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Summer 2025 Newsletter

Knightly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

I hope that this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, set aside by Mother Church, I find much to be hopeful for, here at St. Joseph's. Our attendance is up for the upcoming year, and our parents have been an amazing part of that recruitment enterprise. Thank you for spreading the good news about our educational program. I'm also excited to announce that we will have a part-time counselor for the upcoming year. She will be with us for three days a week this year, and the position will become full time in the fall of 2026. Much to be hopeful for there, as we have been praying for this for many years.



We are also excited to be starting a two-year program with East Campus and the WORDS Literacy project, as we look to deepen our understanding and best practices in the area of English/Language Arts. We are very hopeful to use this expanded knowledge and guidance from the WORDS team to carefully examine and choose a new series or curriculum, going forward, for our K-6 grades. SFA has partnered with us as well as the parish, in funding this potential adoption in the near future. Spiritually, I pray that the upcoming year will have many chances for our students, our families, and our staff to rediscover the hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, and what being a disciple of His can mean for us as we hope for our own salvation. May Our Lord bless and be with you.

Yours in Christ,
Kevin L. Naumann, principal

Upcoming Events

August

- 2-3** Class Lists Posted
- 4** New Parent Orientation, 6:30 pm
- 14** Back to School Ice Cream Social 6:30-7:30 pm
- 15** Assumption of BVM
(Holy Day of Obligation)
- 18** School Pictures 2:00-7:00 pm
- 19** First Day of School K-8 Noon Dismissal
- 20** First Day of MWF Preschool
& M-F/STEM Pre-K
- 21** First Day of T/Th Preschool

26 Back to School Night

K- 5:30 pm, 3rd- 6:15 pm,
4th- 7:00 pm, 6th - 7:45 pm

28 Back to School Night

1st-5:30 pm, 2nd-6:15 pm,
5th-7:00 pm, JH - 7:45 pm

September

1 No School (Labor Day)

2 New Volunteer Orientation, 6:30 pm

8 Student Confessions

Monthly School Rosary, 2:50 pm

12 BIST Consultant Visit

18 Health Screenings,
Preschool & 1-4th

19 1:00 PM Dismissal
(Faculty Meeting)

22-26 Walk for Christ Week

26 Walk for Christ Day

School Calendar

The updated [2025-2026 School Calendar](#) is on the St. Joseph School website.

Emergency Contact and Technology Policy

You have been notified if we have not received your Emergency Contact form or our Computer Acceptable Use Policy. If you have been notified please read over and fill out both forms to be returned ASAP. **Both forms were sent home in your Continuing Registration Packet back in the Spring, and were due in May.** If you have any questions please send it to Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

Kindness Pledge

Each year every Saint Joseph student needs to fill out our Kindness Pledge. Please talk through the meaning of this pledge with your child.

For students **K-2nd grade** use this [form](#).

For students **3-8th grade** use this [form](#).

These forms are due by July 31st. You have different options on how to return it to the school: it can be mailed in or brought into the school office during Summer office hours. If you have any questions please send it to Emily Klein, Emily-Klein@cdolinc.net.

Student Supply List

A supply list for next year is on the school website and [attached here](#).

Back to School Ice Cream Social

Come join our school family as we celebrate the new school year at our Back-to-School Ice Cream Social on **Wednesday, August 14 from 6:30-7:30pm!** (Following the 5:30 Vigil Mass for the Assumption.) Ice cream will be served in the school cafeteria. That same night, you can sign up students for Walk For Christ t-shirts in the library, check out your classrooms, and talk to your teachers!

School Pictures

School Pictures will be taking place before school starts! On **Monday, August 18th, from 2:00-7:00 pm**, pictures will be taken in Resurrection Hall. [Sign up](#) to reserve/revise your time. Please be sure your child comes on this day as we only have one retake date and want to make sure every child's photo is in our class directory.

Also, please review the [Dress Code guidelines, page 3](#) for non-uniform days when picking out your child's outfit.

Beyond The Bell

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.

Contact us at JHEL-beyondthebell@cdolinc.net with any questions.

Class Placement

Class lists with homeroom assignments will be posted after all Masses the weekend of **August 2nd & 3rd** for preschool through eighth grade. Please make sure your Tuition Agreement and registration is complete so your child(ren) will be included on the lists.

Welcome, 2025-2026 New Staff!



Isabelle Bertrand

Isabelle is a Lincoln native, who attended St. Peter's and Pius growing up. After graduating from UNL last May with degrees in History and Education, she spent the last year as a substitute teacher for the diocese, subbing in all grade levels across various schools. Isabelle highly values the time she gets to spend around her family (all 5 siblings, 5 in-laws, and 13 nieces and nephews!) In her free time, she loves pursuing her passion for the performing arts through dance, musical theater, and choreography! She's thrilled to be joining the St. Joseph's family, bringing students a quality education in an environment that allows them to become the saints God made them to be!

Cole Haugen

Cole Haugen began teaching in the public schools of rural northwest Missouri in 2017 after receiving his B.A. in History and M.A. in Education from Truman State University. Recently, he has taught 7th and 8th grade social studies for several years in the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. He and his wife Liz were married last year. They are looking forward to moving closer to her family and becoming more involved in the St. Joseph parish-school community. In his free time, Mr. Haugen enjoys spending time outside, and with family. Mr. Haugen is looking forward to sharing his enthusiasm for social studies with his students and teaching the next generation of Catholic citizens.



