

FEBRUARY 2023 MONTHLY MESSENGER



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KNIGHTLY NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Happy Catholic Schools Week! We hope you are able to take part in many of the different aspects throughout the week as we celebrate students, teachers, parents and our professed religious and priests. To that end, I would like to take this opportunity to request your prayers for our interviews and discernment as we enter the hiring season. Please see this [LINK](#) to the prayer if you care to say it individually or as a family over the course of next week and the next couple of months.

We have noticed a shift in the supply and demand of teacher candidates over the last couple of years, exacerbated by the pandemic and stress associated with it, as you may have seen in the national media. To that end, the Nebraska Catholic Conference has written in support of a bill in front of legislature, LB188, that would help encourage members of the armed forces who have been honorably discharged to consider the possibility of a career in education. I'll include my full testimony below as a link as well. To be clear, I did not speak on behalf of the school or St. Joseph's Parish, rather as a principal serving in a diocesan school. I invite you to share any ideas or insights you may have for the recruitment and retention of our teachers, so important for the continuity of instruction for your children, our students. May God bless you this month and during our week of special celebration.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin L. Naumann
Principal

**Please click this [LINK](#) to see Mr. Naumann's testimony.*

Catholic Schools Week

It's every student's favorite time of year! Catholic Schools Week is a nation-wide celebration of the gift we have of investing in the eternal future of our children by providing them with a solid Catholic education. For a list of this year's themes and events, the week of **January 29-February 4**, please check out this [LINK](#). A few items are still being finalized and will be updated in future newsletters.

SFA Morning at the Movies

What better way to end Catholic Schools Week than with Morning at the Movies? St. Joseph SFA is hosting movies at Marcus East Park Cinema on **Saturday, February 4**. Donuts and Juice available at 8:45 am, and movies start at 9:30. See the attached [flyer](#) for more information. **Students must be accompanied by an adult.*

BIST Tip:

I can do something even if it's hard or I don't want to.

As one of our BIST Goals for Life, this one hits home with children and adults alike! We all have times that we don't want to do things, but we need to do them anyway. At school, when children are facing challenges, this is a helpful reminder that God gave us the power to choose to do what needs to be done. For children who are hesitant, this is a confidence builder. For children who get easily frustrated, this is a helpful reassurance. For children who get angry, this is a calming reminder. We suggest using this same language at home with your children when circumstances warrant. An effective way to do so is to use a calm voice to remind, then give a little space for the child to think about it. They might be surprised to hear it coming from you, but it will be a great tool to show them that, whether at home or in school, God gives us the tools to make good choices.

Lunch and Recess Volunteers

St. Joseph School is in need of Lunch and Recess volunteers. Below are links to the sign-up forms.

Kindergarten Recess: [Click K](#)

1st and 2nd Recess: [Click 1&2](#)

3rd and 4th Recess: [Click 3&4](#)

5th and 6th Recess: [Click 5&6](#)

7th and 8th Recess: [Click 7&8](#)

February 2023 Events

- 1** 6B Class Mass
CSW Uniforms or Dress Up for the Lord Day
- 2** 6C Class Mass
CSW "Mismatch" Day
8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball game, 2:00 pm
- 3** Melodic Knights Class Mass
CSW Free Dress Day
Mission Collection
1:00 PM DISMISSAL
- 4** **SFA Morning at the Movies—East Park, 9:00 am**
- 6** 8C Class Mass
Student Confessions
Pius X New Student Open House, 7:00 pm
- 8** 5B Class Mass
Kindergarten Preview, 3:45-5:00 pm
- 9** Youth Choir Class Mass
- 10** 1B Class Mass
- 14** 7C Class Mass
P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
Preschool Preview, 5:00-7:00 pm
- 15** Melodic Knights Class Mass
School Advisory Council, 5:30 pm
- 16** P/T Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
- 17** **NO SCHOOL (Comp Day)**
- 20** **NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day & CLC)**
- 21** **NO SCHOOL (BIST PD am)**
First Communion Parent Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 22** **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Mission Club Class Mass
Pius X 8th Grade Visit, 2:30 pm
- 24** Children's Stations of the Cross, 2:55 pm
- 25** **First Penance, 10:00 am**
- 28** Mission Club, 3:20-4:30 pm



Nursing Notes

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services recommends yearly dental screening for all students. If able, please turn in a copy of the most recent dental visit for your child(ren).

