



January 16, 2025

### Coming Up:

- Jan. 18th: Boys' Basketball @St. Joe, Ost
- Jan. 26th-Jan. 31st: Catholic School's Week
- Jan. 27th: State of the Parish Meeting @7pm
- Jan 28th: 7/8th Grade Religion Bowl
- Jan. 29th: 8th Grade March for Life (Topeka)



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**CRUSADERS**

## Crusader Connection Bullets

**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!

**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.

**Reminder! Parent/Teacher Conferences are Required for all Third Grade Parents:** Due to new state legislation, Parent/Teacher Conferences for all 3rd graders must take place during both the fall and spring. Additionally, for all other grades, with the exception of PK, spring conferences may be either parent or teacher initiated. We have Thursday, Feb. 13th reserved for conferences. PK students will meet with Ms. Bauman either Thursday, Feb. 13th or Friday, Feb. 14th. More information will be coming soon.

**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.

**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.

**THANK YOU!!:** We would like to thank everyone who participates in our Chick-fil-A Spirit Nights and for the Box Tops for Education Program. Our last Chick-fil-A night raised \$500 and our quarterly earnings from Box Tops was \$163. This money goes toward our Academic Fund which is used to cover the cost of fieldtrips, Religion and Scholar's Bowl Meets, Battle of the Books Competitions, and Robotics. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**Boys' Basketball:** St. Joe, Ost will be hosting Boys' Basketball on Saturday, Jan. 18th. Come and show your support for our Crusaders! Our 8th grade team plays at 8:00 am and our 6th grade team plays at 12:00 pm.



**Q2 Report Cards:** Report cards were emailed last week via PowerSchool's document delivery system. The report card document was password protected and the password was provided in the email. Access to the report cards in the email was granted for only 7 days. If you were not able to open it or forgot to do so and need it sent again, please contact Stacey Spexarth @sspexarth@sjost.com for assistance.

**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 is attached with more details, but, for your planning purposes, I wanted to pass along a few “Save the Date” events ...

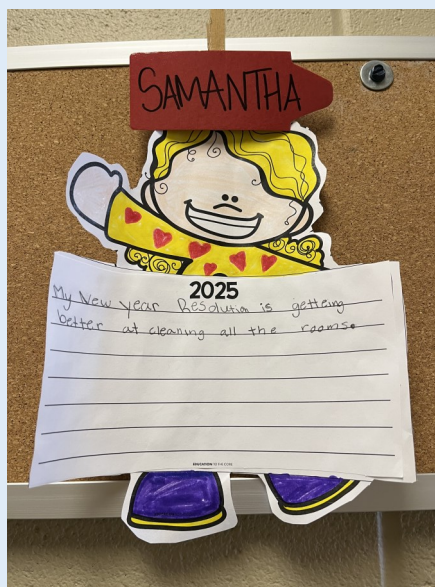
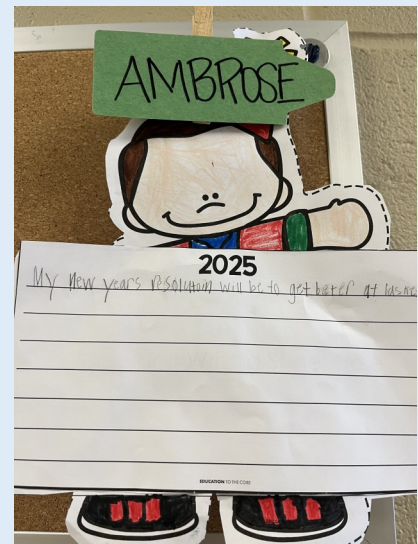
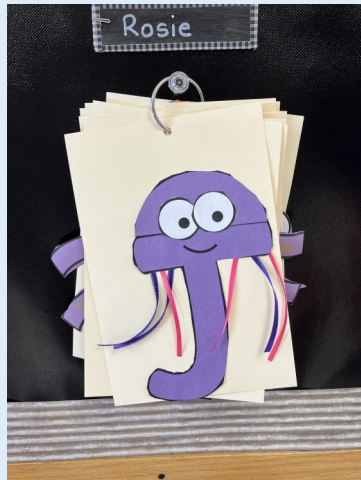
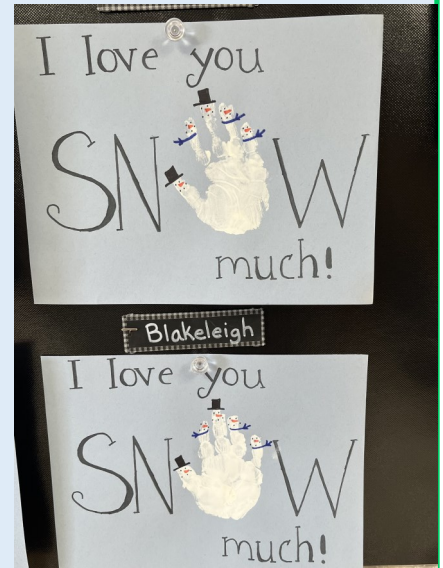
- Monday, Jan. 27th—State of the Parish Meeting at 7:00PM. School information will be shared as well. All parents and parishioners are invited and encouraged to join us in the Church at 6:30PM as the Middle School Choir kicks off Catholic Schools Week by leading us in Adoration.
- Tuesday, Jan. 28th—CSW 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.)
- Thursday, Jan. 30th—Guests are welcome to join us for the 8:00AM Mass, followed by a special Adoration with the burning bush in the Eck Family Fieldhouse. Our middle school choir will be leading us in songs of praise and worship.
- 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 Eck Family Fieldhouse. Parents and guests are encouraged to join us for our Talent Show beginning at 1:00PM. See attached flyer for more information.
- Hygiene Drive—During CSW we will be collecting hygiene items to be donated to Simple Hygiene. They are in specific need of body wash, conditioner, men's deodorant, shampoo and toilet paper but will take any and all hygiene items. Items can be brought to the school office beginning Friday, Jan. 24th-Friday, Jan. 31st. Thank you!!

**Andale Knights of Columbus:** The Andale Knights of Columbus will be hosting a local Free Throw Contest on Sunday, January 26th at 1PM in the Andale Middle School Gymnasium (AKA, Gym B). Ages 14 and under will be allowed to compete. Ages 8 and under will shoot on 8.5' goals at various distances depending on their age. Ages 9-14 will shoot on 10' goals. Ages 12-14 will shoot from the regulation distance of 15', while ages 9-11 will shoot from 12'. Finally, boys, ages 12-14, will use a men's regulation-size basketball.

Registration and warmup for the event will start at Noon. Trophies will go to the winners and medals to 2nd and 3rd place participants in each age group. Ages 9-14 are competing for a chance to move on to the District competition to be held in February.

**Google Workspace for Education Permission:** If you have not done so already, please complete the google form Mrs. Spexarth sent via email last Friday, 1/10/25, in regards to acquiring permission for the continuation of using Google Workspace for Education. We need one form completed from every family please. Thank you!!

**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!!



Our PK and 2nd grade students have been very busy creating some wonderful art to adorn our halls.