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Dear Tiyospaye,

Greetings to you and to those you hold dear. Every year, I am amazed at what a busy month June is on our campus! At St. Joseph's, like most schools in South Dakota, classes have all dismissed for summer and the vast majority of our students are at home enjoying their summer vacation. You might expect the campus to be quiet and deserted, but it is actually quite the opposite!



Rising Eagle Summer Day Camp participants gather at the marina for a day on the water.

Here at St. Joseph's, June welcomes the start of the Rising Eagle Summer Day Camp.

Every summer, St. Joseph's Indian School hosts a summer day camp as part of our outreach efforts for Lakota (Sioux) youth on the Lower Brule and Crow Creek Indian Reservations. The camp takes place on St. Joseph's campus the first four weeks following Memorial Day.

This year's camp begins on May 30. We are very excited to welcome children from local Native American reservations to our campus for days packed full of activities and fun!

Every weekday morning, our activity bus picks up approximately 50 Lakota (Sioux) children from their reservation communities. Anyone ages 6-14 can attend; some of our day campers are St. Joseph's students, but many are not.

2016 Rising Eagle Day Camp

- Served over 1,006 Lakota children from surrounding Indian reservations
- Provided 2,603 breakfasts, nutritious lunches, beverages and snacks to hungry little campers
- Drove 1,200+ miles safely transporting Native American children to and from their reservation communities
- Provided Lakota Studies classes, arts & crafts, swimming and outside recreational activities every day

From a healthy breakfast and lunch to Lakota Studies and swimming, campers enjoy projects that are both educational and fun!

In addition to our summer day camp outreach program, St. Joseph's Bookmobile is busy traveling the South Dakota roads to visit in various reservation communities.

For over 30 years, St. Joseph's Bookmobile has traveled all across the state delivering books during the summer months.

Native American families from many reservation communities are isolated – more than 30 miles from the nearest library, in some cases. St. Joseph's Bookmobile stops in church and school parking lots, parks and at lunch programs, distributing



The bookmobile brings books — and smiles — everywhere it goes!



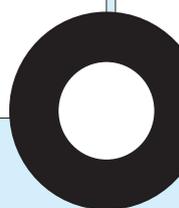
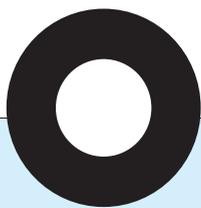
thousands of new and used books to hundreds of Native American children and adults. At summer school sites, teachers are able to choose up to 10 books for their classroom.

Wopila tanka — *many thanks* — for helping St. Joseph's reach out and provide hope to Lakota (Sioux) children all year long! In addition to the hustle and

bustle of our June activities, we welcome travelers to the Akta Lakota Museum & Cultural Center on St. Joseph's campus. The museum welcomes nearly 25,000 visitors each year, with most visits during the summer months. To accommodate this busy schedule, the museum is open seven days a week! Visit their website at aktalakota.stjo.org to learn more!

2016 BOOKMOBILE ...

- Visited 29 South Dakota communities
- Traveled nearly 2,000 miles
- Helped 1,362 children choose books they could keep
- Distributed 6,830 new and used books to Native American Reservation communities



Fr. Anthony takes part in a game the girls are playing.

As museum visitors and day campers come and go, so do St. Joseph's high school students! Summer is perhaps their busiest time of year as they prepare for the future in many ways. Driver's Education classes, summer jobs and involvement in various programs — Leadership Camp at South Dakota State University, INMED, Upward Bound and College Horizons — are all designed to prepare them for their next journey in life.

Some of our younger students need a safe place to stay after the regular school year has ended for a variety of reasons. For these children, St. Joseph's Indian School is their home-away-from-home ... even in the summer months!

The children residing in our summer homes remain on campus with loving houseparents who look after them. Every morning, they attend classes to keep their reading and math skills sharp. In the afternoon, they enjoy all the best summer activities — swimming, playing games and bike riding!

Our work with these precious Native American children would not be possible without your generosity and compassion.



A student helps their houseparent plant flowers in the garden.

Pilamaya — *thank you* — from all of us at St. Joseph's Indian School!

God bless,

Fr. Anthony

Fr. J. Anthony Kluckman, SCJ
Chaplain

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