

JORDAN BUILDERS CLUB

What is a Builders Club?

Builders Club is an international organization for middle school students imbedded in the philosophy of building character and developing leadership through service. The vision is “to develop competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service.”

These young students develop and carry out service projects for their school and community. They also will participate in fundraising projects and use the money earned to support a local charity or school concern.

Builders Clubs elect their own officers, conduct regular meetings, and establish their own committees. Projects suggested by members are conducted under the supervision and cooperation of Faculty Advisor Joe Hess-Haughey, Principal Michael Daly, and the Rock Island Kiwanis Club.

The History of Builders Club

Kiwanis clubs have dedicated themselves to community service for more than 95 years. Schools have been a vital part of that interest, and much concern focuses on the development of youth and the direction of their energies into worthwhile activities.

In 1975, Kiwanis International expanded its family of youth programs to include Builders Club. It is considered an important service organization and the support provided to the middle school students at Jordan Catholic School is an extension of the International organization. There are currently more than 1,300 Builders Club in existence with an estimated membership of more than 36,000. Builders Clubs exist in Antigua, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Iceland, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Martinique, Philippines, Suriname, Trinidad, Tobago and the United States.

Objectives

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to Jordan Catholic School and the community.
- To develop leadership potential.
- To foster development of a strong and moral character.
- To encourage loyalty to Jordan Catholic School, community and nation.

Values

- Character Building: the ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice
- Leadership: the ability to listen, communicate, serve and guide others
- Inclusiveness: accepting and welcoming the differences in other people
- Caring: the act of being concerned about or interested in another person or situation