

# The Dreamer

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

September 2022



## It's Been Two Long Years ... But Our Public Powwow is Back!

*St. Joseph's campus will be open to the public for powwow — the first time since 2019.*

The annual powwow is not only the highlight of the year, it's also the largest celebration we host on our campus every September.

In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, we closed our campus to the public on this special day in 2020 and 2021. People only had the option to livestream the celebration from home.

But, in 2022, we are excited to bring back the presence of loved ones — in-person!

"I am looking forward to having people return again and also for those who have never been here," said LaRayne, Native American Studies lead at St. Joseph's Indian School. "The energy you feel from the drum, dancing, and people present is something that doesn't travel across a gigabyte."

Students, their families, staff members and supporters from near and far will safely gather for a weekend filled with cultural demonstrations, dancing, food and fun. This year's celebration will take place September 17 — meaning showtime is less than a month away! Staff members are busy preparing for this upcoming event, while students are fine-tuning their dance skills for competition.

"I know that our students will be thrilled to have their family members be a part of the celebration. They are always excited to dance for friends of St. Joseph's (donors) but that feeling of having family members attend your cultural performance in-person is hard to top," said LaRayne.

Students dance while dressed in beautifully colored regalia. Not all families have the financial ability to provide their children with regalia of their own. But, with your support, St. Joseph's is able to make sure each student has fancy, traditional, grass or jingle dance regalia to wear. We are blessed to have an entire room

(over, please)

at our school with rows and rows of regalia for students to choose from at no cost to them.

If you plan to visit during powwow, please register now! If you are unable to make the trip, please follow along with us on social media. We will be posting live videos and photos throughout the celebration on our Facebook page. Follow us at [stjo.org/facebook](https://stjo.org/facebook)!

**Philámayaye** — *thank you* — for supporting programs and events like this at St. Joseph’s Indian School!

**DID YOU KNOW?**

St. Joseph’s Indian School has a Powwow Booklet with everything you need to know before you come to powwow or follow along from home.

Scan the QR code or visit [stjo.org/free](https://stjo.org/free) to download the FREE booklet and more today!



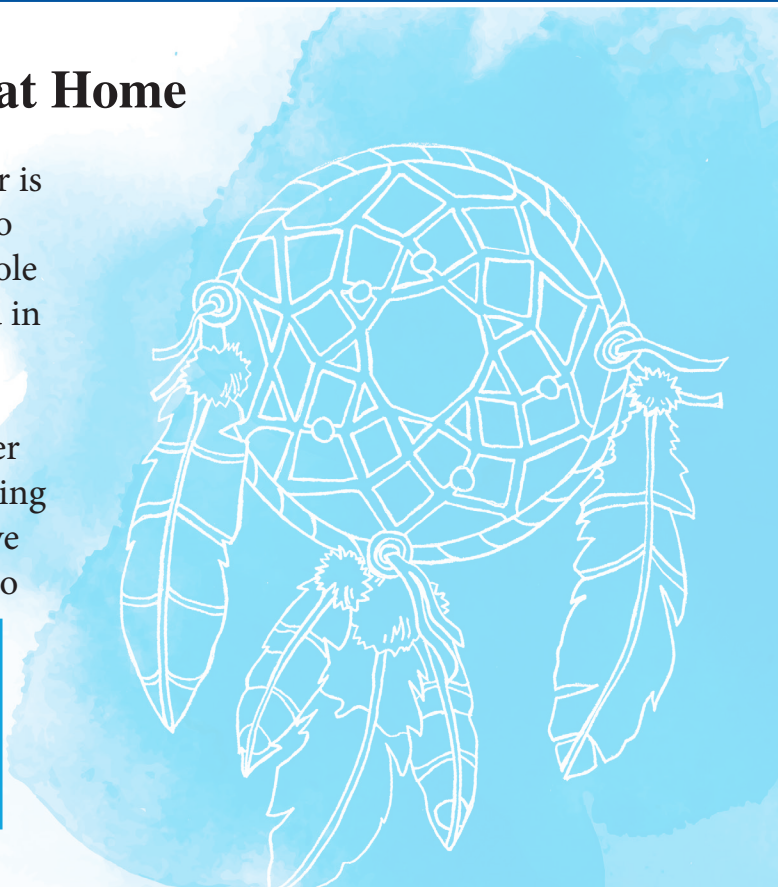
To register to attend our 46th Annual Powwow, please call 1-800-584-9200 or visit [stjo.org/powwow](https://stjo.org/powwow).

**Create Your Own Dreamcatcher at Home**

Native Americans of the Great Plains believe the air is filled with both good and bad dreams. According to legend, the good dreams pass through the center hole to the sleeping person. The bad dreams are trapped in the web where they perish in the light of dawn.

If you won’t be joining us the weekend of September 17 to take part in all the powwow festivities, including creating your own dreamcatcher, don’t fret! We have a video tutorial and printable instructions for you to make your very own dreamcatcher from home!

Visit [stjo.org/SweetDreams](https://stjo.org/SweetDreams) or scan the QR code to get started now.





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Anpétu WÁŠtÉ (Good day)

We just had our inipi ceremony  
and i want to tell

you about my experience.

At the lodge we all helped  
build it and make the fire  
for the Rocks.

I enjoyed being in it and  
sweating and all the heat  
to cleans my soul.

I am looking forward to doing  
it again, it was my very 1<sup>st</sup>  
time.

It is my dream to carry my  
tradition on.

Lila Wóphila (I am grateful)  
for you helping to make our  
inipi happen.

your friend from St. Josephs  
Indian School.

William