



ST. JOSEPH MESSENGER

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April 2017



April 1-2 Landwehr, Randleman, Sojka,
Olivo families

April 8-9 Woolheater, Gallegos, Gruver,
Dowell families

April 15-16 Seiler, Estrada, Samples, Nguyen
families

April 22-23 Rueda, Akin/Schnoor,
Stephenson/Brusso, McGlynn families

April 29-30 Riddel, Hallacy/Redus, Petrask,
Dowell families



**There will be NO SCHOOL on Friday,
April 14th and Monday, April 17th.**



Our 2nd grade students will be making their First Communion on Sunday, April 30th, at 1:00pm. Please pray for our First Communicants as they prepare for this memorable day in their lives. Our First Communicants from St. Joseph School are:

Olivia Bolster, Natalie Cooke, Jaydean Garcia, Kennedy Gonzales, Nathan Landwehr, Fatima Ortiz, Jazper Pineda, Aedan Randleman, Anthony Riddel, Julia Rueda, Aimee Sanders, Riley Schoen, and Lucy Voboril.



April will be a very important and busy month for us as we get into full swing with state assessments. The teachers and students have been working very hard to prepare for these, and we are expecting great results. Please encourage your children to do their best.

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Thank you to everyone who have returned their pre-enrollment forms for the 2017-2018 school year. It is important that those who haven't completed the process do so as soon as possible. We would also appreciate knowing if there will be students/families who are not returning next year. This will help us in the planning process.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." -- 1Peter 1:3

State Assessments

Students in grades 3 through 8 will be taking state assessments in math, reading, and science during the month of April. English assessments will be taken in the morning the week of April 3rd; Science Assessments for 5th and 8th grade will be administered in the morning on April 10th and 11th; and Math Assessments will be taken in the morning of April 20th, 21st, 24th, and 25th. It is vitally important for both the students and our entire school that the tests are taken seriously and that best efforts are given by everyone.

Parents can help by ensuring that children in these grades come to school well

rested and ready to learn. Please avoid taking children out of school for appointments during testing weeks. Thank you for reading this newsletter. Your child/ren may have a free jean day on April 27th.

Jean Day

Our next jean day is Thursday, April 20th. Students may participate by bringing a can of food and \$1.00. Parents are asked to review the jean day policy in the school handbook, which states that students should wear properly fitting, regular, blue denim jeans. Shirts for jean day may not have words on them unless they express Christian messages or are St. Joseph logos.

Camp Scholarships Available



Did you know that the Cosmosphere offers scholarship money for students interested in attending camp who might not have the finances to cover the cost of attendance? The deadline for scholarship applications is **April 14**, so don't miss this opportunity. For more info, contact Laurie Givan:

**Phone: [620.665.9323](tel:620.665.9323) or
email: laruieg@cosmo.org**

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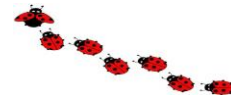
5th and 6th Grade



The 5th and 6th grade students just finished our Social Studies book study of Rush Revere and the Brave Pilgrims. We were so blessed to have received a generous donation from Rush Limbaugh, the author of Rush Revere, of books and goodies for the students. The student thoroughly enjoyed learning about history in a different way! They will most likely be asking for the rest of the Rush Revere series for their next birthday!

Pre-K ROCKS

Preschool is going strong! We just finished a unit on bugs where we learned about different types of insects, the life cycle of a butterfly, and why spiders and worm are not insects. Now, we are starting our gardening unit. We will learn the different parts of plants, what plants need to grow, and how they grow. We are preparing for Easter by learning about the Stations of the Cross and counting the days of Lent. We are also looking forward to a field trip to the Great Plains Nature Center at the end of the month.



Way to go!

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Congratulations to our school community who raised a total of \$1,643.16 to be donated to the St. Katharine Drexel Catholic School Fund! This is the largest amount we have raised. Thanks to everyone for a job well done.

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We will celebrate Easter as a school family on Tuesday, April 18th. The middle school students will fill Easter eggs and hide them for our younger grades. We have enough eggs from previous years, so please consider sending wrapped candy or little prizes for the eggs. Please don't send unwrapped candy (jelly beans, etc). Items can be brought to school now through the morning of April 18th (after Easter sales!!) After the hunt, we will have a treat in the cafeteria.

MRS. ALCALA

Mrs. Alcala had knee replacement surgery over spring break. While she recovers at home, we will have PE in place of Music. Please join us in prayer for a speedy recovery for our dear Mrs. Alcala!

Kansas Starbase

Launching rockets, programming robots, and designing on CAD are just a few of the

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activities students will experience during STARBASE summer academies. Students will be building skills in observation, investigation, science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), as well as gaining confidence while working in a team setting.

Summer academies are available to students who have completed 4th, 5th or 6th grade. For more information, go to <http://www.kansasstarbase.org/program/2017-summer-academies/wichita>

Don't become preoccupied with your child's academic ability, but instead teach them to sit with those sitting alone. Teach them to be kind. Teach them to offer help. Teach them to be a friend to the lonely. Teach them to encourage others. Teach them to think about other people. Teach them to share. Teach them to look for the good.

This is how they will change the world.