

St. Joseph School
School Office Newsletter
December 12, 2008
Be the hands, the heart of God.

In Sunday's Gospel story we will hear: A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. John 1:6-8

I-STEP News

On Monday, December 8, the Shelbyville News published the I-STEP scores for all of the county schools. For those of you who read the article, the information was not correct for St. Joseph School. Hopefully, by the time you receive this newsletter, the information will have been corrected. Below you will find the correct information.

Grade 3 Language Arts-100% passed, Math-100% passed
Grade 4 Language Arts-91% passed, Math-87% passed
Grade 5 Language Arts-86 % passed, Math-86% passed,
Science-86% passed

Overall, all grades improved from last year. We are very proud of our students for their continued effort and hard work!!

December PTO Dinner, Meeting, Awards, and Program

Our December PTO event will be on Tuesday, December 16 beginning at 5:00 p.m. The kindergarten class will be hosting a taco bar dinner until 6:15 p.m. There will be a short meeting where monthly awards will be presented. Students receiving awards include:

Grade 5—Michael Hornsby, Katie Settles, Evita Koth
Grade 4—Cora Reinhart, John Lux, Hannah O'Connor, Zoe Laker, Braiden Kincade, Hannah File, Elizabeth Clark, Billy Blocher
Grade 3—Katie Lux, Sebastian Sandman, Damon Lux, Konrad Dorsey
Grade 2—Jacob Coomes, Sarah Houpt, Anna Lux, Garret Freeman, Grace Laker, Garrett Davis, John Morgan, Nick Amos, Joseph McQueen, Mary Alice Furgeson
Grade 1—Reid Schene, Clarice Fischer, Jake Wingo, Logan Cord, Alex Lux, Dylan Phelps
Kindergarten—Adeline Haacker, Brock Pitman, Grace Coomes, Heath McIntire

Reverse Raffle Update

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of the profit the school made on the Reverse Raffle. The profit was \$5757.11. This is a down a little from last year, but the School Commission is pleased with the outcome. The monies that are earned from the Reverse Raffle help with capital improvements throughout the school. The school windows are just one example of how this money is used. Thanks again to everyone who helped and/or attended our annual raffle!

Boxtops for Education

Last week a change was noted in the newsletter concerning Choice of Dress Days for bringing in boxtops. Beginning in January there will be one day a month designated as the Boxtops for Education Choice of Dress Day. This day will be the third Thursday of the month.

Thirty boxtops are required **from each family** in order for your child/children to participate in the choice of dress day. Whether you have one child, two, or more, the requirement is 30 boxtops.

Since Market Day is on the third Thursday in January, Boxtops Thursday will be on Thursday, January 22.

Outstanding!!

In November Drew Mathies celebrated his birthday and instead of having his friends bring gifts for him, he had a toy drive for needy families. The toys have been donated to the giving tree at church. These toys are distributed to families throughout the community. Thanks to Drew and the boys who attended the party for their unselfish generosity to those in need in our community. You are the best!

Santa Shoppe

The Santa Shoppe will be open on Wednesday, December 17, for four-year-old preschoolers through fifth graders. On Thursday, December 18, our three-year-old preschoolers will have an opportunity to shop for their family and friends. The gifts have a variety of prices, but they are all under \$5. For our younger students, it is a great idea for you to send a list and Santa's elves will be glad to help them. Happy shopping!

Christmas Vacation

School will not be in session from December 22 through Monday, January 6. School will resume on Tuesday, January 7.

The faculty and staff wish you and your family a very happy, blessed Christmas—remember that Christ is the reason for the season. Christmas Eve Masses are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. (Children's Mass), 6:00 p.m., and midnight. On Christmas day mass is at 9:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Mass

WOW!! More children have signed up to help with the music prior to Mass on Christmas Eve. Mass will begin at 3:00 p.m.

Students who will be helping with the music need to meet in the gym no later than 2:20 p.m., please. Parents, please take your child's coat, etc. with you into church. Your child will be sitting with you after the music before Mass. It might be a good idea to let them know where you are sitting in church.

Since our list has grown, I am repeating the names below. **It's not too late if your child would like to participate.**

Thanks to the following: **Jaedan Carter, Clarice Fischer, Scarlett West, Sadie Jo Hansen, Grace Coomes, Dakota Sosbe, Heath McIntire, Adeline Haacker, Makayla Schacht, Elizabeth Furgeson, Drew Mathies, Regan Mathies, Jillian**

Linville, Braiden Kincade, Nolen Kincade, A. J. Phelps, Dylan Phelps, Nick Walke, Andrew Walke, Taylor Biggerman, Sam Watson, Alex Watson, Mary Alice Furgeson, Ryan Douglas, Camille Woods, Katie Lux, Hannah Lux, Billy Blocher, Sarah Houpt, Nick Amos, Abby Amos, and Lucy Furiak.

Science Fair

St. Joseph School will be having our Science Fair on Monday, February 23. Judging will be on the 23rd. Projects will be available for viewing on Tuesday, February 24, which is the date of our February PTO program. Information will be coming home in the Friday folders.

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Congratulations to all of the individuals who received a green slip this week: **Cameron Rodgers, Mimi Kobayashi, Reid Schene, Alex Lux, Logan Cord, Kayleigh Kieninger, Hannah Lux, Daniel Duffy, Dylan Phelps, Mitchell Smith, Andrew Walke, Jillian Linville, Elizabeth Furgeson, Randy Hubbell, Beth Forville, Matt Kenkel, Jennah Foltz, Heath McIntire, Nolen Kincade, Cora Reinhart, and Trace Holt.**

Market Day/Choice of Dress Day

Market Day pickup for January is on Thursday, January 15. This is also a Choice of Dress Day.

VIRTUS Training

Just a reminder—VIRTUS, Protecting God’s Children workshop is on Sunday, January 25 from 1-4 p.m. at St. Vincent’s Parish. Detailed information was included in a previous newsletter. This is very important for fifth grade parents to attend if they are planning on accompanying the class on their overnight trip to Spring Mill State Park. Parents who do not attend VIRTUS will not be permitted to go on the trip.

Menus for the weeks of December 15 and January 6

Monday, 12/15—Pizza Hut Pizza
Tuesday, 12/16—Ham Slices
Wednesday, 12/17—Cheeseburger
Thursday, 12/18—Rib BQ Sandwich
Friday, 12/19—Beef Burrito
Monday, 1/5—School not in session!
Tuesday, 1/6—Cheesy Coney Dog
Wednesday, 1/7—Tenderloin Sandwich
Thursday, 1/8—Chicken Patty Sandwich
Friday, 1/9—Pepperoni Pizza
Monday, 1/12—Country Fried Steak Sandwich
Tuesday, 1/13—Pork Chop Sandwich
Wednesday, 1/14—Pizza Pocket
Thursday, 1/15—Turkey and Cheese Sandwich
Friday, 1/16—Rib B Q