

November 27, 2016

From the Principal's Desk

Thanksgiving to Advent

We were all grateful for our Thanksgiving break and some time to enjoy being with our family and friends. Thanksgiving is a good time to step back from the pressures of our daily routines, and to reflect on the course of our lives and remember that gratitude is the beginning of joy. Thanksgiving reminds us of a fundamentally higher reality: our dependence on a loving God. This weekend, we also celebrate the First Sunday of Advent, which opens the new Church year. Advent is a chance to begin again; a time to examine our hearts in the light of the Gospel, and a time to look forward to the celebration of the Birth of Jesus. This is a wonderful time to help our children focus on the true meaning of Christmas. May this Advent season be a time of many blessings for you and your families.

An interactive Advent calendar is posted in English and Spanish on our school website, or may be found at <http://bit.ly/2guVbvt> We have also provided a link to Bishop Robert Barron's daily advent reflections for adults.

Canned Fruit Collection

Thank you for supporting our canned fruit drive for the St. Joseph Food Pantry. Our eighth graders were amazing and collected the most cans. They generously offered to deliver all of the canned items to the food pantry on Tuesday, before beginning Thanksgiving break.



Christmas Cards

Our Christmas card orders were sent to the printer last Tuesday. You can still order by going to the website at www.kidsarestars.com, select "Orders" and choose St. Joseph Catholic School. All orders placed online will be mailed directly to the address you provide.

**School Mass
Wednesday
8:00 am**



Hot Lunch

28	29	30	1	2
Beef Soft Tacos Black Beans Spanish Rice Monterey Jack Cheese Fresh Pear	Yankee Pot Roast Mushrooms & Carrots Roasted New Potatoes Normandy Vegetables Seasonal Fruit	Chicken Tikka Indian Spiced Chicken Curry Tikka with Basmati Rice Fresh Vegetable Fruit Salad	Turkey Meatballs Fresh, Homemade Turkey Gravy Yukon Gold Mashed Potato Fresh Vegetable & Fruit	Spirit Day & Pizza

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Monday:

- 3-4:45 pm Boys and girls basketball practice
- 3-4 pm Cross Country practice
- 3-5pm Cheer practice 3-5pm

Tuesday:

- Home basketball game vs. Imagine Lakewood Ranch
- 4:00 pm Girls
- 5:00 pm Boys

Wednesday:

- Cross Country meet away location TBA

Thursday:

- 4:00 pm Home game vs. SAA - boys only

Friday: Nothing

Thank you to Coach Kolbe
 in Preparation for Thanksgiving
 and all of our
 amazing Sports Volunteers!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Monday

- 3:00 PM Junior Legion of Mary Meeting
- 3:00 PM Guitar Class – All students performing in Christmas program
- 3:00 PM Violin Strings Class
- 3:00 PM Garden Club
- 3:00 PM Grade 6 Math Help

Tuesday

- 3:00 PM St. Joseph Honors Choir – Grades 4 – 8
- 3:15 PM Grade 7 Math Help – Mrs. Owens

Wednesday

- 8:00 am School Mass
- 3:00 – 4:00 Guitar Class – All students performing in Christmas program
- 3:15 PM Staff Meeting – Teachers – St. Joseph Room

Thursday

- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Grace Notes – Primary Chorus – Grades K - 3
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Guitar Class – All students performing in Christmas program
- 3:00 pm Grade 8 Math Help – Mrs. Owens

Friday

- Spirit Day & Pizza Lunch
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind
- 5:00 – 9:00 PTO Parents Night Out – Parish Center

Mark Your Calendar!
Christmas Program
Christmas Through the Ages
December 7th – 6:30 PM
Parish Center

Student Dress for School Christmas Program

Grade K, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 - Boys – Slacks & collared shirts with school shoes or dress shoes – slacks may be any color with shirts in Christmas colors.

Grades K, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 – Girls – Dresses, Skirts & Blouses, or Slacks & Blouses – Christmas colors – appropriate for school – School shoes or dress shoes – no heels or open-toe shoes because of stage stairs

Grade 1 – Boys & Girls – Christmas pajamas or sweat suits – gym shoes

Grade 4 - Girls: Yellow School Blouses, anklet socks, school shoes – will be wearing poodle skirts which will be provided

Grade 4 – Boys: 1950's theme: slacks, collared shirts, belt, school shoes (may wear jean jackets or leather jackets if they have them)

Decorating the School Courtyard for Christmas

Dear SJS parents, As the Christmas season is fast approaching, we will be getting ready for it here at SJS by decorating the courtyard. Volunteers are needed to hang garland, wreaths, snowflakes, and much more! Your time and help will be greatly appreciated.

Joanna Estigarribia

[Special thanks to Mrs. Estigarribia for coordinating the decorating this year!]

You can volunteer to help at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D44A4A72DAAFF2-christmas or by using the direct link on our school website.

