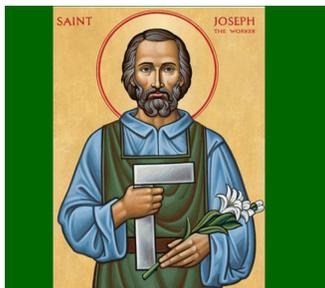


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ST. JOSEPH NEWS

St. Joseph Catholic School assists parents in developing good stewards who are both spiritually and academically prepared to live their lives in honor of God.



UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB. 17-20	Parish Retreat- 7:00-8:00 each night
MON. FEB. 18	NO SCHOOL
THURS. FEB. 21	Bake Sale sponsored by 2nd Grade
FRI. FEB. 22	4th Grade Famous Kansans Living Museum— 2:30-3:25
WED. FEB. 27	Donuts with Dad- info on back
THURS. FEB 28	Valley 9 Spelling Bee at Holy Spirit, Goddard
FRI. MAR. 1	1:00 Dismissal End of 3rd Quarter

LUNCH MENU

- MON NO SCHOOL
- TUES Hot Dog
- WED Chicken Wrap
- THURS Spaghetti
- FRI Taco Casserole

BAKE SALE

The second grade class is sponsoring this month's Bake Sale. Students can bring quarters to purchase delicious items. The special cause they have selected for this month is the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT INFO ON THE BACK ABOUT DONUTS WITH DAD!

Mr. Arnold's Message

There are a handful of principles that guide this principal's education philosophy. One of them is: If you don't give students something to look forward to, they will find something to look forward to. So we have actively sought out ways to engage our students in a variety of activities, projects, games, and rewards. I really believe that a happy student is a student that will be most open to learning. I am proud of the joy that fills our school and I hope you are too. That kind of joy must be carefully cultivated. Sometimes it takes sacrifice on behalf of teachers and parents as we adapt to something new, but I hope you feel that any struggles are worth it when you see the enthusiasm these initiatives foster in your child. I do appreciate when parents bring their concerns and questions to me, as some of you did when I tried to motivate the kids to read over our ice days by giving them a 5 minute reward in the gym. We have tried to be very intentional as we have gradually added Student Council, Virtue Families, exciting learning projects (like Mrs. Maus' animal dioramas), and fun celebration weeks like Respect Life Week and St. Joseph Pride Week. This week, two important notes came home about events the students are really looking forward to. The first was Beach Day. I will go into a lot more detail in next week's newsletter about this reward. We also sent home entry forms for our Talent Show on Mar. 19. I always want our students to have exciting things to look forward to doing and learning all the way until the last day of the school year!

WANTED: PLASTIC GROCERY SACKS!

Mrs. Judy Holtzman is going to be teaching our students how to help make sleeping mats for the homeless out of plastic grocery sacks. Would you please send any you save to the school? Thank you! We think this is a great way to practice the virtue compassion!

FAMOUS KANSANS LIVING MUSEUM

Mrs. Hartman has started a great tradition in the 4th grade and we would like to invite all families to the annual Famous Kansans Living Museum! It will be held in the gym this Friday, Feb. 22 from 2:30-3:25. Each student has researched a notable Kansan that they will dress as and share information with all the museum attendees!

VALLEY 9

A term you will be hearing of more in the upcoming months is Valley 9. I explained it a little bit at last month's PTO meeting, but I want all families to know about this group of schools we are now a part of. Valley 9 is a group of small schools-mostly rural and mostly Catholic-that have banded together to provide a variety of activities for their students to develop their talents. The 6th graders already enjoyed the Softball Fun Day at Haven this fall. I am really excited to see our students participate in several upcoming events.

- On Feb. 28, we will send two spellers from each grade to compete in the **Valley 9 Spelling Bee** at Holy Spirit in Goddard.
- On Mar. 5, our 5th and 6th graders will perform at the **Valley 9 Music Festival** at St. Pats in Kingman. They will sing a song as a choir, but we also have some students doing band and singing solos and ensembles!
- On Apr. 15 and 16, we will send selected artwork from all grades to be judged at the **Valley 9 Art Fair** at St. Paul's Lutheran in Cheney.

We are in the process of planning a Mathletics competition for 3rd and 4th graders that we will host here at St. Joseph! God has blessed our students with a variety of talents. I am hoping these events will help them recognize their gifts, and by interacting with students from other schools, be inspired to reach new heights!