All 8th grade students participating in sports are required to have a sports physical on file that has been completed within the last year (7th grade physicals do not count).

It is school policy that your child needs to be symptom free (no fever or vomiting) for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication before returning to school and/or participating in school organized events. Please continue to notify the office if your child has been diagnosed with an illness such as Influenza, Strep, RSV, etc.



Kindergarten Preview

Do you have a child who will be ready for Kindergarten next year? If so, get ready for Kindergarten Preview! We will be hosting an in-person event for your incoming Kindergartner on **February 8 from 3:45-5:00 pm**. We are excited to meet your soon-to-be kindergartener! Please contact Emily Klein at emily-klein@cdolinc.net to indicate your pre-registration choice for St. Joseph School. This year, more than ever, it will be essential to register early in order to determine staff placement and the number of Kindergarten sections for next year, since we are committed to classes no larger than a twenty-to-one ratio between students and teachers.

Preschool Registration & Preview

Thinking of Preschool? It's not too early to start! Informational meetings with the preschool teachers are available **Tuesday, February 14, 2022 from 5:00-7:00 pm**. Contact Emily Klein at Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net or 402-489-0341 to sign up for a time. Preschool registration is also open for the 2023-2024 school year! Contact Emily Klein to register your child in the 3-year old or Pre-K sections now. Inquire about our 2-day, 3-day, and 5-day options.



★ PRESIDENTS' DAY ★

Enrollment Projection Forms

Enrollment Projection Forms have been sent home. **Filling out this form is necessary by every family.** Returning the form helps us better project accurate staffing for next school year. These forms are due back to the school by **February 6**. **If you have not already turned one in or are unsure if you turned one in, please email Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.**

***Please note that by returning this form your family has not registered for the 2023-2024 school year. Online enrollment for the 2023-2024 school will open mid-February. More information will be given out closer to open enrollment.**

NEWS

Winter Outdoor Recess Policy

It's that time of year! The following is our Outdoor Recess Policy, always subject to teacher discretion. To review other recess guidelines, see the parent handbook on pages 20-22. Thank you for sending your children properly dressed for cold weather!

Blacktop

- When the blacktop is ice covered, students will have indoor recess.
- When the blacktop is snow covered, teachers will use discretion to determine if recess will be outdoors.

Temperature

- Teachers always have the option to take students outside for brief periods of fresh air.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is below 10 degrees, students will have indoor recess.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is between 10 and 20 degrees, students will go outside for part of the recess. The time will be determined by playground teacher discretion.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is above 20 degrees, students will have outdoor recess.

Thank you

Special thanks to those parents who provided the amazingly delicious breakfast casseroles, bagels and fruit for our recent faculty meeting. We are so grateful for your support!

Adoration/Benediction

Every Wednesday we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. All parents are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus. We also invite you to join us for Benediction at 3:00. If you would like to take a regular adoration time weekly or monthly, please contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net to schedule.

Weekend Pet Adoption?



If you haven't already heard Mr. Naumann has added a couple of friends to the office! Meet our hamsters Nibbles and Harriet! Both are available to "adopt" for the weekends. They can be taken home Friday after school and be brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to "adopt" Nibbles or Harriet for a weekend, send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341, and we will put you on our list! Both hamsters are available starting this upcoming weekend.

2023-2024 School Dates

August 16, 2023

1st Day of School (1/2 day- NOON dismissal)

December 20, 2023

1/2 day- NOON dismissal (Christmas break begins)

January 4, 2024

School resumes

March 28-April 2, 2024

Easter Break

May 23, 2024

Last Day of School (full day)



Job Opportunities at St. Joseph

St. Joseph Catholic School is seeking faith-filled, dynamic individuals to fill several positions for the 2023-2024 school year and one beginning in March 2023. All positions involve furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive Catholic learning environment. Please send resume and references from supervisors to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

Spanish Teacher

Full or part-time available. Must have a solid working knowledge of Spanish (fluency preferred) and age-appropriate means of promoting language development for all grades PreK-8. Strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential. Start date August 2023. Salary based on educational background and experience.

