

# The Dreamer

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



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## 48th Annual Powwow: A Testament to Resilience and Kindness

*The powwow event at St. Joseph's explores and celebrates the Lakota culture.*

As the sun sets on another successful powwow, we at St. Joseph's Indian School are reminded of the power of unity and community. The annual gathering serves as a beacon of hope and a testament of the resilience of the Lakota (Sioux) people.

The impact this event has is why St. Joseph's holds a powwow each year in celebration of the rich and vibrant Lakota culture. This year's 48th Annual Powwow was no exception, with attendees from all walks of life coming together to participate in the festivities.

One of the highlights of the **wáčhípi** — *powwow* — celebration was the dreamcatcher making workshop, where visitors learned about the history and significance of this traditional Native American craft. The

intricate designs and careful weaving of the dreamcatchers serve as a reminder of the importance of dreams and aspirations in the Lakota culture.

Another popular event at the powwow was the hand games demonstration, where participants learned about the traditional games that have been passed down through generations. These games not only provide entertainment, but also serve as a way to connect with the past and preserve the heritage of the Lakota people.

For those interested in seeing our school, homes, Equine Therapy Center and more, guided tours of the campus were also available. Visitors had the opportunity to see firsthand the impact of the school on the lives of the Lakota children who call it home. But the main event of the powwow was, of course, the powwow competition, where

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dancers of all ages and abilities showcased their skills and talents. The colorful regalia and rhythmic drumbeats created a mesmerizing sight, drawing in spectators from all around.



What makes the powwow at St. Joseph's Indian School truly special is the diversity of its attendees. People of all ages and backgrounds come together in celebration of the Lakota culture. It is a reminder that no matter where we come from, we can all find common ground in our shared humanity and appreciation for the traditions of others.



“The children won my heart,” said Janice, a donor from Massachusetts. “There are so many charitable places you can donate to. These children won. [St. Joseph’s] is centered to help the future of children. Our charity-of-choice is working!”

Our powwow and programs would not be possible without the generous support of our DreamMakers — YOU! Your generosity allows St. Joseph’s to continue our mission of preserving the Lakota culture and providing a safe and nurturing environment for each and every child in our care.

“What I really want to tell you is that I’m thankful for friends like you who give to our school,” said Tywin, a St. Joseph’s student. “**Philámayaye** — *thank you* — for what you do for me and the kids here at St. Joe’s.”

With the continued support of our DreamMakers, we can look forward to many more years of celebration and cultural preservation to provide a truly brighter future for the Lakota children!



## DID YOU KNOW?

A traditional Lakota (Sioux) powwow helps Native American children share their culture, heritage and traditions with friends like you from around the nation. Visit [stjo.org/powwow](http://stjo.org/powwow) and start planning your trip to St. Joseph’s Indian School next year for our 49th Annual Powwow!



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