



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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WEEKLY WATCH

Dear Parents,

I'd like to take a moment to simply reflect on this month of May and the myriad ways our Lord has blessed our work at St. Joseph's. I'll begin on the first of the month, when I was invited to Junior High to listen to and judge memorized stanzas of poetry on the part of students, who were excited to share their talents and gifts. This was followed by a visit from Pius X on the 2nd to discuss bringing Junior Bolts Basketball to our gym and school in the fall, as a way to build participation and competition, if desired, in our lower grades with the basketball program.

The week of the 5th through the 9th brought Teacher Appreciation Week on the part of SFA. This included lunches and even massages for our hard-working colleagues. This same week we were entertained with "Alice in Wonderland" put on by our 5th through 8th graders and led by Mrs. Krinke. That week we also interviewed our 8th grade students who were applying for scholarships at Pius X. Their faith journey and life lessons, learned here at St. Joe's, were inspiring to hear. This was followed up by a beautiful Mother's Mass and May Crowning, which filled the church with moms and grandmas while we honored our Blessed Mother. Later that week we got to attend our PreK and Preschool end-of-the-year programs, closing with our special Staff Appreciation Mass, recognizing teachers and staff who had hit milestones or were leaving us at the end of this year.

The week of May 12th began with our SFA Picnic at the Zoo night. This was a new venue for us and we thought it went really well for our first year. The following evening, the 13th, we were able to celebrate Confirmation for our very patient 5th graders, who endured a rescheduling from March due to a snowstorm. It was a wonderful Mass and celebration with our bishop. The 8th grade graduation with our bishop and CAOs was the following morning at the Cathedral, as our students prepare for the transition to Pius X or other secondary schools. The following day brought our 1st-4th grade vocal program with a tribute to the jazz genre. Again, it was a very energetic and vibrant performance under the direction of Kathy Krinke, our vocal music teacher. Rounding out that week was the perennial wax museum, put on by our 5th grade class, along with a Mass in the morning honoring with our graduating Seniors in attendance, complete with a clap out and reception, sponsored by their parents.

This week brought a 6th grade auction on the morning of the 19th and graduation for our 8th graders on Tuesday evening, followed by Field Day today, on the last day of school, organized by our P.E. teacher, Miss Slattery. There have also been many field trips by our students in various grades as well as other events I'm sure I'm forgetting.

The Lord has blessed us in many ways and it couldn't be done without the hard work and dedication of our teachers, paras and support staff. Your partnership and support of us is the final puzzle piece that makes it all happen, with the grace of God. I pray you all have a safe, blessed, and wonderful summer!



Your servant in Christ,
Kevin Naumann



GRADUATION | MAY 20, 2025

Thank You!

There are so many to thank! First of all, thank you to our volunteers who helped make today's Field Day a success! It was cooler than usual, but the students still had a great time. Thanks, also, to all who have helped this year at recesses, lunches, prayer testing with students, presenting in classes, donating food for our staff meetings, your prayers for our school, and the myriad other ways you have supported us this year. We are grateful to God for the gift of each of you and your families!

Summer Office Hours

Our school summer office hours are **Wednesdays from 9:00 am -12:00 pm**. SCRIP will be available in the office during that time as well.

Before School Notice

Dear Parents,

At this time, we do not currently have staffing or volunteers for our morning time with students from 7:30-7:55. Barring a change in the status of either of these realities, I regret to say that at the current time, students should not be dropped off prior to 7:55 or sent into the church complex prior to that time due to a lack of supervision. I will certainly let you know when/if this changes during the course of the summer but wanted to let you know our current status for planning purposes. Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,
Kevin Naumann

Tentative 2025-2026 Calendar

The most updated [Tentative Calendar](#) for the upcoming school year is at the bold link. Other than the first half day of school, our early dismissal days will be at 1:00 pm so that lunch can be served to all students prior to dismissal. We hope this will be helpful for planning, and we will let you know when further updates are added.

Uniforms

Schoolbelles, our new vendor, has sent a variety of jumper and skirt samples for us to have on hand for try-ons! As you prepare for next year, feel free to visit our uniform supply during summer office hours on Wednesday mornings. **Please note:**

- Dennis uniforms are still allowed for our dress code.
- When trying on the Schoolbelles samples, please re-hang them neatly in the same spot.
- All used uniforms are available for a free will donation.
- We welcome used uniforms that your children have outgrown that are in good condition (especially jumpers and skirts). Please launder before dropping off at the office.
- Shop Schoolbelles online at [Schoolbelles](#). When ordering jumpers and skirts, please plan for growth in height.

Summer Tutoring

Christa Lux - Christa-lux@cdolinc.net or christalux18@gmail.com. Reading, writing, math K-2

Summer Reading List for All Ages

Many of you are dedicated to providing your child with books and times to read over the summer. I came across this reading list from The Good and Beautiful Library that has good books listed by age and by topic, anywhere from 1- to 2-year-olds through high school and beyond. Check out this [LINK](#) and support your child's reading! Here is also a [LINK](#) to their summer reading program.

Notes from the Nurse's Desk

PRE-K PARENTS & 6th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering Kindergarten and 7th grade are required to have a physical exam completed within 6 months of the first day of school as well as an up-to-date [immunization record](#) on file. A copy of the physical and immunization record is due in the school office by the first day of school.

7th GRADE PARENTS:

Students entering 8th grade that are planning to participate in school organized sports are required to have a sports physical on file. These may be completed after May 1st for the upcoming school year.

Note from the School Nurse office regarding potential measles outbreak:

As many of you are aware, the country has been seeing some outbreaks of measles, including in Colorado and Kansas. There is a legitimate concern that this outbreak will reach Nebraska. Please take some time to read the attached [letter](#) from the Superintendent of Lincoln Catholic Schools, Fr. Lawrence Stoley. It outlines what actions will be taken as recommended by the Health Department if a student or staff member develops measles. If a student is not up to date on their MMR vaccination and has an exposure to measles, the minimum amount of time that they will be out of school is 21 days. Based on this information, if you have a question about your children's immunization status, please contact your child's healthcare provider to discuss the benefits of vaccinating against this very transmittable and preventable disease. Thank you for partnering in the health of our St. Joseph's School community.

Beyond the Bell 2025-2026 Registration Open

Are you in need of something to bridge the gap between school dismissal and the end of your work day? Beyond the Bell has you covered! Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open. Visit <https://school.stjosephlnk.org/parent-info/btb/> to learn about BTB and find a button to the online registration form near the bottom of the page. Spots are filling up fast, so register today to secure yours. Contact us at JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program

Check out Nebraska's Summer Food Service Program! The program which provides free summer meals to kids and teens (ages 1-18) may be available in your area at select locations. The meals help ensure children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is out for the summer. There are many open summer meal sites throughout the state of Nebraska. Call 2-1-1 or text FOOD to 877-877. For information about the program and summer meal sites, visit <http://www.education.ne.gov/NS/SFSP/index.html>. Please note that the location Nebraska map showing site locations has not been updated, yet. Get updates via Twitter at **#NESummerMeals** and the Nebraska Department of Education-Nutrition Services' Facebook page.

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