

St. John the Evangelist Regional
Catholic School
Monthly School Newsletter



December 2021



Reminder:

If you chose the two-payment tuition plan, your second payment is due December 1st.



School Calendars:

If you ordered a calendar, they are enclosed with this newsletter. Many thanks to Mrs. Palya for doing such a wonderful job taking the pictures.

Principal's Message:

During this season of Advent, we are instilling in the children that they are to be spiritually preparing themselves for the birth of Christ. They are being encouraged to do acts of kindness as well as practice self-discipline. The children have a daily prayer service to remind them of the anticipated arrival of the Christ child.

All of us at St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School wish you the very best holiday season and continued health and happiness for the new year.



St. Nicholas Visit:

On Friday, December 3rd, we will celebrate St. Nicholas Day. The morning will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a prayer service in Church followed by St. Nicholas visiting the classrooms.

School Closing and Delay:

Notifications will be sent regarding school delays/closings or any other important information through a text. Hopefully this will be one more avenue to relay pertinent information. If you do not receive texts from the school, please contact the school office. Or, if you prefer, you can listen to WPQR 99.3 FM and WMBS 590 AM. Also, our school follows the Laurel Highland School District bus schedule. Our school's status will also be listed separately on television stations KDKA, WTAE, WPXI.

If a parent does not send his/her child to school during inclement weather, that is their choice. However, if school is in session and a child is not present, he/she is marked absent.

Also, for the safety of the students, the school is not responsible for the students who arrive earlier than one-half hour before classes begin. Please see insert concerning virtual instructions.



Confessions:

As we approach Christmas just a reminder that as Catholics (adults and children), we should make every effort to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as Holy Communion. The children will have their confessions heard by Father Tony, on December 17th at 1:00 p.m.

Conferences:

We want to thank all of the parents who came to the conferences and expressed such pleasure and satisfaction with the school.

Your compliments meant so much to all of us. Thank you for your expression of gratitude.

Traffic:

Our office has been asked to once again advise parents to please stay in your car at dismissal. The teachers bring the children to the cars. Please be careful / mindful of the children being dropped off in the morning. Please do not speed on school grounds.

Donations needed:

We are starting to prepare for the Spaghetti Dinner which will be held in February. We are asking for dish towels to be donated for the kitchen. Any help will be appreciated.

Lunch:

If you are going to be late, please call ahead and order your lunch/salads. Once we place the order, which is at 8:30 a.m. and your child/children come in late, they will have to be served a cheese sandwich if you didn't call ahead. Thank you.

Operation Christmas:

The 3rd grade students had a great Operation Christmas Drive. They filled 18 boxes and 3 virtual boxes. Thanks to your donations, the shipping was paid in full. Thank you for giving Christmas to children in need!

Santa Secret Shop:

The Home and School Association will be having the Santa Secret Shop on December 8th and December 9th. The children will be able to shop for their loved ones at a cost of \$2.00 per item. Please see the enclosed form. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, December 8th :

8:30 - 9:30 Pre-4
9:30 - 10:30 Grade K
10:30 - 11:30 Grade 4
12:20 - 1:10 Grade 2
1:10 - 2:00 Grade 3

Thursday, December 9th:

8:20 - 9:00 Grade 1
9:00 - 9:40 Grade 5
9:40 - 10:00 Pre-3
10:00 - 10:40 Grade 6
10:40 - 11:00 Grade 7
11:00 - 11:40 Grade 8



Important Dates:

Religious:

Dec. 2 - 9:00 Mass Grade 5
Dec. 8 - 9:00 Immaculate Conception Grades 5
Dec. 16 - 9:00 Mass Grade 5
Dec. 17 - 1:00 Confessions for Students

Secular:

Dec. 2- 12:30 - Early dismissal - Teacher's Mtg.
Dec. 3 - 9:30 St. Nicholas Day
Dec. 3- Deficiencies will be mailed
Dec. 7 - 6:00-7:00 Santa Secret Shop set up
Dec. 8 & 9 Santa Secret Shop
Dec. 15 - Bake Sale sponsored by Team Justin
Dress Down Day - \$1.00
Dec. 22 -Dismissal after Christmas Program
Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation
Jan. 3 - School Resumes

Sports Ticket:

The winner of October's sport ticket was the Megan Dicenzo Family. The number was # 527 and was sold by the Dicenzo Family.

Deficiencies:

Deficiencies will be mailed on December 3rd. If your child(ren) receives a deficiency, please contact the teacher(s) involved to correct the problem.

Yearbook:

Mrs. Palya always creates a memorable yearbook. If you wish to order a yearbook, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the school office.

The cost of the yearbook is \$30.00 Please make checks Payable to St. John the Evangelist Regional Catholic School. We are only be ordering the number of books that are preordered.

There will be NO extra yearbooks available.

Mrs. Palya is in charge of the ads. Ms. Paull tracks the payments and orders. Every 8th grader is responsible for placing an ad in the yearbook.

If you are interested in placing an ad, please see the enclosed flier. All ads are due by December 3rd.

Please mark your envelope "Yearbook Ad" and send to school the office.



Thank you to:

- Parents who brought in items for the Santa Secret Shop.

Peace Poster Contest:

Congratulations to the winners of the 2021-2022 Annual Peace Poster Contest sponsored by the The Lions Club: Nyah McDowll (8th Grade); Samantha Carl (7th Grade) and Alexa Budner (6th Grade). We are very proud of you!!

Curriculum Mapping:

All of the schools in the diocese are a part of the curriculum mapping initiative introduced by Dr. Marsteller.

Curriculum Mapping is a linear concept K-12 that ensures that all students are introduced to all the concepts needed for that grade level as well as future grade levels. Please talk to your child's homeroom teacher for more details.

Attendance:

It is very important that when your child is tardy, the parent must come into the office to sign him or her in. Also, when your child is absent, they need an excuse when they return. If the absence is 3 days or more, a doctor's excuse is needed.





