

St. Joseph Catholic School

Leading students to Christ through academic excellence, respect for others, and community service

Week 17 - December 5, 2016

2014 National Blue Ribbon Exemplary High Performing School

Dear Parents,

Last week we had one of our favorite events of the year, our school **Spelling Bee**. Our students were fantastic as always, but we were especially impressed with our third and fourth graders. Each year our students are given an official list of words to study. In the bee we give those words and then move "off list" to words they have not seen before. Our third and fourth grade students went through nine rounds of off-list words before we determined a champion! This year's elementary champ is Buzz Garlinghouse, middle school champ is Spencer Katz, and junior high champ is Alex Brandt. Their winning words were accountability, codify, and emoji. All three winners will now move on to the Washington County Spelling Bee.

Breakfast with Santa is here! Please make plans to join us Saturday morning at 9:00 or 10:00. This event allows our PTO to provide a Christmas bonus for our excellent teachers. You can purchase advance tickets in the office, or directly through the event site on BidPal here: <https://my.bidpal.net/sjfaybreakfastwithsanta>. You can of course always purchase tickets at the event. We hope to have a great crowd again this year! This is also a great chance to earn service hours for your family. You can sign up to help before, during, and after the event here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4fa8ac28a4ff2-stjoseph>. Supplies can be dropped off in the office at any time.

Be sure to make our special Christmas-time **Book Fair** one of your stops during Breakfast with Santa on Saturday. If you would like to use the Book Fair as a chance to do some Christmas shopping for your kids, the Book Fair will also be open from 8am-10am on Monday, December 12th for some kid-free shopping time.

We are all looking forward to our **Christmas programs** this Tuesday night. Kindergarten-4th will begin their performance at 6:00, and 6th-8th will begin at 7:00. Students are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes before their performance begins. Please join us for a great event. If you or loved ones can not attend we will be live streaming the performance at the following link:
https://livestream.com/Stjoseph/events/6712527?origin=event_published&mixpanel_id=14ad75441863e-0165519e9-101f2672-c0000-14ad754418e2&acc_id=15973161&medium=email

For the last three weeks, I have closed my letter by listing the generous donors to our **Annual Fund Gap Campaign** from that week. I will be out of the office this Monday, so I will not be able to do my regular check of last week's donations. I will do this on Tuesday when I return and send an update. As of Friday, the current total for the campaign was \$17,447. The Gap Campaign seeks to fill the financial gap between our tuition rate and the actual cost required to educate a student. We believe that every member of the St. Joseph community can make a meaningful contribution to this gap campaign. Please prayerfully consider what gift will be possible for your family. Every contribution, whether large or small, can change the lives of our students. We would love to see 100% participation from our families. .

This Week at SJCS

- Tuesday @6pm, K-4 Christmas Program
- Tuesday @7pm, 6-8 Christmas Program
- Wednesday @8:30am, Confessions for 5th & 6th
- Wednesday @6pm, Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Thursday @8:15am, School Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- Thursday @5pm, Home AAA basketball vs. The New School
- Saturday @9/10am, BREAKFAST WITH SANTA!!! & Christmas Book Fair
- Saturday @9am-3pm, Boys & Girls Club Basketball at St. Joseph
- Monday, Dec. 12 @8-10, Book Fair open for parents only

What's New on Parents Web

This Week

- December Menu

Last Week

- Mumps Info from the Health Department

Specials Weekly News

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This Week's Feast Days

This week's feast days are St. Sabas, St. Nicholas, St. Ambrose, The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and St. Juan Diego. Their lives would make a wonderful discussion for your family.

In Christ,
Jason Pohlmeier

St. Joseph - Pray for us!

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