

December 1, 2011



SJCCS School Newsletter

Upcoming Events

December 5-8

Elves' Workshop—see details on page 2

December 7

Schedule change:
Wear P.E. clothes today!

December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Wear Mass uniforms today.

December 14

Student Music Program, 6:30 PM in the church. PTO Bake Sale to follow.

December 16

11:45 AM dismissal—No Extended Care

December 18—Jan 3 Christmas Holidays

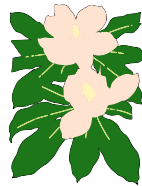
January 4

School resumes.

CALENDAR CHANGE:

February 10

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



Thank you to all who contributed to the success of the Moonlight & Magnolias Dinner and Auction!

Reminder: All reimbursements for the Moonlight & Magnolias fundraiser need to be turned in by December 8th. Receipts will not be reimbursed after this date!

Schedule Changes for Next Wednesday & Thursday

Next Wednesday, December 7, we will be having P.E. classes. Please send students in their **P.E. uniform on Wednesday.**

Next Thursday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All students will go to Mass. Please send students in their **Mass uniforms on Thursday.**

School Notes

- From November to March, please remember that three layers are required for the P.E. uniform: tee shirt, sweatshirt, and jacket, plus sweatpants. Hats, scarves, and gloves are recommended for additional warmth but not required.
- **Rosary Club Alert: Divine Mercy on December 2nd and Rosary Making on December 5th are both cancelled this month.**
- Please email any volunteer hours you have worked for the school to Chris Milam at christina.milam@gmail.com.
- Congratulations to Rebecca Cazarin for meeting the requirements for the Presidential Active Lifestyle Award. Congratulations also to Zachary Buchanan for his second six weeks of exercise, qualifying him for the Presidential Active Lifestyle medal!

School Uniform Incentive

This month we will be tracking uniform compliance with all students in K through 7th grade. If we can reach 97% compliance by December 15th, we will have a holiday dress down day on Friday, December 16th. We will announce the results in our Thursday, December 15th newsletter. Uniform notes will go home to parents if the students are not in complete and/or correct uniform.

We will be doing this each month to earn our dress down days. Please consult the student handbook for specific uniform requirements.



2011 Elves Workshop

The PTO is happy to announce that our “Elves Workshop” will be open December 5th through December 8th! The Workshop is a very exciting and fulfilling experience for all of the children of St. Joseph. Children will have the opportunity to personally handpick gifts for all of their family, relatives, friends and even pets! The gifts will be wrapped and tagged and brought home ready to be put under the tree.

A list is being sent home today so that you may indicate for whom and how much your child is allowed to purchase. Our “Elves” will be on hand to help the children shop within your budget and help with age and gender appropriate gift ideas. Our elves work very hard at keeping the cost of our gifts reasonably priced with a majority of them are \$5 or less and no gifts over \$10. Payment will be made at the time of purchase (cash or check). No blank checks will be accepted.

Parents and siblings are welcome to come and shop as well! The Workshop is a PTO fundraising event for St. Joseph Catholic School.

We have several special events planned during the week of Elves. We will have a bake sale on Thursday December 8th after 8:30 am Mass with the goodies available for purchase while they last. On Wednesday December 7th, we will have an adult only gift wrapping “party” in order to wrap as many of the gifts purchased as possible. This volunteer opportunity is great for those who can not volunteer during working hours.

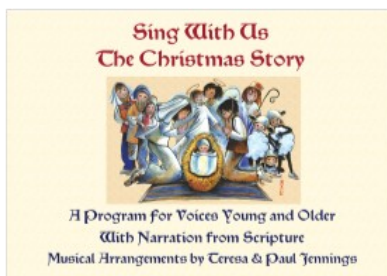
This year we will again be collecting gently used toys to donate to Calvary Children’s Home. We ask that the children bring one of their own toys to put in the box for children who don’t have as much. This project is done in celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th.

We are in need of Elves to set-up, help the kids, wrap gifts and donate baked goods! Please contact Diana Zakrzwski at zakdl@yahoo.com or 864-845-9920 if you are available to help. We are also in need of holiday bags, tissue paper, ribbon, tape and tags. On behalf of the PTO, thank you for your continued support.

Hours of Operation (We will be closed each school day from 11:45 am to 1 pm)		
Monday	12/5	8 am to 2:30 pm
Tuesday	12/6	8 am to 4 pm
Wednesday	12/7	8 am to 3:30 pm (wrapping party from 6 pm – 8 pm)
Thursday	12/8	9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Weekend of	12/10-11	Open after Masses

If you would like to donate baked goods for the Bake Sale on Thursday morning, please drop them off in the school office or the parish hall by 8 am on 12/8. The bake sale will be open after the 8:30 am Mass on 12/8 and available while supplies last.

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,

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