



St. Joseph Catholic School

"Nurturing the Mind, Body, and Spirit"

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December 1, 2017 Newsletter

INCLUDED IN PACKET

- Newsletter – 3 pages, e-mailed, website
- Scrip Order Form - in packet
- Advent Prayer - in packet
- Advent Candy Gram Flyer - in packet
- Dress Policy - in packet
- Pizza Order Forms - one per student - in packet
- 8th Grade Parents - Class T-Shirt order form - in packet

COMING NEXT WEEK

12/02/17 – Saturday:

12/03/17 – Sunday:

- 1st Sunday of Advent

12/04/2017 - Monday:

- Wear Your SJS Pridewear

12/05/2017 - Tuesday:

- Grs. K-3 - Firefighter Phil Program - 1:00pm
- Christmas Tree Voting @ ACCF - 8:30am-3:30pm
- School Board Meeting - 6:00pm

12/06/17 - Wednesday:

- St. Nick visits SJS
- Christmas Tree Voting @ ACCF - 8:30am-3:30pm
- SJS Christmas Program - Dress Rehearsal - 1:00pm
- SJS Christmas Program - 6:30pm
- Early Dismissal - 2:30pm

12/07/17 - Thursday:

- Christmas Tree Voting @ ACCF - 8:30am-3:30pm
- Grs. 8 & KG - Field Trip - sack lunches ordered - 8:45am
- Basketball Team Pictures taken - 1:20pm

12/08/17: Friday:

- All-School Mass - Dress nice
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holyday of Obligation

From the desk of Mr. Kieffer:

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS GIFT: St. Joe tradition has, for some time, been to collect monetary donations for our parish priests. If you would like to help us thank our priests for all that they do for our students and school, please send in your gift in an enveloped marked "Priest's Gift" by Friday, December 15th. Thank you for helping us, help them know how much they mean to us.

Dress Code and Birthday Treats: We need your help reinforcing the importance of following school rules. Part of our school mission statement speaks to instilling the values needed for success in life in each of our students. Some of these skills include honesty, integrity and following just rules. You can help us reinforce what we are trying to teach by reviewing the dress code, included in the Friday packets, with your child(ren). We have highlighted the most common infractions, please be especially mindful of these. Also, as part of our school wellness policy, any treat shared for birthdays must be a healthy ones. Cupcakes and other sugary snacks may still be sent, but should be packaged individually, so that they may be taken home. This will allow you, as the parent to make the decision. We appreciate your help in these small things, which will add up over time and help us graduate students with firm and unwavering values.

One to One Technology at St. Joe: All students in our 4th-8th grade classes will soon be assigned a Chromebook for use at school. They will also be assigned a padded protective sleeve to keep their Chromebook in at all times while not in use and while moving from class to class. Before devices will be permitted to travel back and forth from school and home, there will be some paperwork for parents and students to sign. More details to come.

MILLENNIUM MADNESS WINNERS

11/20/17 - #927: Congratulations to Cassie Heimann. She won \$150 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by Joshua Myers.

11/27/17 - #028: Congratulations to Phylis Ulman. She won \$200 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by John Ulman.

APPOINTMENTS

Please notify the **school office by calling 724-2765** 24 hours in advance if your child has an appointment. Parents must come to the nurse's office to sign students in and out during the school day.

SANTALAND SHOPPING

Monday – Dec. 11th – 9:30am-2:30pm
Tuesday – Dec. 12th – 8:30am-1:00pm

ALL ITEMS ARE \$2.00

Students will have the opportunity to shop for Christmas presents for mom, dad and other family members. Amanda Johnson and her elves have been busy getting ready for this popular event. The students love it. Volunteers are needed. Please call or text Amanda at 223-2502 if you can help.

THE LIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS will be presented Wednesday, December 6, 2017 at 6:30 PM in the school auditorium. Students participating are Kindergarten angels, Sensations and Middle School Choir. A dress rehearsal will be held the same day at 1:00 PM. Students should arrive by door 9 and report to the music room no later than 6:15 PM. Students are asked to dress nicely. No jeans please. Girls should not wear boots, heels or skirts/dresses. MS choir students will receive a grade for their participation as it is a class requirement.

7th Grade Parents

Millennium Madness tickets will soon be made available. The coordinators need an up to date and current email. Please send a note to with your name and email. This will allow them to communicate information in the most efficient and timely manner.

ADVENT SEASON

Advent is the period of four **Sundays** and **weeks** before Christmas (or sometimes from the 1st of December to Christmas Day!). **Advent** means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. Christians use the four **Sundays** and **weeks of Advent** to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas.

The Advent season marks the beginning of the Christian year across many western churches in the United States. Its length varies from 22 to 28 days, starting on the Sunday nearest [St Andrew's Day](#) and encompassing the next three Sundays, ending on Christmas Day.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Rotary Club presents a Student of the Month award to any 6-8 grade boy or girl and also provides a free lunch at the Back 40 for their academic achievements.

For the month of December the Middle School unit has nominated the following students.

8th grader – Ryan Gerber

Ryan continues to display superb work ethic and academic success as an 8th grade student. His positive attitude and willingness to work through difficult material make him a model student.

7th grader – Zeb Friedt

Zeb has an outstanding attitude and tremendous commitment to push himself to grow as a student. He has proven himself to be a leader through his actions even if they sometimes go unnoticed.

SJS HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

COMING NEXT WEEK

Sat. - 12/02/17: SJS 8BB vs N. Haven, 2:15pm
SJS 7BB vs St. Jude, 3:30pm

Mon. - 12/04/17: SJS 5BB vs SJ HC, 6:15pm

Tues. - 12/05/17: SJS 5/6GBB vs St John FW
6:30pm

Thurs. - 12/07/17: SJS 5BB vs Bethlehem, 5:00pm
SJS 8BB vs Bethlehem, 6:15pm

SCRIP STOCKING STUFFERS

FOR A LIMITED TIME
WE ARE OFFERING:

\$10.00 AMAZON

\$5.00 STARBUCKS

\$5.00 Barnes & Noble

\$10.00 WALMART

AGAPE EXPRESS PUPPETS

For those students not participating in the school Christmas Concert, the Agape Express Puppets will be performing at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion on Wednesday, December 6th at 7:00pm. Next year, this will be scheduled on a different night than our Christmas program, but this year, we wanted to get on their schedule for future years and had to book the only night available. Please support our school program first, especially, if your child is performing. Mrs. Emenhiser and the students have worked so hard getting ready for this, and they sound like angels. You won't regret giving them top billing.

Student of the Month (Continued)

6th grader – Matthew Daniels

Matthew's willingness to push himself in difficult subjects make him the ideal student for this award. His positive attitude and determination has made the transition into middle school easier for him.

CHRISTMAS TREE CONTEST

SJS is participating in the Adams County Community Foundation christmas tree decorating contest. Please stop by the Foundation and vote for our tree. You may cast your vote on December 5, 6, 7 between the hours of 8:30am and 3:30pm.

INFORMATION CENTER

"BMS Wrestling": 1st Official Practice
Monday, December 18th; 3:15-5:15pm @ BMS

Requirements: Submit to BMS Office

1. Current Athletic Physical dated no later than April 1, 2017
2. Signed Athletic Code of Conduct and Legal Reporting Waiver
3. Concussion/Sudden Cardiac Arrest Acknowledgement Waiver
4. Completed BMS Consent for Medical Treatment Form
5. Remain in good standing academically and behaviorally

Contact Tim Myers, BMS Athletic Director at 724-3137 ext. 2406 or email myerst@nadams.k12.in.us if you have any questions.

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