Claire Maguire

Hello, St. Joseph Family! My name is Claire Maguire, and I am so excited to be back at St. Joseph—this time as a second-grade teacher! I loved attending St. Joseph as a child and being back here is such a blessing. I graduated from Pius X High School and then Benedictine College, graduating with a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and an area of concentration in English as a Second Language. I then moved to Dallas, Texas and have spent the last four years teaching 2nd grade in a Catholic school. I am so grateful to be moving back home to Lincoln! I am one of four amazing siblings and in my free time, I enjoy spending time with family and friends, Jazzercising, reading, and being a part of a Bible study. Teaching has always been my lifelong dream, and my favorite part of being a Catholic educator is getting to teach young children that Jesus is their friend and witness the Faith through their eyes. Second graders are the absolute best, and I am looking forward to a great year!

Raphael Pepino

My name is Raphael Pepino and I can't wait to teach science here at St. Joseph's! I moved to Lincoln when I was just a baby and have loved living here for 24 wonderful years! My education began at St. Teresa Catholic School, and I stayed a student in the diocese of Lincoln until my graduation from Pius X High School! My career in education began at the University of Nebraska and has brought me to St. Joseph's!

I love telling stories, playing games, and spending time with my fiancé! During the summer you'll find me on the pickleball court, and when school starts, I'll be playing board games non-stop.

I can't wait for a wonderful school year here at St. Joseph's!



Ellen Judge

My name is Ellen Judge! I am originally from Maryland. Some of my favorite things include baking, running, and working with children! I graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2023 with a bachelors degree in psychology and am working toward my Masters in School Counseling through Doane University. I have spent the past two years serving as a missionary teacher and school counselor in a small town in Belize, Central America, with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity. During my time in Belize, my passion for contributing to Catholic education was deepened. Through my own experience as a student in Catholic schools, and my experience as a teacher in Belize, I have seen role that Catholic education has in the spiritual and human formation of the person. I'm am very grateful for the opportunity to serve the students at St. Joseph's as a school counselor. I look forward to meeting you and your families this fall!

Parent Handbook

Please read over our [2025-26 Parent Handbook](#). Then email JHEL-Info@cdolinc.net to confirm you have read and agree to the school handbook. We need a response from every parent/guardian.

Uniforms—School Belles New Vendor

Please visit the SchoolBelles website to order new uniforms at [Schoolbelles](#). You are also welcome to visit our used uniforms by the cafeteria for a free-will donation (Dennis Uniform items are still acceptable).

Parents of girls:

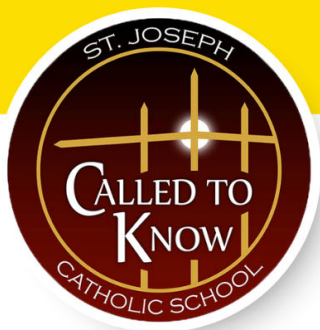
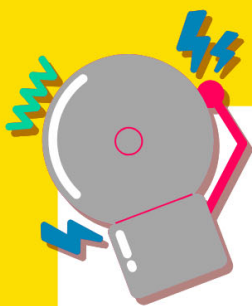
Please remember to start off the year with a longer jumper/skirt to allow for growth. Also, make sure it has ample hem to be let down as your daughter grows.

A written copy of the [Dress Code](#) policy is included here and in the parent handbook. You can also access a visual copy at [Visual Dress Code](#). Please be sure to study it carefully as you prepare uniform clothing for next year and review details with your child.

***Also, remember to have your child's hair color and style fit the dress code by Picture Day, August 18.**

School Spirit Wear

Family members can show their school spirit too! Visit [LINK](#) to shop now through the end of school! Purchasers have the option of shipping to their homes for a fee, or selecting a pickup location (i.e. the school) for free. Items delivered to the school with batch weekly.



NEW PARENT ORIENTATION

MONDAY, AUGUST 4
PRESCHOOL, 6:00 PM | K-8, 7:00 PM
RESURRECTION HALL

WELCOME TO THE ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL COMMUNITY!

Please join the Student Family Association and the School Administration for a new parent orientation meeting Monday, August 4 in Resurrection Hall. Preschool families, join us at 6:00 pm. K-8 families, join us at 7:00 pm. Enter through the Church doors.

Come learn the ins and outs of St. Joseph School and bring any questions you may have about the school year! Parents only, please. Only one parent is needed per family.



Medical Forms

These can be found on our website and attached here: [Medical Forms](#). We have a form for students who receive prescription medication and also one for non-prescription medication. By completing the latter form, you give us permission to give students non-prescription medication for minor things such as headaches, painful braces, etc. Please print, complete and return these forms to school.

Immunization Policy Update

Please take a moment to read over the Diocesan Education Office's update on the new immunization policy. [Attached](#) is a letter with this information. You may also find the following documents on St. Joseph website

Lunch Prices

Student hot lunch prices for the coming year are \$3.75/child. MySchoolBucks credit/debit card payment fees increase to \$2.75 per transaction ([see attachment](#)).

Salad Bar will be available as an entrée for 5th-8th grades and adults.

Online payment for lunches is at www.MySchoolBucks.com.

1. Register for a free account*.
2. You will receive a confirmation e-mail with a link to activate your account.
3. Add your student(s) using their school's name (St. Joseph Catholic School-Diocese of Lincoln) and student birthdate.

***For more information, check the Parent Handbook, p. 37.**

Volunteer Information

If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Gloria Jundt, Gloria-jundt@cdolinc.net, with your information. She will get back to you after **August 1st**.

Pastor:

Fr. Michael G. McCabe

Principal:

Kevin Naumann

Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Robert Froeschl

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Sr. Mary Angela, C.K.

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