



St. Joseph Catholic School

"Nurturing the Mind, Body, and Spirit"

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December 8, 2017 Newsletter

INCLUDED IN PACKET

- Newsletter – 2 pages, e-mailed, website
- Middle School caroling permission slip - in packet

COMING NEXT WEEK

12/09/17 – Saturday:

12/10/17 – Sunday:

- 2nd Sunday of Advent

12/11/2017 - Monday:

- Wear Your SJS Pridewear
- Santaland Shopping - 9:30am-2:30pm

12/12/2017 - Tuesday:

- Santaland Shopping - 8:30am-1:00pm

12/13/17 - Wednesday:

- Early Dismissal - 2:30pm

12/15/17 - Thursday:

- Favorite Shirt Day - pay 50 cents

12/08/17: Friday:

- All-School Mass - Dress nice
- SJS Advent Penance Service

MILLENNIUM MADNESS WINNER

12/04/17 - #122: Congratulations to Karsten Balliet. He won \$150 in cash. The winning ticket was sold by Audri Sheets.

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.

From the desk of Mr. Kieffer:

Tis the Season...not for Christmas, but for the spirit of Christmas giving. Growing up, my family had a few financial ups and downs and many "hard times." The economy of the early 80s was not the greatest, and my dad was laid off from his factory job for several winters in a row. Several times our little house in the country had a "For Sale" sign posted in the yard because money was so tight and the payment was a bit behind. Luckily, we never had to move, the mortgage was refinanced, and "Ronald Reagan loved us and gave us cheese." At least that is what my cousins and I always said at the time. Looking back, I wouldn't change a thing. I am truly thankful for all the blessings in my life. I haven't shared this story to gain your sympathy, but I want anyone who has a genuine need this holiday season to feel comfortable confiding that need to me. I've been there. We have several people who would like to help, but we don't know who truly needs it. Hard times can befall all of us. People want to help, but we have no way of knowing who you are or what needs you have. Please reach out.

St. Joseph School Flash Briefings--Each morning, I begin my drive to school by saying, "Alexa, what's the news?" My Amazon Echo then begins reading me the Saint of the Day, the latest from EWTN, then a little world, local and tech news. However, beginning this past Monday, I now get a reminder about what is coming up at St. Joe School. If you own an Echo device, you may now activate the St. Joseph School Decatur Flash Briefing skill. Add it through the Alexa app on your phone, then each morning you will get St. Joe updates just by asking for the news.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CAROLING

Middle School Students are invited to go caroling around the parish neighborhood on Friday, December 15 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. A snack will be provided after we go caroling.

Join the Middle School teachers, visit with friends, and share the Good News.

Permission slips are being sent home this week. Check the Friday packets. All who attend must have a signed permission slip.

BRR. IT'S COLD

Students go outside for recess. Please send them with coats, hats and gloves.

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.

SCRIP STOCKING STUFFERS

FOR A LIMITED TIME
WE ARE OFFERING:

\$10.00 AMAZON
\$5.00 STARBUCKS
\$5.00 BARNES & NOBLE
\$10.00 WALMART

Redeemer Radio at St. Joe....If we can get the most votes between now and the end of the December, Redeemer Radio will broadcast from our school. This is a great opportunity for us to highlight the many great things going on at St. Joe. You may vote once DAILY, from EACH email. If you have multiple emails, have always thought you needed an EXTRA email. This might be the time, and you would not be cheating by registering your enthusiasm from your home, work and brand new emails each day. Visit www.redeemerradio.com/redeemer-radio-news.php to vote.

SJS HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

COMING NEXT WEEK

Mon. - 12/11/17: SJS 5BB vs Huntington Catholic - 5:30pm
SJS 6BB vs St. Therese - 6:45pm
Tues. - 12/12/17: SJS 5 GBB vs St. Juse - 6:30pm
Wed. - 12/13/17: SJS 6BB vs St. E - 5:00pm
SJS 5BB vs St. E - 6:15pm

CUB SCOUT PACK 3064

Advancement Completed in November for Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Cub Scout Pack 3064

Webelos
Cast Iron Chef
Deryk Johnson
Matthew Smitley

Bears
Crittter Care
Charles Thornton

Schedule of Events

Dec 11 - Den Meeting 6:30pm
Dec 18 - Pack Meeting 6:00pm Christmas Pack Meeting
- please be sure to sign up for a side dish
Dec 22-Jan 02 - Christmas Break
