



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – December 2, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership

ST. JOSEPH BOOK FAIR - Dec. 3 to Dec. 7

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that provides the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Students will be visiting the Book Fair during their library/media periods. They will also be able to stop by the Book Fair during lunch recess. Of course, the Book Fair will be open on Wednesday during *Cookies with Santa*.



Enjoy cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus!

Join us on Wednesday, December 5th, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm

You can also shop our Book Fair online at:
<http://bit.ly/2Bw7GEn> (Share the link with family and friends!)

We're still looking for a few volunteers!

<https://sugeni.us/3LwE>

Since this event is during the school day, all volunteers must have attended the Safe Environment Training Class and completed a background screening.

Cookies with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Monday, Dec. 3rd - It's Christmas in the Courtyard! Decorating will immediately following the 8:15 am PTO Meeting (or the Advent Prayer Reflection). You may count this time as volunteer hours!

Wednesday, Dec. 5th - 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm. Come and chat with Santa & Mrs. Claus. Receive some yummy Christmas cookies/treats. Learn about our Christmas traditions. Make special reindeer food! Christmas face painting will be available for \$1 per print. All proceeds will be donated to the school library for the purchase of new books!

Remember to browse through the **BOOK FAIR** while you're here. Books make great Christmas gifts!

Please note the location change to the Aftercare Room for this meeting.

PLANNING TO ATTEND THE ADVENT REFLECTION? DON'T WORRY, JOIN US AFTER THE ADVENT MEETING TO HELP WITH DECORATING THE COURTYARD!

SJCS PTO Board

IMPORTANT – Wednesday Dismissal – Cookies with Santa



Please wait until after carline dismissal to pick up your child for *Cookies with Santa*. Once the carline has finished (approximately 3:10 pm), you may pick up your children from their classrooms. Only students accompanied by a parent or guardian will be attending the *Cookies with Santa* events.

McDonald's Breakfast – Friday, December 7th

Our last McDonald's Breakfast was such a success; they have invited us back again!

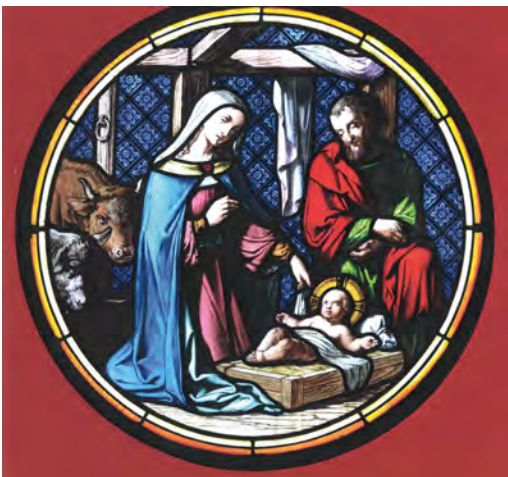
Our school will receive a 20 % donation of their full sales from 6:00 am to 9:00 am. Any type of purchase will generate a 20 % donation for St. Joseph School (Drive thru, Front Counter, UberEats or Mobile order – this includes all gift card purchases as well).

Join us at McDonalds at 3631 Cortez Avenue West!



Congratulations to our newest
High Points Club Member:
Sophia Ierulli in Grade 5

Knights of Columbus Poster Contest



The Knights of Columbus “Keep Christ in Christmas” Poster Contest is open to all students from five to fourteen years of age.

Students received participation information. In addition, poster paper and entry forms may be picked up in the office by any child (or parent) who would like to compete in this year's contest. All Entries are due back in the office by December 14th.

AGE GROUPS

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups:

- Ages 5 through 7
 - Ages 8 through 10
 - Ages 11 through 14
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**Mark Your Calendar for Our All-School Christmas Program
“Joy of Christmas”
December 11, 6:00 pm in the Parish Center
Christmas Program – Costume Information**



Grade K – Festive Christmas Attire

Grade 1 – Red Christmas Shirts (made at school) Navy blue or khaki long slacks.

Grade 2 – Festive Christmas Attire

Grade 3 – Teachers will send information regarding dress

Grade 4- Festive Christmas Attire (Girls: Low heel shoes)

Grade 5- Festive Christmas Attire (Girls: Low heel shoes)

Middle School - Festive Christmas Attire (Girls: Low heel shoes)

Cold Weather Clothing

Parents have been checking the Eagles Nest for cold weather wear. If your child has outgrown uniform garments, please consider donating to our school to assist other families.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Please join us for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration
on December 12th at 2:00 pm
St. Joseph Church

Parents and guardians are invited to attend.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, December 3

- 8:00 – 8:45 am Parent Advent Reflection – St. Joseph Room
- 8:15 am PTO Planning Meeting – After Care Room
- 8:00 am Book Fair Opens
- 9:00 am Decorating Courtyard – PTO Volunteers
- 3:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice
- 3:30 – 5:30 pm Little Pro Soccer (Last day – team pictures, pizza party)

