



February 20, 2025

**Coming Up:**

- Feb. 21st- True Strength/True Beauty (7th/8th)
- Feb. 21st- Spirit Day/Crusader Crews
- Feb. 28th- 1:00pm Dismissal
- Mar. 2nd- German Dinner
- Mar. 3rd- No School
- Mar. 5th- Track Practice Begins



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**CRUSADERS**

## Crusader Connection Bullets

**Spring Parent Teacher Conferences:** Thank you to everyone who provided the meals for the faculty during conferences last week. The meals were delicious! A special thanks to Ashley Eck for organizing the meals, your time and talent is greatly appreciated!

**Friday, Feb. 28th:** School for K-8 students will dismiss at 1:00 on Friday, Feb. 28th and there will be no PM preschool for the afternoon session.

**Pies for German Dinner:** Just a reminder that a minimum of three pies per family are required for the German Dinner. Pies can be delivered and stored an hour prior to the 4:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 1st or following the Sunday Mass on March 2nd until the start of the dinner at 11:00am. Pies can also be delivered on Sunday, March 2nd to the concession stand located by the northwest gym doors at any time throughout the dinner but are preferred prior to 11:00am. Thank you!!

**Basket Raffle Tickets:** Keep selling those tickets! If you are needing more, please call the school office. All tickets and money are due back to the school office by Friday, February 28th.

**Class Pictures:** Kayla Tate will be taking K-8 class pictures Wednesday, March 12th in the Church. Students need to wear their school uniforms for picture day. Information about viewing the portraits and ordering will be emailed after March 12th.

**Knights of Columbus Vocations Poster Contest:** This year marks the 52nd year for the State Vocations Poster Contest and this year's theme is "Fuel Your Passion for Christ." The contest is open to students in grades 1st-8th. Categories are judged in five different grade levels; 1st/2nd, 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, 7th/8th, and Special Education. Criteria is as follows:

Must be drawn on Vertical (up & down) 11x14 poster paper (use only the paper provided).

Must be free hand drawn—using crayons, markers, watercolor.

The theme and title of your poster "Fuel Your Passion for Christ" must be written on the front.

Information on the back (in one of the top corners) needs to include:

- Student's Name
- Grade: \_\_\_\_\_
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Ost
- Grade
- Council #2217
- District #35
- Diocese of Wichita

All posters due back to the school office no later than Thursday, March 6th!

**St. Katharine Drexel Walk in Sister's Shoes Campaign (WISS):** Just a reminder that the 2 for \$2 Tuesdays will run through March 1st. Students 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!



**WISS Dress Day:** Friday, Feb. 21st will be a Walk in Sisters Shoes dress day. For a \$1 donation, students may wear jeans and a St. Joe spirit shirt and for a \$2 donation, students may wear sweats and a St. Joe spirit shirt. Jeans must be free from rips, tears, and holes. Thank you!

**Crusader Crews:** Crusader Crews will be held the afternoon of Feb. 21st. Each crew will rotate through a variety of activities centered around Lent, our theme for Q3, etc.

**Dental Checks:** February is National Dental Health Month! Dr. Lashley will be providing visual dental checks on Wednesday, March 5th. If you provided permission for health and dental checks during final enrollment last July, your child will be included in the dental screening.



**2025-2026 Kindergartners:** Please save the date for the Dial 4 Kindergarten Screening on Friday, March 28th... more information to come!

**Pre-Enrollment Update:** We've received the vast majority of pre-enrollment forms...thank you so much, parents! If you have not turned in your pre-enrollment forms yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the school office.

**Andale Youth Sports Track and Field:** Andale Youth Sports Track and Field registration is OPEN! Registration is available for PreK-6th grade athletes using the link below. Check out the attached flyer for more information and practice times. Registration ends Feb. 28th. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Dunbar or Stephanie Spexarth at [andaleyouthtrack@gmail.com](mailto:andaleyouthtrack@gmail.com)!

Register here: <https://www.andaleyouthsports.com/registration>

**State Assessment Testing Schedule:** State Assessments are quickly approaching! Below you will find the testing schedule for ELA (English Lang. Arts), Math, and Science. Please be mindful of the dates when planning dr. appointments, trips, etc. Thank you!!

April 1st-2nd: 3rd-5th ELA and 6th-8th ELA

April 8th-9th: 5th and 8th Science

April 15th-16th: 3rd-5th Math

April 22nd-23rd: 6th-8th Math

**Track 2025:** Our track season is right around the corner. Practices will start Wednesday, March 5th after school from 3:30-5:30 p.m. All 6th-8th graders are welcome to come check it out the first week of practice. There is a parent meeting at 5:30 p.m. after the first practice on Wednesday, March 5th. Please try to attend this meeting if your middle school student(s) is going out for track. Jayden Seiwert, Sami Fairchild, Matt Sauber, & Cyndi Weber will be coaching the team again this season. They would love to have additional help. If anyone is interested in helping coach these awesome kiddos, please let Mrs. Spexarth or Jayden Seiwert know! His email is [jaydenseiwert02@gmail.com](mailto:jaydenseiwert02@gmail.com). Jayden will be sending an email to all middle school parents sometime in the next week or so. Please be on the lookout for that email that will contain more information about what to expect for the season.



Students practicing their bowling skills in P.E. and Mrs. Charles took a break to have some scooter fun with the first graders!