Breakfast with Santa



The Knights of Columbus Breakfast with Santa, December 10, is open to all children and parents from 8:00 am - 9:30 am, Santa will be on scene from 8:30 am - 9:30 am. This event will be in the McLaughlin Hall. Knights will be serving hot pancakes at no charge.

In order to get an accurate count for Santa, all parents and children attending must pre-register for this event at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-breakfast> or by

using the link on the school webpage.

Santa is looking forward to joining us for breakfast!

St. Joseph School P.T.O. Presents... Parent's Night Out...Pajama Party! (See the attached information)

Children get to wear their pajamas (no nightgowns please), enjoy a pizza dinner, delicious dessert, make a craft and complete their evening watching a Christmas movie with their friends all while being supervised by school staff and fingerprinted volunteers!

Friday, December 2, 2016
5:00pm – 9:00pm
St. Joseph Church Parish Center Gym
Only \$10/child (ages 5-13)
(includes pizza, drink, cookie, craft, movie and popcorn)

Space is limited, so be sure to R.S.V.P. by returning the attached registration form before 3pm on November 28th to the front office.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-parents>

Uniform Reminders

We realize the pre-season fashions start debuting in New York and Paris in early December. However, last week, it appeared some of our fashionistas at SJCS were getting a jump on new styles! With the colder weather, we are beginning to develop some very creative interpretations of our uniform code! For your convenience, and to refresh our memories, the dress code is listed below. Please assist your child in dressing appropriately for school each day. A few offenders make it difficult for families who are diligently following the rules.

We are looking for items for the Eagles Nest. If your child has clothing that no longer fits, please drop off the uniforms at the school office. Children are growing and families are searching for uniforms that fit.

Also, **please make sure your child's name is in all uniform items**, lunch boxes, and backpacks. Many items end up in Lost and Found and we have no way of identifying the owner.

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SJCS Uniform Directives

Grades PreK3/4 Girls and Boys

Wear sneakers, white socks, gray PE t-shirts and navy PE shorts with school logo.

Grades K - 4

Girls wear plaid jumpers, skorts or shorts, and yellow blouse with Peter Pan collar and school logo. Socks should be visible, solid black, white, or navy. (crew, ankle, knee socks, or tights) Shoes should be SOLID blue, black, burgundy, or brown oxford, loafer, or sneaker (including shoelaces), or two-toned saddle oxford. High top sneakers are not allowed.

Boys wear navy, SJCS monogrammed, uniform shorts or pants and yellow polo uniform shirt with school logo. Socks should be visible, SOLID black, white or navy socks. Shoes should be solid blue, black, or brown loafer or sneaker (including shoelaces). High top sneakers are not allowed.

Grades 5 - 8

Girls and Boys wear khaki, SJCS monogrammed, uniform shorts or pants and navy blue polo uniform shirt with school logo. Skorts available for girls.

Socks should be crew, ankle, knee socks, or ped solid black, white, or navy. Shoes should be solid blue, black, burgundy, or brown oxford, loafer, or sneaker (including shoelaces), or two-toned saddle oxford. High top sneakers are not allowed

PE Uniforms - Girls and Boys wear sneakers, solid black, blue, or white socks, gray PE t-shirts and navy mesh PE shorts with school logo.

Grades K-3 wear PE uniforms to school on their PE days.

Winter Dress, Accessories, and Hair for all grades

Winter Dress:

Students may wear navy embroidered logo uniform sweatshirt, cardigan, or hoodie.

Students may wear plain, solid, navy or white long sleeve t-shirts, under uniform shirts. Only uniform outer wear may be worn outside the classroom when temperatures are above 40°. Winter jackets or other cold weather clothing may be worn outside the classroom on days below 40° by 7:00 a.m. or as otherwise determined by administration.

Students may wear SJCS monogrammed, uniform pants (navy in grades 1 - 4, khaki in grades 5 - 8) or navy thigh logo sweatpants. Girls may wear navy, black, or white solid tights under uniform jumper, skorts, shorts or pants.

(NO LEGGINGS)

Blouse or shirt must be tucked in at all times so belt or waist band is visible.

Accessories

Plain navy, brown, or black belts without embellishments are required to be worn in grades 2 - 8. Jewelry and make-up are not appropriate for school. This includes nail polish and artificial nails. Religious medals on a simple chain and simple watches are not considered jewelry. Girls may wear post earrings (no dangles or loops). (Only one per ear, please.) Boys may not wear earrings.

Hair:

Hair must be neat at all times and must remain its natural color. Extreme Haircuts or hair styles will be judged appropriate or inappropriate by the administration. Boys may not have hair touching their eyebrows, ears, or shirt collar. Only simple hair ornaments are allowed in girls' hair. **No bows other than school uniform bows (plaid, navy blue, white, yellow, black).** Beaded braids in hair are not allowed.





**A few hours to do some holiday shopping?
A date night with your sweetheart?**



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Child's Name & Age: _____

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Parent/Guardian Name & Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone Number: _____

\$10/child

Amount Enclosed: _____

Please make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic School

All registration forms and payment must be received

by 3pm on November 28th.

