

The Dreamer

Exclusive news for the St. Joseph's Indian School DreamMakers



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Bittersweet Goodbyes and Happy Hellos



“I’ll see you soon! You be good and have fun, okay?” a mother says as she squeezes her child tightly. He nods and says goodbye as she kisses him on his forehead.

The student is met by his houseparent and a high five.

“Hey, man! How was your summer?”



Move-in day was filled with bittersweet moments just like this. Hundreds of goodbyes and hellos took place as children, parents and Child Services staff made their way back to St. Joseph’s Indian School for the 2021-22 school year.

The quieter sounds of summer — the singing birds, whooshing waves of the Missouri River and rustling breeze through the trees — have been replaced. Now we hear the sounds of bike tires whizzing down the sidewalk, joyful laughter and the ever-so-often hollers of, “I can’t find my backpack!”

Both sets of sounds are beautiful, but the sounds of happy children are definitely preferred. It feels so wonderful to have the St. Joseph’s family back under the same campus roof.

After the Lakota (Sioux) children were welcomed back with a staff parade, students eagerly began their first day of school.

“Our students stay very busy and learn about a wide variety of concepts,” said Sharmel, principal. “Students have the opportunity to grow and learn in the areas that interest them



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I'm so happy
to be back
at
School! 😊



while also exploring concepts they have not experienced before.”

What does a typical school schedule look like, you might ask? We'd love to show you.

As the St. Joseph's family embarks on this new school year together with you, our **thiyóšpaye** — *extended family* — may we all look to **Wak'háŋ Tháŋka** — *Great Spirit* — to guide us.

“I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”

— Psalm 32:8

Philámayaye — *thank you* — for supporting the educational and other programs offered at St. Joseph's Indian School.

THIRD GRADE
(Typical Student Schedule)

8:00 AM: Homeroom for attendance and announcements, the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the Lakota Flag Song.

8:20-9:45 AM: English/Language Arts class

9:45-10:25 AM: Social Studies class

10:25-11:05 AM: Native American Studies/Library/Computer classes on a rotating schedule

11:05-11:45 AM: Lunch in the Dining Hall, with recess following

11:45-1:10 PM: Math class

1:10-1:50 PM: Physical Education/Art/Religion/Health classes on a rotating schedule

1:50-2:30 PM: Intervention time for students to get extra help in any studies they find particularly challenging, or to work with a specialist on a speech impairment, etc.

2:30-3:10 PM: Science class

3:10-3:30 PM: Study Hall to work on homework or missing assignments

After School: Activities and programs ranging from sporting practice and homework, to guidance and counseling sessions



DID YOU KNOW?

The Lakota phrase **owáyawa áye** means *they are going to school*.

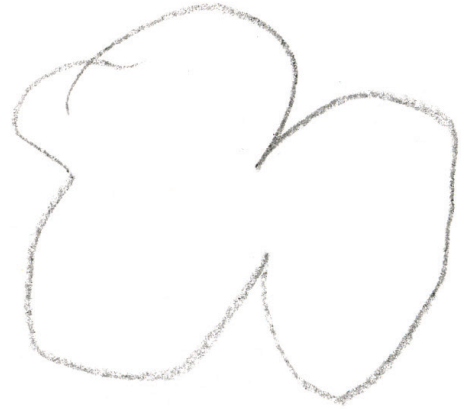
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Dear Friend,

I really thank you for giving to our school.

It's neat to get new clothes and shoes.

My favorite^{subject} in school is math. I really like to do multiplication and fractions. My favorite time at school is recess because I get to hang out with my friends. In the home we eat good food and play lots of games.

I hope you have a great year!

Thanks again!

your friend,

Latisha