Tuesday, December 4

- Book Fair
- 7th Grade Retreat
- 3:00 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm 3-on-3 Basketball
- 4:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 7:00 pm St. Joseph Parish Penance Service

Wednesday, December 5

- 8:00 am Mass
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar
- 3:15 – 4:30 pm Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus/Book Fair

Thursday, December 6

- Otis Spunkmeyer Prize Celebration for Student Sellers
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm Irish Dance (Class is filled)
- 3:00 – 4:15 pm Intermediate Guitar
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm 3-on-3 Basketball

Friday, December 7

- Spirit Day – Spirit Shirts may be worn
- 6:00 – 9:00 am McDonald's Breakfast (3631 Cortez Road West)
- 2:00 pm Builders Club



Planning Ahead

December 10	8:15 am	Advent Prayer for Parents - St. Joseph Room
December 11	6:00 pm	Christmas Program – Parish Center (Grades K – 8)
December 12	9:00 am	Penance Service (Grades 3 – 8)
December 12	2:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration - Church
December 13	8:30 – 11:00 am	Jesse Tree Gifts Delivered
December 13	10:00 – 11:00 am	Kindergarten Sings at Summerfield
December 14		December Birthday Celebration During Lunch
December 15		A Night Before Christmas Celebration at G.T. Bray
December 17	8:15 am	Advent Prayer for Parents - St. Joseph Room
December 20		Christmas Around the World – Grades K to 3
December 21		Christmas Parties
December 21		End of Quarter 2 – End of Semester 1
December 21	11:30 am	Dismissal – No After School Care

Advent Fun

Many of our younger students talk about the Elf on a Shelf during the Advent season. Why not merge your Elf on the Shelf with Christian Advent practices. A few ideas are listed below:

Elf on the Shelf Writing a Letter to Baby Jesus

Instead of *(or in addition to!)* having your kids write a letter to Santa asking for more “stuff” this year — **have them write a letter to Jesus thanking Him for all the things he has provided for them already.** Your elf can deliver the blank letter for your children to fill out during the day, and then drop it off to Jesus on his way back to the North Pole after the kids are asleep. Depending on your children’s writing abilities (and the amount of time you want to spend on it), you could have them write out a full letter on a blank piece of paper.

Christian Elf on the Shelf Worshiping Baby Jesus

The Wise men worship baby Jesus. The shepherds worship Baby Jesus. Why not your elf too? One of the absolute easiest Christian Elf on the Shelf ideas — this one is perfect for those mornings when you need something clever and FAST! Bonus points: You can even tell your kids that their elf probably doesn’t know the Christmas story and ask them to tell it to him. They’ll have a great time teaching their elf all about Jesus!

Elf on the Shelf Reading the Bible

Want your elf to set a good Christian example? Have him read the Bible! Once the kids find him, have everyone join him in reading the Christmas story aloud. OR if your children don’t already have a good children’s Bible, you could have the elf bring them one as an early Christmas present.

Elf on the Shelf Singing Hymns

Who loves singing hymns? Christian Elf on the Shelf does! And while this is one of the Christian Elf on the Shelf ideas that does take a little pre-planning, *(since you have to print off the sheet music)*, it’s still pretty easy and totally worth it. Print out some Christmas carols and put them in a folder. If your children wouldn’t recognize hymn sheet music, you can easily substitute a Christmas CD of hymns. Take time to sing the Christmas carols together.

Elf on the Shelf Helping Out with the Housework

One common complaint people have about most Elf on the Shelf ideas is that creating all the messes and mischief that make Elf on the Shelf so fun causes a lot of extra work for mom. But the good news is — your Christian Elf on the Shelf can do the exact opposite! **Instead of your elf making messes, have your Christian Elf on the Shelf help clean up and get the kids to help clean up too.** It’s a great way to teach your kids giving and selflessness.

(From the blog: Putting God First)

St. Joseph Catholic School Hot
Lunch Order
December 3 – December 7
(One order per student)

Student: _____

Homeroom: _____

Grade: _____

Monday 12/03	_____ Hamburger Broccoli with Cheese Carrots with Dip Rosy Applesauce Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Tuesday, 12/04	_____ Corn Dogs Baked Fries Cherry Tomatoes with Dip Pineapple Tidbits Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Wed., 12/05	_____ Chicken Dippers Garlic Breadstick Cheesy Refried Beans Mini Romaine Salad Cinnamon Applesauce Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Thursday, 12/06	_____ Breaded Ravioli Corn Mini Romaine Salad Strawberries Ice Cream Milk and Juice	\$3.50
Friday, 12/07	_____ Pizza Corn Mini Salad Frozen Fruit Sidekicks Milk and Juice	\$3.50

TOTAL _____ (Charge to FACTS)

Parent Signature: _____