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St. Joseph Catholic Academy opens arts festival to community

Elementary and High school artists display talents at LeBlond

**26 Apr 2023--**    It’s time to celebrate the beauty of the arts as the St. Joseph Catholic Academy preps for its first Festival of Arts.

The event, hosted by SJCA at Bishop LeBlond High School in St. Joseph, MO, will feature artwork, sculpture, poetry recitations and musical performers representing the works of scholars at the Catholic campuses of Cathedral, St. Francis Xavier, St. James and Bishop LeBlond High School.

The event opens its doors to the gallery at 6 p.m. Performances in the gym will also begin at that time with Cathedral. At 6:30, St. James's scholars will be performing, followed by St. Francis. Bishop LeBlond will finish the evening from 8 – 9 p.m.

Head of School, Miss Catherine Neumayr, has spearheaded this effort to showcase the arts that are alive and well in the Catholic school campuses around town.

“Beauty is a pathway to appreciate God and His creation,” Neumayr said. “We have so many gifted artists on our elementary and high school campuses. This forum allows us to show off their talents! It’s a joy to behold!”

Neumayr estimates close to 400 pieces of will be on display including live performances.

The St. Joseph Catholic Academy is the umbrella 501c3 organization for the five campuses of the Catholic campuses in the St. Joseph area. The mission of the Academy and it’s five campuses is to cultivate exceptional scholars to know, love and serve Jesus Christ.

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