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International Creativity Month

Everyone should try focusing on something creative in their way of spending, using earth's resources, and communicating with each other. International Creativity Month is a chance for us all to explore and come together through our creative energy. This month people can celebrate by exploring new ideas to help the future in different ways. Anything that could help save time for busy people or enhance the moods of people who just want to relax in a much more creative way.

- Clay Hughey



Hot Chocolate Day



The SGA held a hot chocolate day on January 11. The SGA gave the hot chocolate away for free in honor of the day. The cold weather made the hot chocolate great for the day and kept us all warm. Hot chocolate, also known as drinking chocolate, cocoa, and as chocolate tea in Nigeria, is a heated drink consisting of shaved chocolate, melted chocolate or cocoa powder, heated milk or water, and usually a sweetener. Hot chocolate may be topped with whipped cream or marshmallows. Hot chocolate is consumed throughout the world and comes in multiple variations, including the spiced chocolate para mesa of Latin America, the very thick cioccolata calda served in Italy and chocolate a la taza served in Spain, and the thinner hot cocoa consumed in the United States.

-Ann Hunter Thompson and Max Perkins

National Blood Donor Month

January is National Blood Donor Month. National Blood Donor Month, which has taken place each January since 1970 by President Nixon, is such an important observance. Donating blood saves many lives and improves health for many people. When donating your blood you can also inspire others to do the same. Giving blood means saving others who need it most. Someone needs blood every few seconds in the United States and more than 4.5 million Americans would die every year without lifesaving blood transfusions. National Blood Donor Month isn't just for January giving blood all year around is way more helpful. Donating blood is a simple, safe process. All you have to do is register, take a mini medical history test and donate.

-Amari Strong



Jayme Closs Case

On October 15, 2018, Barron County Sherriff deputies responded to a call at 12:53 a.m. from an unknown person. The deputies arrived at the Closs home to find James Closs, father, and Denise Closs, mother, dead from shotgun wounds. It seemed to the deputies that someone, Jake Patterson, had broken into the house, and there were several 12-gauge shells found near the dead bodies. Thirteen-year-old Jayme Closs, the teenage daughter, was nowhere to be found. Authorities dispatched drones and dogs to search the area for the missing girl. An Amber Alert was also issued for the 100-pound, 5'-tall teen. For three months police and volunteers across Wisconsin looked her. After being abducted by Patterson for three months, she escaped one morning when he went out for a few hours. A lady named Jeanne Nutter was walking her dog about 4 p.m. when she spotted Jayme walking without gloves or anything very warm. Jayme walked up to Nutter said, "I'm lost and I don't know where I am and I need help. I'm Jayme." Nutter recognized her face and name. They both rushed to the nearest house and asked the owner to call 911 with the fear of Patterson coming to look for Jayme. The deputies came and took her from the house. Two sergeants saw Patterson in his vehicle and stopped him. One ordered him to put his hands up, then opened the door. Patterson identified himself. "I did it."

-Madison Knight



Catholic School Week

This year St. Joseph is specifically going back to the traditional Catholic Schools Week instead of Winterfest. Each day we have a fun dress up day and other activities may take place some time during the day. We all enjoy the activities during this week. On the last day we play games in the gym which includes joining your classmates playing volleyball and competing in relays vs other classes. These days help our classes grow together. Here at St Joseph, we are about education and having fun. That's what Catholic Schools week is all about!

Upcoming Events

- 1/27-2/1 Catholic Schools Week
1/28 Joint Mass with the Bishop at 9:15am SJCS's Lunch with grandparents
Basketball vs Delta Streets
- 1/29 SJCS's Tie-Dye Day
OLOL's Quiz Bowl
All students may dress as their favorite super hero
Basketball at Benton
- 1/30 SJCS Career Day
Fire Dept. visits lower elementary
Area professionals will speak to SJS & upper elementary
All students may dress as a specific career/vocation of their choice
Soccer vs Bayou
- 1/31 SJCS Open House from 8:30am - 6pm
SJCS's Valentines For Veterans
JV Basketball Tournament Begins
- 2/1 OLOL's Get Moving With Sara Hester
SJS's Taste of St. Joe during lunch and Relay Games in the gym
All SJCS students will wear their tie-dye t-shirts with uniform bottoms



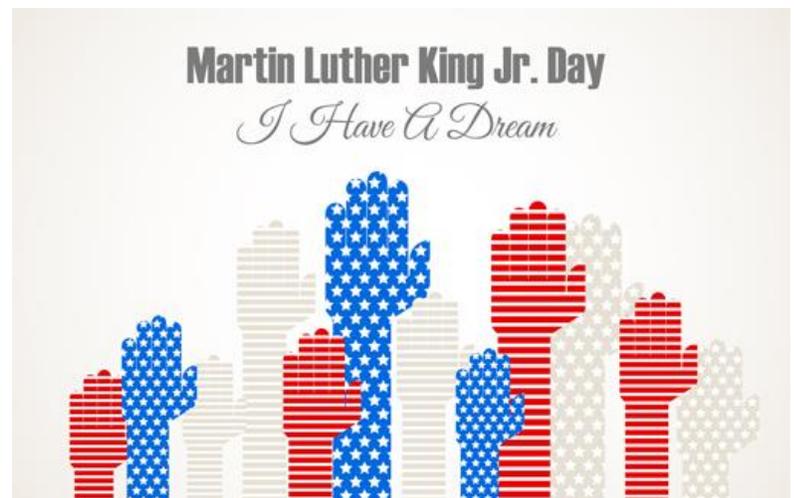
MLK Day

Martin Luther King Jr day is a federal holiday intended to mark and celebrate the life of MLK. This day is celebrated on the 21st of January this year. King was an American Civil rights leader, and made one of the biggest impacts in the African American community. To me, MLK made it where I was able to stand up for what I believe in. He is most famously known for his "I have a dream" speech, which impacted the lives of many in the past, present, and in the future. King's spirit will continue to live forever.

-Devin McCray

He was dedicated to making America a better place for ALL people. He sacrificed a lot for his cause and we should show our gratitude by honoring him not only on January 21st but year round.

-Simar Thomas



Lady IRISH BASKETBALL

The varsity girls have been off to a rough start with their season. Each game they play, the lady Irish never go down without a fight. A tough loss against Greenville Christian came down to a nail-biter. The girls went into overtime, where they finished the game 51-56. Ashanti Brown leads the varsity girls in scoring. The Lady Irish participated in the Red Carpet Bowl, where they defeated the Lady Flashers 60-41. District play will continue for them on Tuesday January 22, 2019 against Tri-County Academy followed by Manchester and Benton.

-Skyler Triplett



IRISH BASKETBALL

The boys varsity team is off to a pretty good start. The fighting Irish have won their last 4 out of 5 games and will be going into district as the #2 seed. Dillon Johnson leads the team in scoring, while Trey Benson leads in rebounding. The other fighting Irishmen play their role leading to success. On January 19, 2019 the varsity boys participated in the Red Carpet Bowl, where they defeated St. Al 77-68 becoming tournament champs. The fighting Irish will continue their play with remaining district games against Tri-County, Manchester, and Benton. Currently they are 8-4! Let's go Irish!

-Dillon Johnson



