



CRUSADER CONNECTION



UPCOMING AT ST. JOE

September 12: Spirit Day

September 17: St. Joe hosting 6th-8th volleyball

September 24: Fall Individual Pictures

September 24-25: Parent/Teacher Conferences



Sr. Mary Teresa's 1st Graders singing to the office staff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spirit Day Tomorrow: The first Spirit Day of the new school year is tomorrow, **Friday, Sept. 12th**. 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.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 24th** from 4:00pm-7:00pm and **Thursday, Sept. 25th** from 10:00am-7:00pm. You should have received, this past Wednesday at 7:00pm, an email from your child's teacher that includes the link for you to use to sign up for a day/time. The teachers look forward to visiting with you about your child's progress.

Picture Day Wednesday, Sept. 24th: Kayla Tate will be here **Wednesday, Sept. 24th** for individual fall portraits. This year's background will feature the colors cream, blue, and green. Although Kayla will be photographing the 4 year old pre-k students, if you have a 3 yr old preschool student and would like to have your child photographed, please feel free to come anytime between 8:15 and 12:15 and we'll get your child's photo taken! After Kayla has time to proof the photos, she'll create class galleries. She'll then send me the links to the galleries and I'll forward them to parents to view and order.

Picture Day Dress Code: Students may wear jeans or slacks (no holes, rips or tears); girls may wear skirts or dresses as long as the hem level falls at the top of the knee. Shirts must have appropriate images and messages; no hoodies, tank tops or crop tops.

Morning Arrival: Please remember that students need to go directly to their class upon arrival at 7:30am. Teachers are seeing an increase of students who are arriving to their room later than they should be. As a reminder, if the student is not in his/her room by 7:45am they will be counted tardy.

Dress Code Regarding Shorts: We are nearing the end of September and shorts will no longer be allowed until May. This also includes dress down days for birthdays.

Bus Parents: Rick Ries will be out of town next week, **Sept. 18th-19th**. Gene Giefer will be driving the bus so please have your kids at the bus stop on time.

Distinguished School of Excellence Awards: St. Joe, Ost has now earned three of the four Diocesan Excellence Awards! In 2021, we earned the award for Full Formation, followed by Catholic Culture in 2023. Just this year, the diocese awarded us with the "Fully Alive" Academic Excellence Award! St Joe, Ost is very proud of the dedication and hard work that our staff and students have put forth to receive these.

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Volleyball Games Sept. 17th:

- 6th grade: Wednesday, Sept. 17th @ 5:30 @ St. Joe, Ost
- 7th grade: Wednesday, Sept. 17th @ 6:30 @ St. Joe, Ost
- 8th grade: Wednesday, Sept. 17th @ 7:30 @ St. Joe, Ost

Mark your calendars to come out and cheer on our Lady Crusaders!!

Spirit Day/Pep Rally: Wednesday, Sept. 17th we will have another spirit day with a pep rally beginning at 2:30pm. The 6th-8th graders may wear their jerseys with jeans if they are participating in volleyball, football, or cross country. All other students K-8th may wear spirit shirts with jeans. Please adhere to the dress code policy regarding spirit dress days.

Thanks, Kindergarten Parents: We appreciate your time and efforts in completing the ASQ's: Ages and Stages Questionnaires! If you have not completed both questionnaires, please do so by the end of the day tomorrow, **Friday, Sept. 12th.**

Bierocks: Bierocks are available for sale! Orders are frozen and packaged by the dozen. Bierocks can be picked up at the school office from 8:30 am - 4 pm when school is in session and in the parish office with prior arrangement, 316-444-2210. All bierock sales support the St. Joseph Ost Catholic School general fund. Place order using the link or by scanning the QR code: <https://auctria.events/2025FallBierocks>

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Garden Plain Mini-Cheerleader Clinic: All young ladies from pre-school (4 years old – **MUST BE POTTY TRAINED**) through 6th grade are welcome to attend. The clinic will be held on **Sunday September 28** from 1pm - 4pm and the Performance night is Friday October 3rd at the home football game vs Haven.

1. We are going paperless this year for registration and we also have a link to view and order mini cheer t-shirts. Links for registration and t-shirt store are in the attachment below.

2. We will still send a paper copy of the letter attached below in Thursday Packets this Thursday August 28.

3. Please complete the registration form, and t-shirt order by Tuesday September 9th. No late t-shirt orders will be allowed. T-shirts will be ready for pickup the same day as the clinic.

4. Please make checks payable to GPHS and drop off payment to GPE office or GPHS office. If you would like to pay by Venmo - @Page-Arnold.

If you have any questions please email Page Arnold, page.stuhlsatz@usd267.com or Tammy Gallagher, tammy.gallagher@usd267.com



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Andale Volleyball Tailgate: The Andale Volleyball Team will be serving Walking Tacos at their tailgate on Friday starting at 5:00 pm. Please consider supporting the volleyball team before the BIG game!





ACTIVITIES

from this week



The middle school learned about St Carlo Acutis this week through clips from an upcoming movie about him. This was made possible because of a donation for our school to access Hallow. Thank you!



6th Graders did a jigsaw to learn about the four different stages of Lectio Divina before they practiced the prayer process themselves.



6th models erosion and deposition in science.



We were in good hands with a preschooler holding down the fort in Mrs. Charles' absence this week while she attended a Diocesan principals meeting.