



Coming Up:

- Mar. 13th, & 20th- Meatless Dinner 5:30pm, Stations 6:30pm
- Mar. 13th- LETRS Work Day (no school)
- Mar. 16th-20th- Spring Break
- Mar. 23rd- Dial 4 Kindergarten Screening
- Mar. 27th- Seven Sorrows 26:30 (followed by a meatless dinner)



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March 12, 2026

Crusader Connection Bullets

2026-2027 Kindergartners: The Dial 4 Kindergarten Screening will be Monday, March 23rd. Thank you for signing up for a time that works with your schedule. We look forward to seeing our incoming class of kindergartners!

Q3 Report Cards: Just a reminder that we utilize PowerSchool's document delivery to send report cards home electronically. Parents will receive an email within the next few days with their child's report card attached. Access to the report cards is granted for only 7 days! Please contact Stacey Spexarth @sspexarth@sjost.com, if you have issues gaining access.

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

Class Picture Ordering Info: Hello Crusader Families! Thank you for another year of getting to photograph your precious kiddos for class photos! To keep the ordering process simple, there are only 2 options: a 5x7 digital copy of the photo (that you can print/share at your leisure), or a 5x7 print. Both of these options will be paid for online with the same link. In order for you to avoid a shipping charge on prints, I'll collect orders until 3/22 & then place a bulk order that will be sent to school to be distributed. Digital copies will be sent within 24 hours of ordering. Questions: kaylatatephotography22@gmail.com

Ordering link: <https://kaylatatephotography.pixieset.com/stjosephostclassphotos2026/>

Easter Parties: Easter parties will be held on Tuesday, April 7th at 2:30. (Preschool will hold their class parties on April 7th and April 8th during their normal class times.) We are looking for volunteers to sign up to be a classroom coordinator (one per class) for the Easter parties. What's expected of the classroom coordinator? Typically, the coordinator decides on one or two activities, crafts, or games for the students to partake in during the party. Then, he/she reaches out to the other parents in the class, via email or creates a Sign Up Genius, requesting materials for the activity, plus one sweet snack, one non-sweet snack, plates, and napkins. We do request, that if at all possible, the classroom coordinator, or another classroom volunteer, be at the party to run the activities/games/crafts and assist with distributing the snacks, especially for the younger grades. Please click the link below to sign up as the Easter Party Classroom Coordinator. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DA4A82BABFAC34-62851128-easter>

Miss Kelli will be sending out a separate sign up genius for the Preschool parties.



Reminder: Seven Sorrows of Mary: - Friday March 27, 2026 6:30pm, Eck Family Fieldhouse (A Lenten Dinner will follow the performance)

Per Father Bernie, all middle school students are required to participate in this performance. 6th & 7th grade students will need black clothing for this (black long sleeve shirt, pants, and black socks). 8th graders have been given specific black clothing information from Mrs. Peloquin. Practice for this will be handled during the school day. Students will need to arrive by 6pm that evening and meet in Mrs. Kremer & Mrs. Peloquin's rooms.

Another reminder will be sent the week of the performance, but please let us know if you have any questions. We look forward to sharing this prayerful experience with you all!

A Note from our School Nurse: Our school families have endured many sicknesses this Winter, but hopefully a new season of health will arrive with Spring Break. There are several studies that show brief breaks of in-person schooling (like Spring Break) can help reduce viruses in schools and community spread. To help our school families rest and recover, here are some strategies to try:

- ☐ Encourage frequent handwashing – Frequent handwashing with soap and water is still one of the best defenses against colds, flu, and other viruses. Encourage kids to wash before eating, and after using the bathroom. Hand sanitizer works in a pinch when soap and water aren't available, but if hands are visibly dirty, stick with soap and water.
- ☐ Maintain a healthy diet – A balanced diet with plenty of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and lean protein gives the immune system the nutrients it needs.
- ☐ Promote regular sleep – A tired body has a harder time fighting off illness. Try to keep schedules as consistent as possible, even on school breaks. School age children do well with 9-12 hours of sleep while teens do well with 8-10 hours.
- ☐ Stay hydrated – Proper hydration, through water and electrolyte replenishment helps keep mucus thin and clear, allowing it to better protect you from germs.
- ☐ Regular physical activity – Regular physical activity helps reduce stress, improve sleep, and boost immune function. Even a 20-minute family walk after dinner can make a difference.
- ☐ Good hygiene - Remind kids to cough or sneeze into a tissue or their elbow, not their hands. It's a small habit that can prevent a lot of germ-sharing.

Wishing all our school families a beautiful Spring Break.

Early Dismissal: St. Joe, Ost is hosting 5th and 6th grade Battle of the Books on Wednesday, April 8th. In order to get everything ready we will be dismissing school at 3:00pm. Please mark your calendars accordingly.



Our 2nd graders made their First Reconciliation this past Sunday. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to receive First Holy Communion on April 12th. @11:00am.



The AR Store is always something our students look forward to. Our 3rd graders enjoyed shopping this past week.



The 6th graders practicing for the Vocation's Fair.



Our 1st graders sure know how to have fun celebrating Dr. Suess's birthday.

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Ice Cream Party for Winning Class—April 8th!