



St. John the Evangelist Regional
Catholic School
Monthly School Newsletter



December 2024

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 6th, 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.

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 and Mrs. Hearn for doing such a wonderful job taking the pictures and documenting the birthdays.

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. 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.





Important Dates:

Religious:

Dec. 6 - 9:30 St. Nicholas Day
 Dec. 9 - 9:00 Mass Immaculate Conception
 Dec. 17 - 1:00 Confessions for Students
 Dec. 19 - 9:00 Mass

Secular:

Dec. 4 - 2:30-3:30 Leo Club
 Dec. 6- Deficiencies will be mailed
 Dec. 5 - 12:30 - Early Dismissal - Teacher's Mtg.
 Dec. 5- Dress Down Day - \$2.00
 Dec. 10 - 6:00-7:00 Santa Secret Shop set up
 Dec. 11 & 12 Santa Secret Shop
 Dec. 12 - Penn State Competition
 Dec. 13 - Gr. 7 & Gr. 8 Nemaquin Castle tour
 Dec. 18 - Dress Down Day - \$2.00
 Dec. 20 - 10:00 Christmas Program dismissal immediately after
 Dec. 21 - Jan. 5 Christmas Vacation
 Jan. 6 - School Resumes

Sports Ticket:

The winner of October's sport ticket was the Goletz Family and the number was # 565.

Deficiencies:

Deficiencies will be mailed on December 6th. 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. 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. Mrs. Hearn 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 6th.

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

Santa Secret Shop:

The Home and School Association will be having the Santa Secret Shop on December 11th and December 12th. 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 11th :

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

Thursday, December 12th:

9:00 - 10:00 Pre-3
 10:00- 11:00 Grade 2
 11:00- 11:40 Grade 6
 12:20 - 1:20 Grade 5
 1:20 - 2:00 Grade 7 & 8



Bookfair

The book fair was a huge success and we made a profit of over \$1,297.00. John and Mallory Daniloski spearheaded the event and did an amazing job! Amanda Voithofer and Barb Duda were a huge help!

Thank you to the Daniloski's, Barb Duda, Amanda Voithofer, and Lora Voycik for helping to set-up and working the fair. Thank you to all of the volunteers who took time to help. All of you are truly amazing.

Headsets:

Thanks to the generosity of St. John's Christian Mothers under the leadership of Ann Sweeney, we were able to purchase new headsets for the students to use in computer class .

We are grateful to Ann as well as the Christian Mothers.

Leo Club

The Leo Club Officers for the 2024-25 school year are: Imari Wilson-President; Eli Rittenhouse-Vice President; Andi Zehala-Secretary; Michaela Buchheit-Treasurer; Rachel Wontroba-Sargent of Arms. Congratulations to all of you!

Our Leo Club filled 100 bags of personal care items for our local Veterans in honor of Veteran's Day.

ESPORTS:

We are proud to have Esports here at St. John's. Mr. Sam Lucas is having a wonderful time coaching the team. The team consists of Quinn Drews, Brezlan Gibson, Eli Jellots, Kip Jellots, Maddix Robinson, Brayden Stroder, Khamari Wilson and Chase Zehala.

They compete every Thursday against other schools and are doing great!!

Flag Football:

Flag Football continued this year throughout the Diocese. Timothy Wright, Amanda Voithofer, Tristan Green, Lauren and Justin Goletz, and Kristen Shumar are coaching our K-2, 3-4, and 5-6 teams. They play at GCC and Geibel on Saturdays. They are having so much fun and are doing awesome.

Thank you to:

- Parents who brought in items for the Santa Secret Shop.
- The Franczyk Family for decorations and centerpieces for the dances.
- Josh Nichelson for DJ'ing both dances.
- Cassie Curico for the donation of Neon tube lights for the dances.

Fireman's Essay:

Congratulations to the following students who are winners Of the Fire Prevention Essay. They are: Sophia Cialone (Grade 5), Hadley Murtha (Grade 6), Quinn Drews (Grade 7) and Gianna Rizer(Grade 8). We are proud of you!

Curriculum Mapping:

All of the Schools in the diocese are a part of the curriculum mapping initiative.

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 in 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.





