

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
December 5, 2008
Be the Hands, the Heart of God.

Sunday's Gospel story will tell us: People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to John and being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

Mark 1:5

THERE WILL BE A NEWSLETTER THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 8TH. STUDENTS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING AWARDS AT THE DECEMBER 16TH PTO MEETING WILL BE LISTED.

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 15.

I-STEP News

This week parents of third, fourth, and fifth graders received a letter from the Indiana Department of Education with information on the Parent Website. Beginning on December 4 parents will be able to access information concerning their children's scores by using the invitation code contained in this letter. The first time you log in you will be able to change your password. Paper copies will be sent home at a later date. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Immaculate Conception

The Immaculate Conception (holyday of obligation) is celebrated on Monday, December 8. Grades 1-5 will be going to Mass. Please remind your child to wear their school uniform on Monday. Thanks.

Paragon Prizes

Students who are eligible for the extra prizes for our Paragon fundraiser will participate in those activities on Tuesday, December 9, at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Concert

Our parish is having a Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. in church. Several of our students will be participating. Please join us and enjoy the caroling!

December PTO Dinner, Meeting, Awards, and Program

The second graders will be entertaining us for the December PTO meeting. Prior to the meeting, awards, and program our kindergarten class will be hosting the dinner in the cafeteria. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m.-6:15

p.m. Students who will be receiving awards will have their names listed in next week's newsletter.

PTO Santa Shoppe News

Thanks to Mrs. Jana Dorsey for volunteering to chair the Santa Shoppe this year. Also thanks to her elves who will be helping with all of the set-up, selling, and teardown. Mrs. Theresa Walke will be contacting the individuals who have signed up to help, but if you have some time please call Mrs. Walke at 392-6202 to volunteer.

Many people have donated items for the shoppe-THANKS! We are still in need of items for the shoppe. Also needed—TISSUE PAPER, CANDY CANES, and CANDY.

Each class (three-year-old preschool through grade five) will have the opportunity to shop at the Santa Shoppe on either December 17-18. If your child is younger, it is always a great idea for them to have a list of whom they are buying for. Items are priced \$5 and below.

Christmas Eve Mass-3:00 p.m.

Thanks to the eighteen students who have volunteered to help with the music before the Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Disser has been working on songs for this. Final details will be distributed next week.

The following are the children who I have forms for: Braiden and Nolen Kincade, A.J. and Dylan Phelps, Adeline Haacker, Nick and Andrew Walke, Taylor Biggerman, Sam and Alex Watson, Lucy Furiak, Mary Alice Furgeson, Ryan Douglas, Camille Woods, Katie and Hannah Lux, Billy Blocher, and Sarah Houpt.

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Congratulations to the following individuals who were caught doing something great recently: Grace Coomes, Reid Schene, Logan Young, Mason Lasure, Katie Settles, Makayla Schacht, Megan Thoman, Evita Koth, Trace Holt, Jennah Foltz, Drew Mathies, Katie Lux, Emily Kennedy, Sam Sawyer, and Mrs. Laker.

Our "Crazy" Family Christmas at the Strand

What: Singing, Dancing, Santa and more

When: Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Written and Directed by: Cindy Houpt

Musical Direction by: Kim Wallace

Tickets: \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door

Children 10 and under \$5 at all times

Tickets available at: All Strand Events as well as Mickey's T-Mart, Mac's Music, Smashed Productions, and Karma

Christmas Clothes

Students may wear Christmas clothes on Friday, December 19. This is a church day so please wear uniform bottoms. Thanks.

Dress Code Update

Beginning in January 2009 a few changes in the dress code will be established.

- Girls will be allowed to wear skorts during the entire school year. This change is being made to help our young ladies while sitting on the floor, stage, gym class, etc.
- Shorts may be worn during the months of April, May, August, September, and October.
- BoxTops' contributions will be rewarded on the third Thursday of the month only. To be eligible for this day, students need to bring in at least thirty boxtops. This change is being established due to the changing behavior of our students. Clothing should not detract from the learning process, and the faculty and staff have noted that behaviors have changed for some students.

Christmas Greetings for Fr. Chris

If you and your family would like to extend Christmas greetings to Fr. Chris, please feel free to send a card, etc. to school. We will be presenting a gift to Fr. Chris during the Mass on December 19.

Thanks

Thanks to EVERYONE who has donated items for the Santa Shoppe. Your gifts are much appreciated.

Thanks to the Grove family for donating items to our school.

Menus for December 8-19

Monday, 12/8—Hotdog

Tuesday, 12/9—Pork Chop Sandwich

Wednesday, 12/10—Myers BBQ

Thursday, 12/11—Salisbury Steak

Friday, 12/12—French Toast Sticks & Sausage Patty

Monday, 12/15—Mozzarella Cheese Dippers

Tuesday, 12/16—Ham Slices

Wednesday, 12/17—Cheeseburger

Thursday, 12/18—Rib BQ Sandwich

Friday, 12/19—Beef Burrito/Cheese