

IMPORTANT DATES

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SUNDAY, JULY 29

■ **BANNER PICTURES:** Senior banner pictures will be taken at 2 p.m. in the St. Joe gym.
■ **FOOTBALL PRACTICE:** First to the Field, Bill Raphael Field, gates open 11:30 p.m., football practice starts midnight Monday, July 30.

MONDAY, JULY 30

■ **FOOTBALL PRACTICE:** First to the Field, midnight, Bill Raphael Field.
■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Practice, St. Joe gym, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Practice, St. Joe gym, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 1

SCHOOL CLOSED
STAFF RETREAT
■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Practice, St. Joe gym, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 2

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Practice, St. Joe gym, 3-6 p.m.
■ **BLOOD DRIVE:** Benefiting Finn Blaylock, cafeteria, 2-7 p.m.
■ **FAST:** Fine Arts Support Team meeting, St. Joe library, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 3

■ **VOLLEYBALL:** Practice, St. Joe gym, 3-6 p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 6

■ **STUDENT ORIENTATION:** Grades 8-11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 7

REGULAR SCHEDULE
■ **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Seventh-graders will have orientation today. Dismissal for all at 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 8

REGULAR SCHEDULE
■ **SCHOOL PICTURES:** Fine Arts theater, 8-10 a.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 9

MASS SCHEDULE
■ **MASS:** Fine Arts theater, 9:50 a.m. **DRESS UNIFORM REQUIRED.**
■ **MEET THE BRUINS:** Bill Raphael Field, time TBA

FRIDAY, AUG. 10

REGULAR SCHEDULE
■ **FOOTBALL:** Jamboree, Richland High School, TBD.

FINE ARTS UPDATE

SPEECH AND DEBATE returns to St. Joe this fall. Whether or not you signed up for the class, you can prepare for the year by attending a free debate camp at St. Andrew's. [Click here](#) to register. [Click here](#) to learn more about Fine Arts.



SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

THE BRUIN BUZZ

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Bruins open practice Monday



Mark the start of 2018 high school football when the St. Joe Bruins open fall practice at midnight Monday, July 30.

"First to the Field" will take place at Bill Raphael Field. The event is open to the public; gates open 30 minutes prior to practice at 11:30 p.m. tonight, Sunday, July 29.

First-year Coach John Bond, the former Mississippi State star quarterback, will lead the Bruins at practice. [Click here](#) to watch the official "First to the Field" video.

The Bruins will play in a high school football jamboree on Friday, Aug. 10. The team will open regular season play the following week with a road game Friday, Aug. 17, at Newton High School.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE ST. JOSEPH CAMPUS

Welcome to our new families

New to St. Joseph Catholic School and didn't receive an email welcome letter this week from Principal Dena Kinsey? [Click here](#) to read the letter online.

School tuition payments

Because school offices will be closed Wednesday, Aug. 1, the deadline for tuition payment has been moved to Friday, Aug. 3.

Middle, High School supplies

[Click here](#) for the seventh grade supply list. [Click here](#) for the eighth grade list. Incoming ninth-12th graders will receive supply lists the first day of school.

School pictures

School pictures are Wednesday, Aug. 8. [Click here](#) to order online. Visit the [Vowell Photography website](#) to order other school photos of sports and other events.

Bruin Burn moves to HC Week

Bruin Burn, the annual 5K run, is Saturday, Sept. 29. Look for more details next month.

TC's Uniforms

TC's Uniforms provides school uniforms. Call (601) 981-9274. [Click here](#) for more information. [Click here](#) for the website.

Student drivers

Students can pick up parking tags Aug. 2. Email frontdesk@stjoebruins.com with questions.

Finn Blaylock blood drive

A blood drive in support of Finn Blaylock, a St. Richard student diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, is Thursday, Aug. 2, 2-7 p.m. in school cafeteria. [Click here](#) to sign-up.

Spirit Steppers dance clinic

The Spirit Steppers dance clinic for K-6 students is 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 18. [Click here](#) for details.

ACT Prep Workshops

Holmes Community College will host ACT Prep Workshops on these Saturdays: Aug. 25, Oct. 20, Feb. 2 and April 6. Cost is \$50. [Click here](#) for information.

Draw Down volunteers needed

Jeans, Jazz and Bruin Blues Draw Down team is looking for more volunteers. Contact Tricia Harris at tharris@stjoebruins.com. The event is Saturday, Feb. 23, 2019.

Senior athletic banners

Senior athletic banner pictures will be taken in the gym at **2 p.m. today, Sunday, July 29**. The cost: \$90 for the first banner and \$75 for each additional. Make checks payable to Balfour.

Bruin Cafe information

The Bruin Cafe will provide dining services for all grades this year. [Click here](#) for more details. [Click here](#) for information on setting up a PayForIt account. **Please Note: Money must be placed in lunch accounts before students can use them.**

Upcoming important dates

■ **Monday, Aug. 6:** Orientation for new students in Grades 8-11, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch provided. School uniforms not necessary.

■ **Tuesday, Aug. 7:** First day of school. Seventh-grade orientation. Dismissal at 3 p.m. Uniforms required.

■ **Thursday, Aug. 9:** Mass, 9:50 a.m. Fine Arts theater. Dress uniform required. Also that night, Meet the Bruins with time TBA.

■ **Wednesday, Aug. 29:** Back to School Night, Fine Arts theater, 6 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m.

■ **Thursday, Aug. 30:** Mass of the Holy Spirit with Bishop Joseph Kopacz, 9:50 a.m., Fine Arts theater. Dress uniform required.

■ **Monday, Sept. 3:** Labor Day holiday.

■ **Tuesday, Sept. 4:** Classes resume.