



SJB News & Notes

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December 5, 2019

Principal's Corner

Advent has begun! 'Tis the season of hope and the season of waiting. It is beautiful to see the hope in our children's eyes this time of year. Although, we know that it can sometimes be difficult for them to "wait" patiently for the birth of Jesus.

I like to remind myself that waiting is a period of learning. This was shared with me by a Benedictine sister when I was in college. She so wisely told me that the period of waiting is our chance to learn more about whom we are waiting for! So during this Advent Season, take time to remember just who it is that we are waiting to see.

We will have three Advent prayer services during this season of waiting. 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. 6- Kindergarten & 3rd Grade
- Dec. 13 - 1st & 4th Grades
- Dec. 20 - 2nd Grade

We hope that you will be able to join us to celebrate the coming of Jesus, as one faith-filled community.

Blessings,
Dawn Biren

Special Dates to Note

December 7 - St. Nick's Workshop from 9-11am

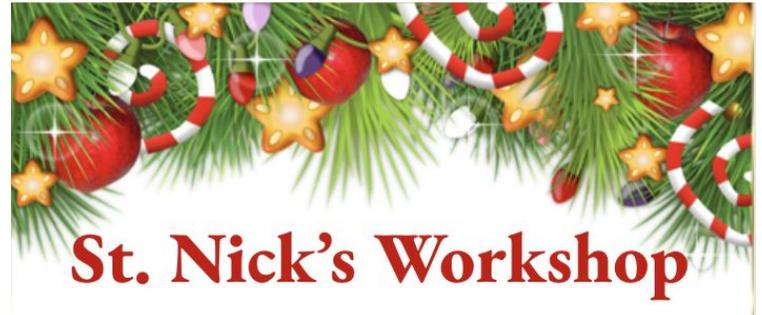
December 9 - Mass at 2pm, no Wednesday Mass

December 16 - Christmas Program at 2pm & 6pm

December 20 - Caroling at 1:45pm

December 21 - January 5 - Christmas Break

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



Please join us **THIS** Saturday, December 7 from 9-11am for our St. Nick's Workshop event at school. This is open to all children in our school and our greater community. Please invite your family and friends to join us!

Scholarships for 2020-2021

We are already starting to plan for the next school year. Here are two scholarship opportunities!

Pre-Kindergarten- The Early Learning Scholarship from the Schulze Family Foundation provides scholarships to 4 year old students in their last year before Kindergarten. This scholarship is meant for middle income families. To apply, see the flier attached to this week's email. Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Kindergarten-4th Grade- The Aim Higher Foundation provides need-based scholarships to families in our diocese. You must apply through TADS for these scholarships. You simply need to login to your current TADS tuition account and begin the application process. Make sure you select the option to apply for Aim Higher Scholarship/Service Appeal. See the flier attached to this week's email. This application is due **February 15, 2020**.

Through the TADS application process, you will also then become eligible for other available scholarships through St. John's School. For these opportunities, the school makes the final decision, but you must apply through TADS to be eligible.

Christmas Season Activities at SJB

Reconciliation- Our 3rd and 4th grade students will participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday, December 9 right before our 2pm school mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Christmas Program- Our annual Christmas Program will be on Monday, December 16 at 2pm and 6pm. This day will be an out of uniform day for all students. They are encouraged to wear their "Christmas Best" clothing.

Christmas Caroling- Our Christmas Caroling tradition will continue on Friday, December 20 at 1:45pm. There will not be permission slips for this event, as permission for in-town activities was given on your registration form. We will ask for parent chaperones when we are closer to this date.

Class Parties- Our Pre-K through 4th grade class Christmas Parties will be on Friday, January 10. Pre-K will be at 10:30am, and K-4 at 2:30pm. Room parents should work with the classroom teacher to plan the activities.



Snowmobile Raffle Update

We are down to the last 19 tickets for the snowmobile! If you would like to purchase a ticket, or know someone who does, tickets are available at the VPM in Vermillion.

The drawing will be this Saturday, December 7 at 11am at school.

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.

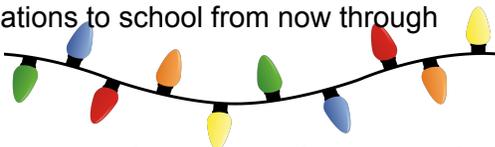


Chili Cook-Off- Our HSA will host a chili cook-off dinner for our families. This is a free meal, supported by our CSCOE grant. If you would like to compete in our Chili Cook-Off, please contact HSA President Tim Post at timpost_sdsu@yahoo.com or the office to register. Prizes to the winners!

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.

Christmas Toy Drive

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



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



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