Para Professional

Start date March 2023. Position involves working well with children, carrying out tasks for teachers, recess/lunch duties and production (working knowledge of computers and office equipment). Confidentiality, flexibility, and strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential.

2nd Grade Teacher

Strong collaboration and experience with diverse learning needs are key qualities desired. Start date August 2023.

Part-Time Art Teacher

A vibrant art educator who is strong in positivity and communication skills is ideal for this position. Start date August 2023.

8th Grade Pius X Open House

Eighth-grade students and their families are invited to attend the open house at Pius X Catholic High School, 6000 A Street, at 7:00 pm on Monday, February 6. Sign-up is not required. There will be a short presentation, tours of the school, a chance to explore some of the many school activities and clubs, and opportunities to ask questions. Learn more about our Catholic high school at PiusX.net/openhouse.

CANA 2023 Reminder

CANA is in just 2 days away! RSVPs are now closed, but you can still participate! Silent Auction items will be open for bidding starting at 9:00 am on Wednesday, January 25 until 9:30 pm on Saturday, January 28! * Make sure to register at <https://one.bidpal.net/cana> and scout out your favorites to be ready when bidding opens!

While you're on the auction site, please consider contributing to our donation match; a generous donor will match all monetary contributions up to \$150,000!! So, for example, your \$25 will become \$50. All donations to CANA are tax-deductible and will support improvements and programs at both the Church and School. There are multiple ways to donate:

1. Visit <https://one.bidpal.net/cana>
2. Donate directly to the Parish fund at <https://www.osvhub.com/stjosephlnk/funds/cana-2023>
3. Text CANA to 243725
4. Bring or mail a check to St. Joseph Church with "CANA 2023" in the memo line.

We appreciate all your support!

**For the Live Auction, you must either be present to bid or have a proxy bidder at the event.*

Meals for the Sisters

Dear School Families,

The past few years we have been blessed with the opportunity to provide weekly meals for the School Sisters of Christ the King who teach in our schools. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to sign up to participate in this very important ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

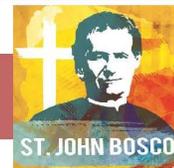
Cara Matthes, St. Joseph meal coordinator
Call 402-840-1647
Or email caramatthes@neb.rr.com

CALENDARS

February Events



February 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
(1/30) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK <i>*Please refer to the CSW schedule HERE for details about each day.</i>	(1/30) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 8B Class Mass <i>Free-dress bottoms* and St. Joseph or WFC t-shirts</i> Day 5	(1/31) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 6A Class Mass <i>*What I want to be when grow up* Dress-up Day</i> Talent Show at 2:00 Day 1	1 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 6B Class Mass <i>Uniforms or dress up for the Lord. CSW dress-up guidelines HERE-</i> Day 2	2 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 6C Class Mass "Mismatch Day" 8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball Game at 2:30 pm in the Gym Day 4	3 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Melodic Knights Class Mass Mission Collection Free Dress Day* 1:00 DISMISSAL Day 5	4 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SFA Morning at the Movies 9:30 at East Park
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February Lunches

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Chicken Parmesan WG Bun Cucumber Slices Fruit Choice Milk	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Peas Garlic Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	Egg, Sausage, and Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Snack Fruit Choice Milk	Chicken Nuggets French Fries, Roll Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	1:00 Dismissal Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Ice Cream Fruit Choice Milk
Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortilla Green Peppers & Onions Fruit Choice Milk	Walking Tacos Corn Brownie Fruit Choice Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn & Roll Fruit Choice Milk	Mac & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
NO SCHOOL President's Day	NO SCHOOL	Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	Chicken Strips Baked Beans Roll Fruit Choice Milk	NO SCHOOL Comp Day
Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir-Fry Veggies Fruit Choice Milk	Cheeseburger WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	Ash Wednesday Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Mixed Veggies Fruit Choice Milk	Mini Corn Dogs Curly Fries Fruit Choice Milk	Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk

*Student lunch \$3.25 *Milk \$0.40 *Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
 *Adult lunch \$4.25 *Seconds of entrée or sandwich \$1.25 *Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday