

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

We love this time of year! The students are so excited, and there's magic in the air. Classrooms each have a manger in them. Students who are "caught" doing something good can write it on a thin slip of hay-colored paper, and line the manger as we wait for the coming of Jesus. It's a great symbol to have, keeping the real reason for our Advent season close to our hearts.

Tomorrow (Friday) is our Community Spirit Day, where we join together to help those in our neighborhood. This month, we are bringing in tuna or mac & cheese for St. Vincent de Paul, and we get to wear a Christmas sweater (and jeans) on Friday, December 15th. If you don't have a Christmas sweater, please feel free to wear red or green (don't go buy something!). It's the thought of helping the community that counts! And if we can make it fun and bring a smile to everyone's face while we do it, spreading the joy of the season, then all the better!

All of here at St. Joseph Catholic School wish you and your families the best this Christmas Season. Enjoy your family and friends, and stay safe during this hectic travel time. But perhaps most of all, relax and breathe, and take the time to appreciate all of the goodness that God has given us. As we prepare our hearts during Advent, help us to focus on the love that surrounds us, nurturing it wherever we can and being grateful for the opportunities we've been blessed with.

A heartfelt Merry Christmas to you all,

Deb Dewar, Principal
St. Joseph Catholic School

New Year's Day



This year, New Year's Day, January 1st, is on a Monday. This means that Christmas break will last through Monday, January 1st. Classes will resume again on Tuesday, January 2nd.

Enjoy your break!

D.A.R.E. Graduation

Congratulations to the fifth graders, who held their D.A.R.E. Graduation this past Tuesday. We are grateful to the program for helping our students be aware of the pitfalls of the world around us, to help us stay safe. Thank you Officer Seibel!



Strategic Planning—Enrollment Committee

Our Enrollment Committee's second meeting is scheduled for the first day back from Christmas break—Tuesday, January 2nd at 5:30 p.m. in the seventh grade classroom. All are welcome. Mark your calendars!



SLE of the Week

As we look forward to January, our Virtue of the Month will be Piety. Therefore, our SLE's of the Week will be the ones that help us look within to help us shine God's light and love. The focus of our SLE discussions that first week of January will be: Displays a love for God, and demonstrates responsible stewardship of His creation. What does this look like in the classroom?

- Treat those around you well, because they are children of God too.
- Recycle
- Try not to waste things—use them responsibly.
- Treat the things around you with respect, to take care of your environment.
- Do what you know is right, to be the best person you can be. For that is the best gift that you can give back to God!

Family Prayer Corner

As your children grow, to help strengthen our Catholic faith and the values of our traditions, we would like to offer a weekly family activity to build in your understanding and practices together. This week's activity: draw a picture or make a collage of those gifts from God for which s/he is most grateful.

Share your completed collages with us by sending pictures to:

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