



Coming Up:

- Dec. 12th—PK-5 Christmas Program @7pm
- Dec. 13th—Spirit Day
- Dec. 18th—AR Store, Christmas Meal During Lunch
- Dec. 19th—1:00 Dismissal
- Dec. 20th-Jan. 6th—Christmas Break
- Jan. 6th—Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 7th—School Resumes



- 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: Thank you for your RSVP to our Christmas meal on Wednesday, Dec. 18th. The menu is baked ham, sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, sliced pears, dinner roll, and apple crisp. The cost of the meal is \$5.00 and can be paid in the school office on the 18th if you have not already done so.

Christmas Program: This year's Christmas Program is tonight 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
- Band Students—report to Mrs. Puetz'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 tomorrow.



Spirit Day Tomorrow: Our next Spirit Day is tomorrow, 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.



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.

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. Mrs. Charles is also gifting the staff and students with the "Gift of Time" on Dec. 19th. Students will be allowed to bring a pillow and blanket to school as well.

Baby Shower for Jesus: As a Christmas service project, the Kindergarten—2nd graders are hosting a Baby Shower for Jesus! All are invited to donate baby items that will be taken to Catholic Charities to be distributed to families in crisis at the St. Anthony Shelter and Harbor House. Please see attached flyer for items that are most needed. Items can be brought to school anytime between now and Dec. 19th.

Please remember RaiseRight Cards(formerly known as Scrip Cards) this holiday season: Whenever possible, please remember to pick up RaiseRight Cards (formerly known as Scrip Cards) for your everyday purchases and also for those upcoming occasions including birthdays, Christmas, anniversary dinners, etc. RaiseRight cards are simply gift cards. However, the RaiseRight vendors kick back a certain percentage of the amount and the school reaps that reward! There are hundreds of vendors and pretty much any gift card you can pick up at Dillon's or Wal-Mart, you can get by contacting Betty Seiwert. It's such an easy way for our school to earn money without any extra fundraising! Please email Betty Seiwert at bseiwert@sjost.com to order your RaiseRight cards. Thank you for your support!

GIVING TUESDAY THANK YOU: To our parishioners and alumni who donated to the recent Giving Tuesday campaign—THANK YOU! We are so appreciative of your dedication to our Catholic School. Your generosity raised over \$79,000. These funds will be used to fund the school's 15 students participating in the organ program, help improve the audio/visual equipment in the school, and begin a bus fund to help with our growing numbers! Again we thank you for your generosity!

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

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

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Christmas Meal

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Dec. 20th—Jan. 6th—Christmas Break

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Jan. 7th—School Resumes for Students

Christmas Break, Dec. 20th– Jan. 7th! School will dismiss at 1:00pm on Thursday, Dec. 19th. Teachers will return for a work day on Monday, January 6th. We'll look forward to the students joining us for the second semester on Monday, January 7th, 2025.

It's been a busy week for our Crusaders! St. Nick visited on Friday, Dec. 6th, our 5th, 6th, and 7th graders attended a Confirmation Retreat at Bishop Carroll this past Friday, our PK kiddos created Baby Jesus in the manger, 1st graders were busy creating pyramids, and our 6th graders were modeling slope angles!

