



CRUSADER CONNECTION



UPCOMING AT ST. JOE

January 29: 7th & 8th Grade Religion Bowl

January 29: 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ St Mary, Derby

January 31: 6th Grade Boys Basketball @ Holy Savior, Wichita

February 2: 8th Grade Boys Basketball @ Holy Savior, Wichita

February 18: Dental Checks

ADORATION AROUND THE BURNING BUSH



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Schools Week: We've been having an amazing week celebrating our awesome catholic school! On Tuesday, our daily Mass was con-celebrated by a few of our supporting pastors, Fr. Floyd McKinney, Fr. Tatro, Fr. Pat York, Fr. Gile, Fr. Brian Nelson, and Fr. Birket. Also joining us for Mass was Mr. Jamie Finkeldei, Associative Superintendent of the Diocese of Wichita Catholic Schools who presented a special award at the conclusion of Mass. Mrs. Brenda Doonan, our Special Education teacher was awarded the St. John Neumann Award! This award is presented to a full-time teacher outside of Sedgwick County who has taught at least 5 years, 3 in the current school and whose students have demonstrated excellence in academics. Congratulations Mrs. Doonan!

Just a reminder these are the activities going on tomorrow to finish our fantastic CSW:

· **Friday, Jan. 30th** – VIP Cookies, Coffee, and Water. We are excited to welcome all of the VIP's for a cookie reception in the Eck Family Fieldhouse (school gym) beginning at 12:30. Following the cookie reception, all are welcome to stay for the Talent Show at 1:00, put on by our amazingly talented students!

Thank you so much for your help: The students and staff had a fantastic time celebrating our Catholic faith and school this week! A special thanks to the Catholic Schools Week Committee members for volunteering their time to help make our week long celebration possible. A very special thanks to Amanda Casper and Katie Gorges for co-chairing the committee. It was a lot of work and these ladies, along with the entire committee, are greatly appreciated!!

Spelling Bee Winner: We had our all school Spelling Bee this past Monday and the winner was Ambrose Beying. Ambrose will represent St. Joe, Ost at the Diocesan Spelling Bee on **Feb. 24th** at All Saints. We wish Ambrose the best of luck!!

Eighth Day Books Book Fair: A huge "THANK YOU" to Ann Meng and the many volunteers that helped run our book fair during Catholic Schools Week. They spent countless hours and their hard work does not go unnoticed.

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!

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Dental Checks: February is National Dental Health Month! Dr. Lashley will be providing visual dental checks on **Wednesday, Feb. 18th**. If you provided permission for health and dental checks during final enrollment last July, your child will be included in the dental screening.

2026-27 Pre-Enrollment: Just a reminder that pre-enrollment packets are due **Tuesday, Feb. 3rd** to the school office.

WELCOME BACK: Please welcome back to St. Joe, Ost Mrs. Natalie Steiner. Mrs. Steiner will be teaching 2nd grade for the 2026-27 school year. Natalie has worked at St. Joe previously and is excited to return. She stated, "It feels like I'm coming home." We are excited Mrs. Steiner will be joining our staff. Welcome Back Mrs. Steiner!

Message from Mrs. Osborn:

I first want to thank everyone here at St. Joe for the past 15 years. I have grown so much as a teacher, spiritually, and overall as a person. Each and every one of you has played a role in helping me along this journey and I am truly grateful for that. Please know this has not been an easy decision, but I have accepted a 5th grade position at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton for the next school year. As many of you know, that is my home parish and it's much closer to home. The Holy Spirit has been working hard through my prayers recently and after interviewing, it was clear this is where I need to be at this point in my life. I'm excited for the change, but will miss so many things, especially all of you here at St. Joe.

-God Bless, Mrs. Osborn

Andale Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Update: The local Andale KofC Free Throw contest has been rescheduled to this **Sunday, February 1st** at 6pm in the Andale Middle School Gym. Warmup and registration will begin at 5pm.





ACTIVITIES

from this week



MRS. BRENDA DOONAN RECEIVING THE ST. JOHN NEUMANN AWARD. CONGRATULATIONS!



4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOL READ ABOUT "THE LITTLE RED HEN" AND MADE BREAD!



MR. SCHAWIE PLAYING A ROUND OF KNOCK OUT WITH HIS CLASS.



BURNING BUSH



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OUR 8TH GRADERS MADE THE JOURNEY TO TOPEKA FOR THE STATE MARCH FOR LIFE. THEY WERE BLESSED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE THEIR AGE IN MARCHING TO THE STATE CAPITOL AND EXCLAIMING THEIR PASSION FOR PRO-LIFE VALUES. ALSO, THEY WERE ABLE TO TAKE A TOUR OF THE STATE CAPITOL!

