



# CRUSADER CONNECTION



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11: Spirit Day
- April 11: Passion Play by 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade @ 6:30pm
- April 12: CSAL Track Meet
- April 12: Confirmation @ Cathedral 10am
- April 17: Holy Thursday Crusader Meal
- April 17: Passion Play by 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade (Early dismissal @ 1pm)
- April 18: Good Friday - No School

**Passion Play:** As a thank you to the parishioners and families of St. Joe Ost for supporting the school, we want to invite everyone to join us for the Passion Play on **April 11, 2025**. This is a live performance of the Stations of the Cross by our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, with junior high choir. The Passion Play has been a production in St. Joe for over 20 years. We hope to see everyone there!

- 6:30pm in Eck Family Fieldhouse
- Performed by the St. Joe Ost 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders

**Lenten Dinner:**

- Free will offering dinner will follow the Passion Play performance
- Spaghetti, shrimp alfredo, breadsticks, and salad
- Proceeds benefit the Academic Fund which sponsors Scholar's Bowl, Religion Bowl, Battle of the Books, and Robotics

*Holy Thursday: The Passion Play will also be performed on Holy Thursday, April 17, at 12:15pm. Parents and guests are welcome to attend on this date as well! Thank you!*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Spirit Day Coming Up:** The next Spirit Day will be **Friday, April 11th**. Students are invited to wear spirit shirts with jeans. Jeans must be free from rips, tears, and holes. If girls prefer, they may wear spirit shirts with their plaid jumpers or skirts. Tennis shoes/boots are allowed, no UGGs or UGG knockoffs. Thank you for adhering to our policy for Spirit Dress Days!

**Passion Play:** On **Friday, April 11**, the 6th-8th graders are performing the Passion Play. It will begin at 6:30 PM in Eck Family Fieldhouse, followed by the meatless dinner. Spaghetti, shrimp alfredo, breadsticks, and salad will be served. Feel free to support the middle schoolers by watching their live production of Stations of the Cross and having dinner after!

**State Assessment Testing Schedule:** As we continue with State Assessments the next couple weeks, please review the testing schedule below. Please be mindful of the dates when planning dr. appointments, trips, etc. Thank you!

- **April 15th-16th:** 3rd-5th Math
- **April 22nd-23rd:** 6th-8th Math

**Holy Thursday Crusader Meal:** **April 17th (Holy Thursday)**, the students and staff will be sharing a meal together. We are all gathering in the Parish Hall beginning at 10:45 to enjoy a meal that will consist of ham, au gratin potatoes, seasoned cooked carrots, seasoned green beans, salad, dinner roll, and apple crisp.

We are encouraging all students to partake in this meal and accommodations will be provided for students with food allergies. However, if you are not comfortable with this, your child(ren) can bring a lunch from home but we are asking that you not send any items that contain peanuts/all nuts. Your child(ren) could sit by someone who is allergic to peanuts/all nuts.

The school office will be closed on Holy Thursday from 10:45-12:00 and the students will be dismissed at 1:00. There will be no Extended Day so please plan accordingly.

**Holy Thursday Passion Play:** We encourage parents, grandparents and friends to join us in the Eck Family Fieldhouse on **Holy Thursday** for the 8th grader's Passion Play at 12:15.

**Easter Parties:** All classrooms have a parent organizer for our Easter Parties on **Tuesday, April 22nd**. Thank you!! The parties will begin at 2:30pm. The students are allowed to wear jeans with a faith-based t-shirt or a spirit shirt. Jeans are to be free of rips, tears, and holes.

**Chick-fil-A Spirit Night:** **Monday, April 28th** will be our final Chick-fil-A Spirit Night for this school year! This year's proceeds have gone towards our Academic fund. This fund covers the cost for class field trips, entry fees for Battle of the Books, Religion Bowl, Scholar's Bowl, etc. Thank you for supporting this cause!

**Bus Driver Needed Fall of 2025:** Mrs. Brenda Depenbusch has made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this current school year. We thank Mrs. Depenbusch for her many years of service to St. Joe, Ost. She has been a huge attribute to the success of our school! She will be greatly missed. With that being said, we are currently looking for her replacement. This person must have a CDL with passenger and air breaks endorsements. If you, or know of someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs. Charles at lcharles@sjost.com or (316)444-2548. Please spread the word! Thank you!

**Dress Code:** With the month of May approaching, it is a good time to revisit our policies in regards to shorts worn by both girls and boys. Students may wear the navy blue uniform shorts to Mass on regular school days. For field day and dress down days, if students choose to wear non-uniform shorts, they may change into those following Mass. All shorts, uniform or not, can be no shorter than two inches above the knee. If this policy is not adhered to, the student(s) will be asked to put their pants or sweats back on for the remainder of the day or a phone call will be made home if they do not have the appropriate attire. See attached flyer for details regarding the length of shorts.



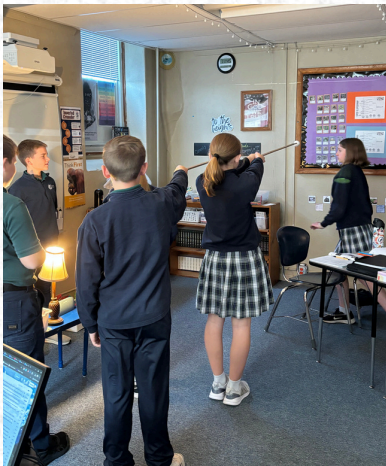


# ACTIVITIES

*from this week*



7<sup>th</sup> grade investigates mass and falling objects



6<sup>th</sup> grade modeling moon phases



6<sup>th</sup> grade cup stacking tournament



# ACTIVITIES

*from this week*



Sister's feast day surprise from Mrs. Day



PE throwing stations



## Art Fair & Show Coming Mon. May 12!

St. Joe Crusader Field Day will host this year's art show. Each grade will count as one division [total of 9 divisions] First, Second & Third place will be awarded in each division. All first place entries will be displayed together- from these- a best of show & runner up will be selected. Everyone's entry that meets rules & guidelines will be on display.

### Rules

All grades eligible - ONE entry per student

All media accepted [media means like crayon, pencil, paint, clay, etc]

Must include FULL NAME and GRADE on back of piece or attached to work

Deadline- **THURSDAY, MAY 8**- no exceptions!!

Must be an original work.

NO Paint by number pictures, color book pages, or craft kits that all produce the same product-like shrinky dinks or "stained glass" sun catchers

NO artwork drawn on lined notebook paper, unless it is part of the intended design.

### Guidelines

Be Neat! Neatness is somewhat age appropriate- but everyone should strive for clean cuts if using a scissors- crayon, pencil or paint should be within the appropriate space intended- no excess globs of glue- no smears, smudges or excess pencil lines (these should be erased).

Sculpture projects such as clay, paper or wood should be sturdy and able to be easily moved without a part of the project falling away or needing to be repositioned- the whole project should be stable. Watercolors should be clean and bright, not overworked. Pencil projects should have a variety of values [lights & darks]

Be Creative! There are so many online sites to get ideas and even instruction. Use your imagination to create a project totally your own!

Most Importantly- **Don't wait until the last minute!** Good art doesn't just happen- it comes through trial & error!



# ART

