



SJB News & Notes

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December 12, 2019

Principal's Corner

We are just four short days away from our annual Christmas Program. The students are so excited to share the joy of the Christmas season with their family and friends. We invite you to join us on Monday, December 16 at 2pm or 6pm. On a side note, we are in need of some able-bodied help after the evening show to move the risers back to the church basement. Many hands make light work!

As a reminder, we have two Advent prayer services left this month. Parents are invited to join us each week. We will gather on Fridays at 3pm in the school. Each week a group of students will lead us in our prayer service:

- Dec. 13 - 1st & 4th Grades
- Dec. 20 - 2nd Grade

We are in need of parent chaperones for our annual Christmas Caroling on Friday, December 20 at 1:45pm. Please see the article in the newsletter for more information.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Special Dates to Note

December 13 - Advent Prayer Service at 3pm

December 16 - Christmas Program at 2pm & 6pm

December 20 - Caroling at 1:45pm, Advent Prayer Service to follow

December 21 - January 5 - Christmas Break

January 10 - Class Christmas Parties, Kick-off to Catholic Schools Raffle, Chili Cook-off & STEM Night

January 17 & 20 - No School, Teacher In-Service and MLK Day

Christmas Caroling

Our annual Christmas Caroling is on Friday, December 20 at 1:45pm. We are in need of parent chaperones to walk with us while caroling around Vermillion.

If you can help, please contact Deb in the office to let us know by Wednesday, December 18. We ask that you arrive at school around 1:40pm dressed for the weather. You are invited to stay for our Advent Prayer Service and treats after the caroling.



Christmas Toy Drive

FINAL COLLECTION DAY TOMORROW!

Our Home and School Association is collecting new toys for children in need. You may bring your donations to school through December 12.

They are collecting toys for children of all ages: infant through teenagers. For more information, contact Whitney LaCoursiere at wlacoursiere@gmail.com.

Chili Cook-Off

Our HSA will host a Chili Cook-Off on Friday, January 10 during our STEM Night and Raffle Kick-Off.

Please see the flyer attached to this week's email for information on how to register to participate. All school families are invited to join us for a free chili dinner.



Keep Christ in Christmas Poster

Contest Winners

Congratulations to our 2019 Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest winners. A huge thank you to our Knight of Columbus for hosting this contest and allowing our students to represent the true meaning of Christmas!

Grades K-2

- 1st Place: Ethan Simones (2nd Grade)
- 2nd Place: Regan Reinardy (2nd Grade)
- 3rd Place: Rowan Reinardy (Kindergarten)

Grades 3-5

- 1st Place: Brennen Lohmann (4th Grade)
- 2nd Place: Maddi Beissel (3rd Grade)
- 3rd Place: Bronson Brockman (3rd Grade)



Evening Christmas Program Arrival

All students should meet in the church basement at 5:45pm for the evening Christmas Program.

Videographer at Christmas Program

We are looking for a parent who is willing to take a video of this year's Christmas Program from the choir loft at church. We will then make free copies of the concert for parents who would like them.

If you would be willing to do this, please contact the school office.

Snowmobile Raffle Update

We did it...we sold all 250 tickets, which means we raised \$25,000 for the school! A big thank you to everyone who purchased and sold tickets for this fundraiser.

On Saturday Fr. Tix drew the winning ticket for the snowmobile. Congratulations to Mel Werner, the new owner of the snowmobile!

STEM Night & Chili Cookoff

The teachers are busy getting our STEM Lab ready for January. We know our students are excited to begin using the STEM Lab once it is ready, but we are also excited to show off our new lab to our families!

We invite you to join us on Friday, January 10 from 5-7pm for our STEM Open House, a Chili Cook-Off sponsored by the Home and School Association, and the Catholic United Raffle Kick-Off.

STEM Open House- During the open house, our LEGO League teams will demonstrate their projects from this year's expo and answer questions about their projects and LEGO League.

In addition, we will have our STEM Lab open to visit and our teachers will be demonstrating some of the exciting new robots and manipulatives that will be available to our students.



Chili Cook-Off- Our HSA will host a chili cook-off dinner for our families. This is a free meal, supported by our CSCOE grant. If you would like to compete in our Chili Cook-Off, please see the flyer attached to this week's newsletter email. Prizes to the winners!

Catholic United Financial Raffle- Once again this year we were fortunate to be chosen to participate in this amazing fundraiser. The school families sell raffle tickets for \$5 each, and the school keeps 100% of each ticket price! Our goal for this year is to raise \$15,000, that is 3,000 tickets we need to sell. Look for more information as we get closer to this date.

Parking Lot Safety

With the snowy, slippery conditions of winter, now is the time to remember parking lot safety. Please watch out for children as you are driving through the lot and make sure you drive slowly.

Also, it is helpful if all parents dropping off or picking up children park in a designated parking space, if you are going to be waiting for a time. Otherwise the entrance/driveway gets backed up into the street.



HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

Accepting Donations From
NOVEMBER 25th
through
DECEMBER 12th

Help donate to bring a smile to a boy or girl this advent season! Please donate a new unwrapped toy. Gifts for children for all ages (infants to teenagers) are greatly appreciated!

Thank you!



**All toys will be
donated to
The Lewis House
in Hastings**

Any Questions? Contact Whitney LaCoursiere at wlacoursiere@gmail.com