St. John the Evangelist Catholic School

To Learn, Live and Love as Jesus Taught Us

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The Eagle Report

SJE Parent Newsletter

Save the Date

Monday, Tuesday, Nov. 25 &26, NO SCHOOL

Student E-Learning Days! Parent/Teacher Conferences

Nov. 27 – Nov. 29 THANKSGIVING BREAK

Dec. 2 – Dec. 17 Christmas Food Drive

Tuesday, Dec. 3 School Spirit / Healthy Snack

La Quesadilla Dine Out Day

Thursday, Dec. 5 Gr. 6-8 NET Retreat

Friday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas Visits School

Wear RED Today, $1.00 for Missions

Sunday, Dec. 8 SJE Band Concert

Concert at Andrean, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

2:00 p.m. Dismissal, NO PM BUS

Tuesday, Dec. 17 Evening of Reconciliation

Thursday, Dec. 19 Christmas Program, 12:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 20 End of Quarter

Wear RED Today, $1.00 for Missions

Classroom Parties (Gr. K-5) 1:45 p.m.

Dec. 23 Jan. 5 CHRISTMAS BREAK

Monday, Jan. 6 School Resumes

NO Bus Service - NO L.C. Hot Lunch

Advent comes from the Latin word meaning "coming." Jesus is coming, and Advent is intended to be a season of preparation for His arrival. While we typically regard Advent as a joyous season, it is also intended to be a period of preparation, much like Lent. Prayer, penance and fasting are appropriate during this season.

Advent is not as strict as Lent, and there are no rules for fasting, but it is meant to be a period of self-preparation. The purple color associated with Advent is also the color of penance. The faithful should fast during the first two weeks in particular and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The color of the Third Sunday of Advent is rose. This color symbolizes joy and represents the happiness we will experience when Jesus comes again. The Third Sunday is a day of anticipatory celebration. It is formerly called "Gaudete" Sunday; gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Finally, Sundays during Advent, just as during Lent, should not be given to fasting, but instead to celebration because we celebrate the resurrection of Our Lord every Sunday.

These weeks leading up to the great Feast of the Nativity of our Lord are always busy. Our prayer is that you and your family are able to find time to pause each day and reflect on the true meaning of the season…Our Lord Jesus!

Parent/Teacher Conferences Nov. 25 & Nov. 26

Our Parent – Teacher Conferences will be held on November 25 and 26.

Conferences have been scheduled in advance for those requesting a conference. Please limit your time with the teacher to 15 minutes.

There will be no "walk-in" conferences as it delays those who have been scheduled to meet personal commitments.

There will be NO SCHOOL for students on either day, however, both days will be

E-Learning Days for students. Teachers will be posting assignments on Friday, Nov. 22.

VETERANS' DAY

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Veterans' Day Program. A special thank you to the Veterans who attended and to all who have served our country.

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS

On Friday, Dec. 6, SJE anticipates a visit from St. Nicholas, a holy bishop who secretly served the poor and staunchly defended the Catholic faith in the fourth century. In many cultures, it is a custom for St. Nicholas to visit children on this day and leave in their shoes a special treat for those who are good or a lump of coal for those who are naughty.

For a $1.00 donation to the missions, students may wear RED on this day. All other N.U.T. Day rules apply.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE
December 2 – December 17

The Christmas Food Drive will once again collect food for those in need. Please see the flyer that will be sent home with your child regarding specific needs. Monetary donations are always welcome. The families we assist are always so appreciative of your extreme generosity.

CAPS FOR KIDS
December 2 – December 17

The Northwest Indiana Catholic newspaper is accepting **donations of new or handmade winter caps, gloves, mittens, and scarves** for their annual Caps for Kids campaign. These donations are sorted and distributed to area needy by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, social service agencies, and other groups. Please send unwrapped items to SJE school.

2:00 p.m. Dismissal - Tuesday, December 10th

Our December early dismissal from school is on Tuesday, Dec. 10th. There is no afternoon bus service. Please be prompt when picking up students, as our faculty attends professional development on these days, which begins promptly at 2:15 p.m. Students not picked up by 2:10 p.m. will be sent to Oasis, our after school care program, which is located in the MEC building behind school.

SJE Christmas Program

On Thursday, December 19, 2019, we will present our annual Christmas Program featuring songs and music by our students in Gr. K-4.

