

The Dreamer

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



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A Day in a Student's Life at St. Joseph's!

What does a day in the life of a student at St. Joseph's Indian School look like? While it can vary from student to student, depending on age and grade level, days at St. Joseph's are filled with a lot of learning, fun and opportunities!

6:30 AM — Rise and Shine

Students wake up, have a hearty breakfast with their campus family, get dressed, make their beds and prepare for a day at school.

7:45 AM — Clean Up

Students clean up around the kitchen and dining table after breakfast and then wash their hands. Grabbing their coats and backpacks, students head out the door to walk the short jaunt from their homes to school.

8:25 AM — School Announcements

School begins with morning announcements. These contain typical school calendar announcements, and also happy birthday shout-outs where the "Happy Birthday" song is sung in Lakota; the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance; and the singing of the Lakota Flag Song.

8:30 AM — Morning Classes

While classes vary depending on the grade

of each student, students spend the morning learning the core subjects of Math, English, Science, Social Studies and Reading. Younger students have a morning recess built into their schedule during this time.

"Something I like to do is Math and Science!" said Kyler, a St. Joseph's student.

"Right now in Math I am learning about Algebraic Equations. In Science, we are learning about cellular respiration," said Secret.

11:30 AM — Lunchtime and Recess

Students eat lunch in the Dining Hall. Meals can range from chili and tater tot hot dish to spaghetti and cheeseburgers. Meals are always served with a hot vegetable, and there is also a cold salad bar with an assortment of fresh fruits and veggies available. Last year, our Dining Hall served over 28,000 lunches!

After eating, students burn off some energy on the playground.

Noon — Afternoon Classes

While St. Joseph's includes many classes found in classrooms across the country, we have a few classes that make us special. A student's schedule includes classes in Native American

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Studies, Religion, Computer, Art, Physical Education, Personal Living Skills and Library. These classes take place a few times each week on a rotating schedule.

As you can imagine these special classes, that include a lot of hands-on work, are often a favorite amongst the students.

“My favorite subject is Library because I get to read!” said Melissa.

“I mostly like to do Art because I love to draw and paint. I might want to be an artist,” said Lashanti.

“One subject I like is Personal Living Skills because it teaches me how to cook. Maybe I want to be a chef when I grow up because I cook with my dad. He says the importance of learning how to cook is to not burn down the house,” said Jalonna.

3:30 PM — Homework, Dinner and Fun

The afterschool hours of a student at St. Joseph's are usually filled with a little homework as well as free time to play outside or indoors and unwind from the school day. Campus families sit around the dinner table together and say a prayer before digging into a delicious meal.

“In my free time, I go outside and play with my friends when it is nice out,” said Demarius.

6:30 PM — Clean Up and Bedtime

Students take turns handling a household chore to assist their houseparents in keeping their home nice and tidy. Children can then finish up any lingering homework, read or play a game before it's time to shower, brush their teeth and go to bed.

As you can see, days are bright at St. Joseph's Indian School! It's all possible because of YOU! Your generosity gives students the opportunity to grow up in a safe place where they are cared for — *mind, body, heart and spirit.*
Philámayaye — thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

We mentioned a few things during the schedule that you can take part in yourself!

- If you'd like to hear the Lakota Flag Song performed, visit stjo.org/flagsong.
- If you'd like to hear the Happy Birthday Song sung in Lakota, visit stjo.org/happybirthday.
- If you'd like to cook some of the favorite meals served in our homes, get yourself a FREE recipe book at stjo.org/recipes.



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Dear , Friend / Donor

My name is Aubrea. I am in 7th grade. I am a member of the National Beta Club. Thank you for donating to us, I am very thankful for all you do. My favorite subject is Math. I like the activities that St. Joseph Make, and the food my houseparent makes. I participated in Basketball, volleyball, and XC (cross country). I would like to be a National Air Force Guard.

Sincerely,
Aubrea

