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# Weekly Newsletter

December 9, 2018

From the Principal's Desk

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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

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## Thank You for Your Support

Special thanks to Mrs. Jarvis and all of her volunteers for a wonderful Book Fair this year. Our students had a great time choosing books and visiting during their media classes.

Thank you to our PTO Officers for coordinating our Cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Thank you to our MANY volunteers who made this an exciting event for our students.

Please see the special note from our PTO officers, which is included with this newsletter.

You can still shop our Book Fair until December 11th by going online: <http://bit.ly/2RO0fOf>  
(Please share the link with family and friends!)

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## School Christmas Program – 6:00 pm – Tuesday – Parish Center

Our School Christmas Program, "The Gift of Christmas" will begin at 6:00 pm on Tuesday evening, December 11th, in the Parish Center. Parents and families may enter the Parish Center beginning at 5:30 pm. We ask that all children be in their places and ready for the program no later than 5:50 pm.

All of our students will be performing in our Christmas program. It is important that all students in the program are present for the evening. Students will need to remain sitting with their class. ALL of our students will be joining in the closing songs. The program is approximately one hour in length.

We are looking forward to sharing the many talents of your children as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. We are grateful to Mrs. Geyer for her direction and preparation for this program.

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## Christmas Program – Reserved Seats – First Two Rows Only

Families are asking to get into the Parish Center ahead of time to reserve seats in the front. We realize all of our parents want those very special seats in the front two rows. In order to prevent that “front row stampede” or parents trying to slide in after lunch, we are offering the front two rows as reserved seats for \$10.00 each. All proceeds will support our school music programs.

You can reserve your seat/s at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D44A4A72DAFF2-reserved>

Please check the chart below before signing up for a reserved seat:

STAGE AREA

20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	X	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33	32	31	X	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21

X = Aisle

(Please send payment to the school office in an envelope marked “reserved seats” with your family’s last name.)

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### **“The Gift of Christmas” December 11, 6:00 pm in the Parish Center Christmas Program – Costume Information**

Grade K – Festive Christmas Attire

Grade 1 – Long-sleeved red shirts; navy blue, black, or khaki long slacks, with dark school shoes. (Children will wear “Christmas Trees” from school over their shirts and slacks. Special thanks to Anna Tamburino and Mrs. Geyer who made their costumes.)

Grade 2 – Red Shirts (These were decorated by volunteer parents!) Long navy blue or black pants with school shoes.

Grade 3 – Festive Christmas Attire

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

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

Middle School – Girls: Blue or white dresses (if they have one – otherwise Christmas dress) with low heel shoes. Boys: White or blue shirt with navy blue or black slacks.

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## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Monday, December 10

- 3:00 pm Jr. Legion of Mary
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Choir Practice

### Tuesday, December 11

- 4:00 pm Tennis Pro Academy at G.T. Bray Courts
- 6:00 pm Christmas Program
  - 5:30 pm – Doors Open
  - All students need to arrive by 5:50 pm

### Wednesday, December 12

- 9:00 am Penance Service (Grades 3 – 8)
- 2:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration – Church – Families Invited
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar

### Thursday, December 13

- 8:30 am Jesse Tree Gift Delivery (Student Council and Honor Society)
- 10:00 am Kindergarten will sing at Summerfield
- 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

### Friday, December 14

- Keep Christ in Christmas Posters Due in the Office
- 8:15 am VPK A Christmas Program
- December Birthday Celebrations
  - 11:00 am Grades 5 – 8
  - 11:45 am Grades K – 4
- 12:15 pm VPK B Christmas Program
- Kona Ice during Lunch Recess
- 2:00 pm Student Council Meeting

### Saturday, December 15

- 10:00 – 2:00 Night Before Christmas Celebration – G.T. Bray Park



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Wednesday, December 12

2:00 pm – St. Joseph Church

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## A Night Before Christmas at G.T. Bray Park – Volunteers Needed



We have been asked to participate in this community event and share information regarding St. Joseph Catholic School. **We need parent volunteers to set up, assist with a table activity, donate candy canes, and to pass out treats.** Students who assist parents and wear their uniform will receive a dress down pass.

Information about the event: Get ready for a day of family fun with the annual A Night Before Christmas at G.T. Bray Park! Santa will be coming to G.T. Bray to visit with the children. The event will include face painting, bounce houses, wagon rides, and much more. This year features over 15 tons of

snow and 150-foot long snow slide that even grown-up "kids" will enjoy. Families who complete Santa's passport and will be entered to win a gift certificate, too! This awesome event is great for kids of all ages. Wristbands for this event are \$5.00 for children and include unlimited participation in all activities, bounce houses, snow, etc. Food is available at an additional cost.

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: G.T. Bray Park

VOLUNTEER LINK: <https://sugeni.us/b40s> or visit our school webpage at [www.sjsfl.org](http://www.sjsfl.org) and choose the Volunteer Opportunities link,



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## SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED

We are seeking people who would like to serve as a judge for our science fair in January. A science background is desirable but not necessary. Judges converse with students about their projects and rate them using a scoring sheet. The St. Joseph Science Fair will be held on Friday, January 11, 2019. Judging occurs during the school day, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. If you are willing to serve as a judge, or know someone who might be interested, please contact Mrs. Kowalski at your earliest convenience by contacting the school office, 941-755-2611, or through email: [mkowalski@sjsfl.org](mailto:mkowalski@sjsfl.org).

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Around Campus this Week  
(Don't forget to follow us on Facebook for more photos  
<https://www.facebook.com/SJCSBradenton>)



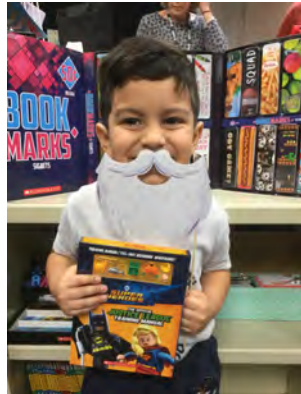
Advent Reflection Before School



7<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Retreat at Social Agencies



Cookies with Santa and the Book Fair



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Otis Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Celebration Fun – Thank You for Your Support!



Students had fun at the Game Trailer with games inside and out!



What a great sport! Yes, that is Fr. Shawn under all of that silly string. Students were not prepared for his surprise "attack" at the end!



Mrs. Curran's class were the top sellers with the most items sold. Mrs. Ferguson's class were the top sellers with the highest dollar amount. Both teachers enjoyed the money machine!

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