

December 4, 2016

From the Principal's Desk



## **School Christmas Program – 6:30 pm – Wednesday – Parish Center**

Our School Christmas Program, “Christmas Through the Ages” will begin at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evening, December 7th, in the Parish Center. Parents and families may enter the Parish Center beginning at 6:00 pm. We ask that all children be in their places and ready for the program no later than 6:20 pm.

All of our students in Grades K through 6 will be performing on stage. Many of our 7th graders will be singing and performing, as well. Other middle school students have special roles during the 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 Miss Gaillard for her direction and preparation for this program.



## **Knights of Columbus Poster Contest**

Reminder: All entries are due by Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, and should be dropped off in the school office. Entry forms should be taped on the back of the poster.

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

It has come to our attention, that 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 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d44a4a72daaff2-reserved>

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

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” and your families last name.)

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## Christmas Cards & Gifts – Arriving this Week

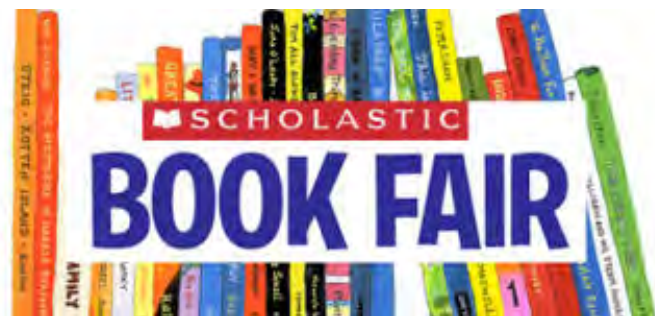
Christmas cards and gifts that were ordered through the school have been shipped and will arrive this week. We will let you know when they arrive. Cards can still be ordered by going to the website at [www.kidsarestars.com](http://www.kidsarestars.com), select “Orders” and choose St. Joseph Catholic School. All orders placed online will be mailed directly to the address you provide.

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## Book Fair – December 5 – 9

Special thanks to Donna Espino and all of our volunteers who will be assisting with our Book Fair this week, on Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> to Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in our school library.

Doors to our Book Fair will open each morning at 7:45 am, Monday-Friday, and again each afternoon until 3:30, except Friday. There will also be a Two for Tuesday treat, Tuesday morning, so doors will be open at 7:30 am. Students will visit the Book Fair during their usual library period, so please check student schedules. If you have younger students we invite you to join them.



Book Fair brochures went home with students, so please check backpacks. Please keep in mind that if you are not able to visit the Book Fair you may order online. Also, the prices you see in the brochure DO NOT INCLUDE TAXES!!!!

You may also shop online at <http://bit.ly/2gVbN0E>

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## Attention: Singers for Christmas Eve Mass – St. Joseph Church



Our choir students are invited to sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. on December 24th at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Please complete the permission form attached to this newsletter, indicating your child will be present to sing.

We are looking forward to having many of our students at the Mass, and thank you for your support.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our school to share with the St. Joseph parishioners.

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## School Mass – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

### Thursday – 8:00 AM

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**Congratulations, Ryle Bautista, winner of the Ident-a-Kid scooter!**







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SKATE FAMILY FUN CENTER

**GET READY FOR AN  
INDOOR SNOWBALL  
FIGHT!**

**BALLOON RELAY RACES  
BOUNCE HOUSES  
DANCING & MORE!**

**St. Joseph Catholic School**

**Thursday Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**6:00 to 8:00pm**

**\$7.00 includes skates and**

**Astro Skate is Cash Only**



Rink:

**Bradenton**  
3611 3rd St. W

**941-747-8602**

[WWW.ASTROSKATINGCENTER.COM](http://WWW.ASTROSKATINGCENTER.COM)

## Hot Lunch

5	6	7	8	9
<b>Beef Taco "Lasagna"</b> Yellow Rice Corn & Pea Medley Seasonal Fruit	<b>Parmesan &amp; Basil Pesto Penne</b> Sweet Peas Garlic Bread Seasonal Fruit	<b>Swedish Meatballs</b> Sauteed Green Beans Garlic Bread Seasonal Fruit	<b>Cheeseburger &amp; Macaroni "Helper"</b> Rustic Cornbread Ginger Carrots Seasonal Fruit	<b>FRIDAY PIZZA DAY!</b> <b>French Bread Cheese Pizza</b> Penne Marinara Fresh Vegetable Seasonal Fruit

## SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Monday:

- Basketball Game: SJCS vs. Manatee Charter
  - 4:00 pm Girls
  - 5:00 pm Boys

### Tuesday:

- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Little Pros Soccer Party
- 3:00 – 4:45 pm Boys Basketball Practice
- 3:00 – 5:00 pm Cheer Practice

### Wednesday:

Christmas Program

### Thursday:

- Boys Basketball Playoff Game - TBD

Friday: Nothing

## 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

- 6:00 pm Doors Open for Christmas Program
- 6:30 pm Christmas Program Begins

### Thursday

- 8:00 am MASS – HOLY DAY
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Grace Notes – Primary Chorus – Grades K - 3
- 3:00 – 4:00 pm Guitar Class – Intermediate Guitar
- 3:00 pm Grade 8 Math Help – Mrs. Owens

### Friday

**3:00 – 5:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind**

## Reminder: 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

Kiindergarten: Bring sunglasses

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

Grade 4 - Girls: 1950's theme: Yellow School Blouses, anklets (bobby) 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)

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## Decorating the School Courtyard for Christmas

Joanna Estigarribia is coordinating the courtyard decorating on Monday. If you are interested in helping, please use our volunteer sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D44A4A72DAAFF2-christmas](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0D44A4A72DAAFF2-christmas) or by using the direct link on our school website.

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### Breakfast with Santa – Don't forget to sign up for this event!



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!

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### Parents Night Out – Thank You to Our Volunteers!





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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Experiments with States of Matter





**Little Pros Soccer – Coming to the End of a Season of Fun!  
Thank You to Our Volunteer Coaches!**



**ADVENT MAGNIFICATS AND CHRISTMAS MINIATURES**



**The St. Joseph Music Makers**  
**Annual Choir & Orchestra Concert**  
*Sacred Advent & Christmas Carols*  
Performed with a Professional Orchestra and a 90-Voice Choir.  
**Sunday**  
**December 18**  
**3:00 pm**  
St. Joseph Church  
3100 26th Street W.  
Bradenton  
*Timothy O'Connor*  
Conductor



All are invited to a  
**Special Celebration**  
in honor of  
**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Sunday, December 11

Starting at 10:30am  
(prior to the 11am Mass)

◆ Featuring Matachines Dancers ◆

Please bring flowers to present to Our Lady.  
Donations to help defray the dancers'  
expenses appreciated.



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# Christmas Eve Chorus Permission Form

Attention: Chorus Members in Grades K through 8

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Will be practicing and singing for the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 pm at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the school office by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

