



Coming Up:

- Dec. 9th—Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception observed (no school)
- Dec. 12th—PK-5 Christmas Program @ 7pm
- Dec. 13th—Spirit Day
- Dec. 18th—AR Store, Christmas Meal During Lunch
- Dec. 19th—1:00 Dismissal



- ST. JOSEPH OST -
CRUSADERS

December 5, 2024

Crusader Connection Bullets

Bierocks for Sale: We are still taking orders for bierocks by the dozen! Click on the following link or visit our school website to place your order. Get your orders now while supply lasts! Bierocks can be picked up in the school office between 8:00 AM– 3:30 PM until December 18th. The cost is \$36 per dozen.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSezSN1kuOvDPszQzDjgEGK_7WPWMBxXiToGL2m46TMnmADQQ/viewform

German Dinner Raffle: The basket raffle will return to the German Dinner this year. However, there are a few changes. We only plan to provide five baskets from the school. To accomplish this we are asking each family to donate \$25 or more to this cause. Our goal is to have all baskets completed before Christmas break. If you have not had a chance to do so, but would like to contribute, please send your monetary donations to the school office or use this QR code to make your donation.



Christmas Dinner: We are making preparations for our Christmas meal on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. The menu is baked ham, sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, sliced pears, dinner roll, and apple crisp. If you would like to eat lunch with us, please let Sarah Olsen know at solsen@sjost.com by Tuesday, Dec. 10th. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 and can be paid in the school office on the 18th.

Christmas Program: This year's Christmas Program is next week, Thursday, Dec. 12th at 7:00pm in the gym. The program will feature our preschool students, grades kindergarten-5th, and our middle school band students. Please note that students need to report to the classroom listed below by 6:45. Please do not arrive prior to 6:45 as teachers will not be available to supervise students. Students should be dressed in nice pants, collared shirts, or sweaters; girls are encouraged to wear modest dresses or skirts. Additionally, we ask that your children leave their coats with their parents before heading to their assigned classroom.

- Preschool—will stay with their parents until Mrs. Reynolds calls them to the stage toward the end of the program
- K, 1st, & 2nd—report to Mrs. May's classroom
- 3rd, 4th, & 5th—report to Mrs. Fairchild's classroom

CSW Talent Show Forms Due Tomorrow: If your child wishes to participate in the Talent Show during Catholic Schools Week, please be sure to complete the entry form and return it to Mrs. Charles as soon as possible. If you are needing the form, there are printed copies in the school office.

Christmas Scrip for Staff: If you are still looking for gift ideas for teachers, it's not too late to participate in the Christmas Scrip Program. An email was sent earlier this week with all the information. If you are needing a hard copy of the forms please let Stacey Spexarth or myself know and we will send them home with your child.



Dress Code Reminder: There's been so much growth this year, not only spiritually and academically, but also physically...and some of our student's uniforms are showing it. Please take the extended Christmas Break to look over your child's school uniform materials and assess if they are "up to snuff" in meeting our school's dress code. In particular, we're noticing some short skirts (hem must hit the top of the knee). If your child is in need of a uniform adjustment, please be sure to take advantage of the Christmas Break to make those changes. Thank you in advance.



Spirit Day Coming Up: Our next Spirit Day of the school year will be Friday, Dec. 13th. Students are invited to wear spirit shirts with jeans. Jeans must be free from rips, tears, and holes. If girls prefer, they may wear spirit shirts with their plaid jumpers or skirts.

Extreme Christmas Thursday, Dec. 19th: To celebrate the end of the 1st semester, students are welcome to wear school appropriate Christmas shirts or green and red shirts *with sweats* to school (no pajamas!) on Thursday, Dec. 19th. They may also wear Christmas hats, light up items, hair accessories, and/or jewelry but the accessories may not be worn until after Mass.

Scholar's Bowl: Our 7th and 8th grade Scholar's Bowl teams traveled to St. Margaret Mary this past Tuesday to participate in a Scholar's Bowl competition. The 7th graders took 2nd and the 8th graders had a winning record but did not make it to the finals. Congratulations to both teams.

Looking Ahead: Below are upcoming dates of things happening at St. Joe, Ost.

Dec. 6th—Confirmation Retreat for 5th, 6th, &7th graders at Bishop Carroll

St. Nick Visits

Talent Show forms due

Dec. 9th—Holy Day of Obligation (no school)

Dec. 10th—Christmas Meal RSVP's due to Sarah Olsen

Dec. 12th—PK-5 Music Program @7pm

Dec. 13th—Spirit Day

1st & 2nd grades field trip to see "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" @ Newman University

Dec. 18th—AR Store

Christmas Meal

Dec. 19th—1:00pm Dismissal

Dec. 20th—Jan. 6th—Christmas Break

Jan. 6th—Teacher Work Day

Jan. 7th—School Resumes for Students



7th grade team



We had a great time celebrating Fr. Bernie's birthday!



Turkeys in disguise



Balloons Over Broadway with our 2nd graders!



1st graders singing to the office staff!



Kindergarten created some beautiful Advent wreaths!



Fr. Bernie visiting 2nd grade!



Kindergarten posing in front of our bulletin board created by Stacy Bauman!



Advent wreaths created by our 5th graders!

It's all about the letter G in Preschool! So much happiness in that classroom!

