

# ST. JOSEPH'S INDIAN SCHOOL CELEBRATES CULTURE EVERY DAY AND ALL OVER CAMPUS

WE WERE A GIFT FROM THE THUNDER BEINGS. WE WERE USED FOR MUCH MORE THAN A TOOL FOR BATTLE, PACKING, OR HUNTING. THE STUDENTS SHARE THEIR SECRETS WITH US.



JUNE IS WÍPAZUKĤA WAŠTÉ WÍ – MOON OF GOOD BERRIES. OUR ANCESTORS WOULD GAUGE SEASONS BY THE TYPES OF FOOD THEY COULD FIND. DURING THIS MOON, THE BERRIES ARE FRESH, TASTY AND RED.



BY THE MUSEUM IS A SPECIAL CIRCLE WHERE WE GO TO PRAY. THERE IS A SWEET SMELL COMING FROM THE CIRCLE. IT IS OFTEN USED IN SMUDGING OR PURIFYING CEREMONIES.



THIS SPECIAL PLANT IS USED TO CLEANSE AWAY NEGATIVITY. WHEN YOU BURN THIS PLANT, IT MAY REMIND YOU OF THE PAHÁ SÁPA.



SOME STUDENTS HELPED TO PAINT THIS ON THE WALL AT THE HEALTH CENTER. ON THE RIGHTSIDE OF THE BLESSED MOTHER MARY IS A SPECIAL MAN. THIS MAN IS FROM PINE RIDGE. HE IS ON HIS WAY TO BECOMING THE FIRST MALE NATIVE AMERICAN SAINT.



THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT CEREMONIAL PLANTS AND IS CONSIDERED WAKĤÁN. OUR PEOPLE USE THIS ITEM AS A FORM OF CLEANSING.



OUR CAMPUS HAS SEEN 44 POWWOWS. IF YOU LISTEN QUIETLY, YOU CAN STILL HEAR THE DRUMBEATS ECHOING FROM THE CHALK HILLS.



THIS IS WHAT OUR ANCESTORS CALLED HOME. IT WAS MADE FROM BUFFALO HIDE AND CAN BE SET UP AND TAKEN DOWN IN ONLY MINUTES.



CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY AND LAKOTA CULTURE ARE THE  
ROOTS AND WINGS OF OUR MISSION.

HAPPY NATIVE AMERICAN DAY!