

November 17, 2011



SJCCS School Newsletter

Upcoming Events

November 18

11:45 dismissal—NO EXTENDED CARE- Moonlight & Magnolias Dinner & Auction, 6:00 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn; Peppino's Pizza in a Box order due

November 21

8:00 AM - deadline for turning in Thanksgiving Basket food items.

November 23-25

Thanksgiving Holidays, School Closed

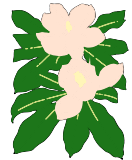
CALENDAR CHANGE:

February 10

Bishop's Holiday—No school for students. Diocesan Staff Development Meeting.

Moonlight & Magnolias

**St. Joseph Catholic School Dinner & Auction
November 18, 2011, 6:00 pm
Destination Pointe at the Hilton Garden Inn
See you there!**



Fund-A-Need

At the end of the live auction, our The Fund-A-Need this year will go to helping our school teachers and auxiliary staff who have taken substantial pay cuts in order to continue to provide an excellent spiritual and academic education for our children. If you cannot attend the auction this year, you may send a donation to the school with "Fund-A-Need" in the memo. Thank you in advance to your generosity and support.
Holly Hunter, SJCS Development Committee

School Notes

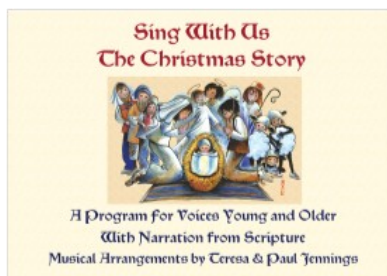
- Divine Mercy for the Rosary Club is cancelled on December 2nd.
- Orders for the Peppino's "Pizza in a Box" due tomorrow, 11/18/11. Make checks payable to SJCS.
- All Thanksgiving food items for our service project are due by 8:00 AM on Monday, 11/21/11.
- Congratulations to Gracie Brady and Chloe Hylkema for earning the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award—way to exercise!
- Look for an Elves Workshop email tomorrow with all the exciting details of the workshop, along with any forms your child may need.
- Please email any volunteer hours you have worked for the school to Chris Milam at Christina.milam@gmail.com.
- As part of the 5th grade science unit about the circulatory system, we dissected deer hearts (supplied by Grant Brady, an SJCS alumni and Gracie's brother). Dr. Strathern (dad of Francesca, Luciana & Domenica) was our surgeon of the day, helping with dissection and showing us all the parts on the hearts. Thank you to both Dr. Strathern and Grant Brady for an awesome science lesson!



PTO Breakfast

All parents and volunteers are cordially invited to join the PTO Board for breakfast at the 9:30 AM on November at the home of Kari Strathern. The address is 2208 E. North Avenue.

Music News November 2011



Dear Parents,

I want to share with each of you how proud I was of your children in honoring our Veteran's last week at our Veteran's Day Celebration. They all worked hard to prepare singing, choreography, storytelling, and instrumental pieces—Band and Bell Choir. Thank you to everyone for encouraging your children to share their gift of music with the men and women who have served our country in the military. Thank you also to Kathleen Martell for making sure many of you donated yummy goodies for our honored guests and our students!

On December 14th, at 6:30 PM all of our students will celebrate through instrument and song "Sing with Us the Christmas Story". They will also get to dress up as one of the characters in the story. I need all of your help, to help them learn these wonderful traditional Christmas Carols (sent home in homework folders this week). The teachers are also helping by singing each class's carols during their daily religion classes. Because I only get to see them once a week, this daily practice at home and in class is so helpful for the children, especially if they have a little stage fright. Also, please have fun and get creative in designing simple costumes at home. Simple things already in your home can be used (i.e. Scarves, bathrobes, sandals, pillow cases, face paint, etc.).

Pre-K and Kindergarten—Angels

First Grade—stable animals and sheep

Second Grade—Shepherds

Third Grade—Wise men and travelers (these can be more ornate)

Fourth through Seventh Grade—People of Bethlehem

Mary—Kate Oman

Joseph—James Canello

Innkeeper—Alex Gebing

Caesar Augustus—William Goad

Star of Bethlehem—Mary Kahler

I look forward to seeing everyone the evening of the concert, and I am delighting in each student's musical growth as they prepare. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Désirée Werth, Music Teacher

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