



Coming Up:

- Feb. 27th & Mar. 2nd- No school
- Mar. 1st- German Dinner
- Mar. 4th- Class pictures
- Mar. 6th- End of Q3
- Mar. 6th- Meatless Dinner 5:30pm, Stations 6:30pm
- Mar. 11th- Vocation Fair (6th graders)



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

February 26, 2026

Crusader Connection Bullets

Pies for German Dinner: Just a reminder that a minimum of three **LARGE pre-cut pies** per family are required for the German Dinner. If you are working the 1st or 3rd shift, please deliver your pies to the **GYM** by 10:15am on Sunday, March 1st (please use the west gym door by the concession stand). If you are signed up for the 2nd shift, due to space limitations, please bring your pies when you arrive to work. You are also welcome to drop off pies at the kitchen on Saturday from 7:00am-12:00pm.

Reminder! No school Friday & Monday Feb. 27th, & Mar. 2nd: Friday, Feb. 27th is a comp day for our faculty. Monday, Mar. 2nd is a German dinner comp day. Enjoy your five day weekend!!

Class Pictures(Change of Date): Kayla Tate will be taking K-8 class pictures **Wednesday, Mar. 4th** in the Church. Students need to wear their school uniforms for picture day. Information about viewing the portraits and ordering will be emailed after Mar. 4th.

2026-2027 Kindergartners: Monday, March 23rd is the date that we will be administering the Dial 4 Screener for all incoming kindergartners. An email was sent earlier this week to sign up for a time that works with your schedule. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact the school office.



Track Coaches Needed: The 2026 track season is quickly approaching and approximately 40-45 of our middle schoolers participate in track. We are in need of assistant coaches to help Mr. Matt Sauber coach the team this year. Mr. Sauber can not do this alone. There is no experience needed. If you enjoy spending time with our students please consider being an assistant coach. Practices will start March 4th and will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, from 3:30pm-5:30pm. There are 4 track meets: April 11th, April 18th, April 25th, & May 2nd. All middle school parents should have received an email from Mr. Sauber earlier this week. Please refer to that email for more information. Please let Mrs. Spexarth know ASAP if you are interested in being an assistant track coach. Email: sspexarth@sjost.com or call 316-444-2548

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 8th-9th: 5th and 8th Science, 3rd and 4th ELA**
- April 14th-15th: 3rd and 4th Math, 5th ELA, 6th-8th ELA**
- April 20th-21st: 5th Math**
- April 20th & 22nd: 6th-8th Math**

Walk in Sisters Shoes(WISS): Walk in Sisters Shoes comes to an end on Monday, March 2nd. We raised over \$5,450.00, YAY!!! This money was raised by participating in \$2 for Tuesdays, Hat Day, CSW Snack Sale, Penny Wars, and the Ash Wednesday Parish Collection. Again, thank you so much!! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!!





Newest Addition to the St. Joe, Ost Family: We are pleased to announce that we have hired our 4th grade teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Please read her short bio below.

Hello! My name is Ellie Stewart and I am so excited to be teaching 4th grade for the 2026-27 school year. This will be my first teaching assignment and I feel very blessed to begin in such a strong community of faith. I am the oldest of six kids and come from a big extended family that I love spending time with. During my free time, you can usually find me with friends or enjoying the outdoors. I also have a special love for St. Therese of Lisieux and her "little way." I can't wait to get to know your amazing community this upcoming school year. Go Crusaders!



3rd graders experimenting with animal adaptations!



Indoor Recess

Students practicing their curling and bobsledding skills!



6th graders participated in Hat Day for WISS