Parents are welcome to join us in the SJE gym. The program will begin at 12:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS CLASSROOM PARTIES

Parties are scheduled for Friday, Dec. 20th, at 1:45 p.m. Dismissal time is 2:45 p.m.

If you are an organizer for the classroom party, please remember the teacher must approve all plans prior to the day of the party. The N.U.T. Free Policy applies to this and all school parties.

All volunteers must be Virtus trained and up to date on their bulletins.

ALPHA 201 SESSIONS

Upcoming Faith Formation sessions for parents will be held on the following dates:

December 4 and December 11

Contact the parish office for further information and to register. (219-365-5678)
***** Alpha 201 sessions apply towards the service hour requirement. *****

****Each K-8, SJE parishioner family, is required to serve a minimum of 18 volunteer hours per year and attend 1 Adult Faith Formation session sponsored by St. John the Evangelist Parish. Non-parishioner families are required to do 20 service hours. Two hours may be substituted with attendance at an Adult Faith Formation session sponsored by SJE Parish.**

Thank you to everyone for your extreme generousity! Your donations brought a Happy Thanksgiving to 30 families, along with 283 pairs of pajamas to those in need!

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NUT-FREE POLICY -

Parents should discuss with the teacher any treats they would like to bring into the school for birthdays and other celebrations, including classroom parties. All treats must follow the school Nut-Free Policy. All lunch items must also be nut-free. Check the school website for acceptable foods. Please remember items must be nut-free, as well as produced in a nut-free facility.

WEATHER RELATED CLOSINGS/DELAYS

School closings or delays may be necessary due to severe weather. SJE generally follows Lake Central School Corp. for delays and/or closings.

Parents will be notified through our RenWeb automated phone/text system and it will also be posted on RenWeb. Additionally, Lake Central School Corp. posts weather-related closings on their website.

There is NO OASIS on days when school is cancelled.

If school will open with a delayed start, the delay will be announced through our automated phone/text system, and on RenWeb. Lake Central buses will run their routes as usual, but at a later time according to the delayed start schedule. School lunch will be served. Dismissal will be at the regular time.

For a one-hour delay, the school day starts at 9:00 a.m. For a two-hour delay, the school day starts at 10:00 a.m.

There is NO morning OASIS on days when there is a delay.

Preschool will start one-hour later when there is a one-hour delay; however, preschool morning classes will be cancelled when there is a two-hour delay.

THE NEXT GENERATION OF BOX TOPS IS HERE! Box Tops is changing to fit today's busy families. The new and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to your school's earnings online. Sign up today at: https://www.boxtops4education.com

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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ADVENT BEGINS	2 STUDENT COUNCIL 2:45-3:30 PM FOOD DRIVE BEGINS	3 SCHOOL SPIRIT / HEALTHY SNACK DAY ROBOTICS 3-4:30 PM LA QUESADILLA DINE OUT NIGHT	4 DRAMA CLUB 2:45-3:45 PM TUTOR CLUB – 2:45-3:30 PM	5 RESCHEDULED NET RETREAT, GR. 6-8	6 ALL SCHOOL MASS ST. NICHOLAS VISITS WEAR RED FOR $1.00 LAST CHESS CLUB 3-4 PM	7
8 BAND CONCERT – ANDREAN H.S., 6:00 PM	9	10 GR. 8 FIELD TRIP- EXTREME X-RAY, 8-3 2:00 pm DISMISSAL – NO PM BUS NO ROBOTICS TODAY	11 DRAMA CLUB 2:45-3:45 PM TUTOR CLUB – 2:45-3:30 PM	12 ART CLUB, GR. K-2 2:45-4:15 PM NO ROBOTICS	13 ALL SCHOOL MASS	14
15	16	17 ROBOTICS 3-4:30 PM EVENING OF RECONCILIATION, 4:00 PM	18 LAST TUTOR CLUB – 2:45-3:30 PM LAST DRAMA CLUB 2:45-3:45 PM	19 FOOD DRIVE ENDS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 12:30 PM ROBOTICS 3-4:30 PM	20 ALL SCHOOL MASS CLASSROOM PARTIES 1:45 PM, GR. K-5	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	31 NO SCHOOL – CHRISTMAS BREAK	CLASSES RESUME ON JANUARY 6 WITH *NO BUS SERVICE *NO L.C. LUNCH			