



## Coming Up:

Jan. 10th: Spirit Dress Day

Jan. 14th: Scholar's Bowl

Jan. 18th: Boys' Basketball @ St. Joe, Ost

Jan. 26th-Jan. 31st: Catholic School's Week

Jan. 27th: State of the Parish Meeting @ 7pm



- ST. JOSEPH OST -  
**CRUSADERS**

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# Crusader Connection Bullets



**Welcome to the second semester:** We look forward to getting closer to Jesus through His Mother Mary as we enter into the second half of the school year! Our Quarter 3 virtue is Fear of the Lord. The students and staff will incorporate this virtue into their lessons for deeper meaning.

**St. Katharine Drexel Walk in Sister's Shoes Campaign (WISS):** The Walk in Sister's Shoes campaign is a Diocesan-wide fundraiser that encourages financial support from our own Catholic school community to help other local children receive a quality Catholic education. Across the Diocese, WISS will kick off on January 7th, 2025. We plan to continue our successful school-wide fundraising efforts from years past by offering "Two for \$2 Tuesdays!" Therefore, beginning Tuesday, January 7th and running through March 1st, students will have two options for spirit dress each Tuesday (with the exception of Jan. 28th). They may wear jeans and a St. Joe spirit shirt to school for a \$1 donation to the St. Katharine Drexel Fund, or they may donate \$2 to be a little cozier in their sweat pants and St. Joe shirts!

**More about St. Katharine Drexel:** St. Katharine was an American woman who was blessed with a family fortune and chose to spend it all developing missions to educate and care for the less fortunate. At the time of her death, the order she founded, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, had more than 500 members. With their assistance, she opened 145 missions, 49 elementary schools and 12 high schools. Today, the order continues to actively fulfill St. Katharine's mission of caring for the physical and educational needs of the less fortunate. Katharine Drexel died in 1955 at age 96, and was canonized as a Catholic saint in 2000.

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**State of the Parish Meeting**— On Monday, January 27th, Father Bernie will be holding a State of the Parish meeting in the Parish Hall at 7:00PM. School information will be shared as well. If you are a St. Joseph, Ost Parishioner and have a child in the school, at least one parent should attend this meeting. Parishioners without school children and parents of students from feeder parishes are welcome and invited to attend! Pre-Enrollment Packets for the 2025-26 school year will be distributed at this meeting.

**Eligibility:** All students participating in school sponsored activities who have a grade below a 70% in one or more core subjects (after consulting with their teachers) will be placed on the ineligibility list and will have his/her grades checked on a weekly basis. The student may be reinstated for eligibility after one week and when all of his/her grades have improved to at least a 70% or above.

**Spirit Day This Friday!** Our January Spirit Day is this Friday, January 10th. Students may wear jeans and a St. Joseph spirit shirt to school. *Jeans must be free from holes, rips and tears.*

**CSW Talent Show:** If your child turned in an entry form for the CSW Talent Show and they are entering a pre-recorded act, please email the video to Mrs. Charles, lcharles@sjost.com, by Jan. 20th.



**Q2 Report Cards:** Just a reminder that we utilize PowerSchool's document delivery to send report cards home electronically. Parents will receive an email to access your child's report card within the next day or two. Access to report cards is granted for only 7 days! Please contact Stacey Spexarth @sspexarth@sjost.com, if you have issues gaining access.

**Scholar's Bowl:** The next Scholar's Bowl Match is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 14th at St. Anne's Catholic School. We wish our 7th graders and 8th graders the best of luck.

**Boys' Basketball:** St. Joe, Ost will be hosting Boys' Basketball on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Come and show your support for our Crusaders!

**Catholic Schools Week:** Our office staff and group of parents have been working on planning another fun, faith-filled CSW celebrating our beautiful faith and our beloved school! CSW will be held Jan. 27th–Jan. 31st. A detailed schedule will be sent home once the activities have been finalized, but, for your planning purposes, I wanted to pass along a few "Save the Date" events ...

- Tuesday, Jan. 28th– CSW special Mass with our supporting parish pastors at 10:30AM. Parents are invited to join us! (There will not be an 8:00AM Mass that day.)
- Friday, Jan. 31st– VIP Cookies, Coffee, and Water. Students are encouraged to invite a VIP in their lives to join us for cookies, coffee, and water at 12:30 in the school gym prior to the talent show!

More details will be emailed in coming weeks!

**Remind App:** Mrs. Charles created all new groups for the Remind app back in August. The groups from previous years did not carry over to this year. Mrs. Charles sent a link back in August for you to join the "parent" group and/or the "bus" group. 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.) It is important that you join so that you receive all notifications about inclement weather or messages about the bus.

**New Staff Member:** Help me welcome Annette Doll to the St. Joe, Ost Crusader Family. Annette will be our new assistant food director and our coordinator for the morning Extended Day. Annette is a St. Joe parishioner and comes to us after having worked 11 1/2 years in the food service department. She is going to be a great addition to our family. Welcome Annette!!

**Gift of Time:** Mrs. Charles gave the staff and students the "Gift of Time" on Thursday, Dec. 19th. It was a great time had by all. Below are a few of the pictures showing the fun that was had in the gym with Mrs. Charles and the students. We watched a movie and had popcorn, then Mrs. Charles challenged each Crusader Crew to create the longest paper chain using only one piece of construction paper, scissors, and glue.

