Please send your monetary donations to the school office or use this QR code to make your donation. We are asking that all donations be turned in by November 22, 2024.



AR Store: Our 2024-25 Accelerated Reader (AR) program is underway for grades K-8 (Kindergarten will participate later in the year). The students have set their reading goals with their teachers and will accumulate points for each book they read and take a quiz on. At the end of each quarter the students who meet and exceed their reading goals get to shop in the AR store and pick out prizes with their accumulated points. We are grateful for all of the support and donations we received last year and the students enjoyed the increased variety of items available. Please see our Amazon wish list if you'd like to purchase any items for the store. We also accept donations of non-Amazon items that can be dropped off in the school office. Some examples of the most popular prizes the students pick are: pop, candy, baseball/football trading cards, blankets, sport team t-shirts, art supplies, and religious items. The AR store products are generally valued at \$0.25 - \$10. We appreciate all of your support in helping to encourage the kids to be great readers!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1MX7HA2PJ7KBI?ref=wl_share



Headphones: Just a reminder that we would like all K-8 students to have a pair of headphones to be kept at school. These headphones are used when students are working on their chromebooks.

Hallow: Hallow will be sending emails very soon, the next week or so, with directions on downloading the paid version of the App. Please follow the directions and your journey with this amazing App will begin.

Kindergarten Parents: If you are wanting to get ahold of Mrs. Linn (long term sub) please continue to email Mrs. Baalman and she will make sure Mrs. Linn gets the information.

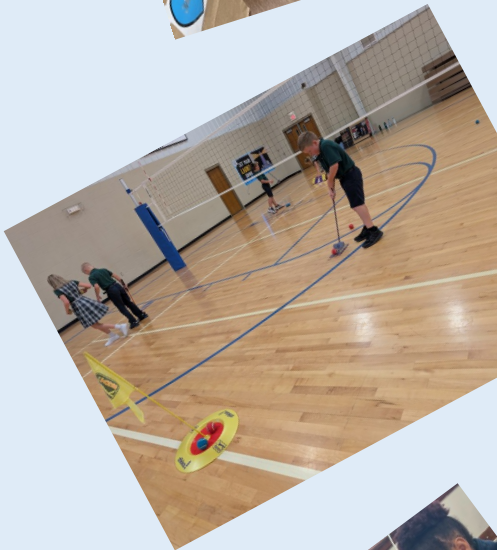
Field Trips: During the school year, teachers may schedule educational or service/ministry-based field trips. Trips will be announced in writing in advance by the teacher or school office. A permission slip must be signed and returned to the school in order for the student to attend the field trip. The permission form will provide details of the trip (destination, times, and transportation) and a way for the parent to sign up to chaperone. **For the safety and supervision of all children, field trip chaperones are not to bring other children on the trip.** Parents may refuse to permit their child from participating in a field trip by stating so on the proper form. Students who do not attend a field trip will remain at home with the parent and will be marked absent for the day.

REMINDER!! Just a reminder that all volunteers must be Virtus trained. Volunteer opportunities include chaperoning field trips, helping with class parties, volunteering in the lunchroom or classroom, coaching, etc. If you are not Virtus trained you may use the link below to find locations that offer the training.

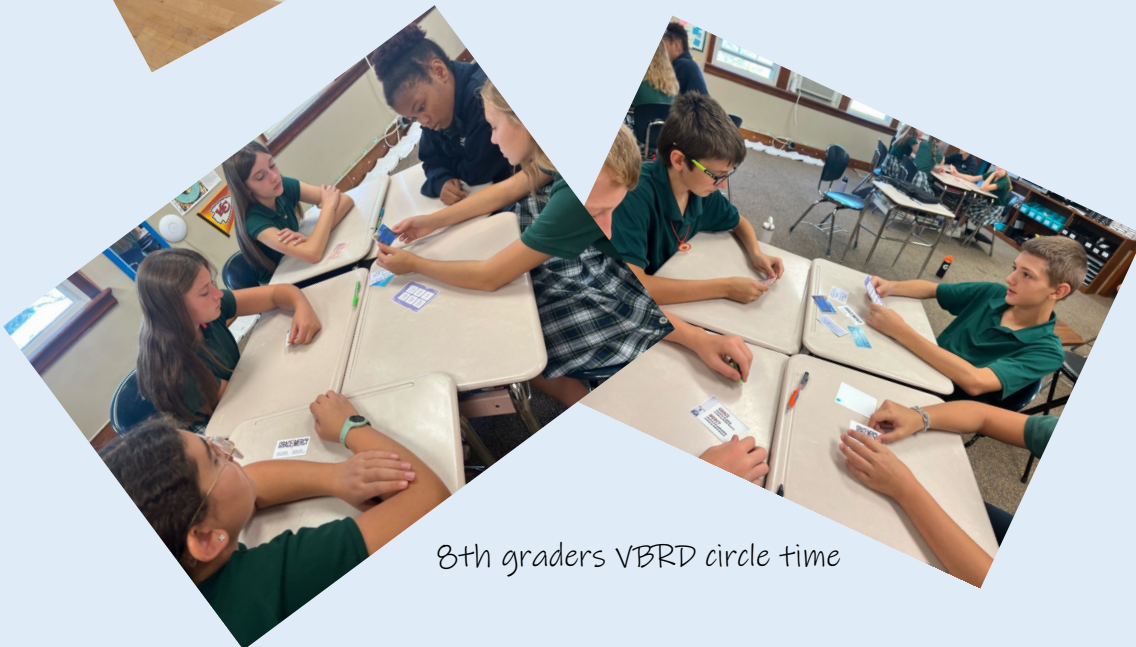
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2nd graders making friendship bags!



Future golfers



8th graders VBRD circle time



5th Grade had a great time at the State Fair!!



Our future engineers