

Our mission is to promote strong Catholic identity and, through quality Catholic education, prepare each student to assume their leadership roles as Christian stewards.

Dear Parents,

This is the last newsletter for 2023. May everyone have a Blessed Christmas and new year!

Thank you to the students and Mrs. Beach for a wonderful Christmas concert! Home and School thanks everyone for the cookies for refreshments.

The 7th grade class thanks everyone for their donations to Water for Sudan.

Thank you to StuCo members and advisors for planning fun Christmas activities for the student body.

When planning for class Christmas parties, room parents are reminded to plan on providing a lunch, along with a sweet treat, as no hot school lunch will be served on Dec. 20. Please check with the classroom teacher as to what time to deliver party items.

Father Secrist would like a few students in grades K & 1 to portray Joseph, Mary, angels and shepherds and process in with him at the 5:00 Christmas Eve Mass. Please email Mrs. Bixenman or Mrs. Debby by Tuesday, Dec. 19, if your child is interested.

The Advisory Council has one open position that needs to be filled. St. Joseph School Advisory Council serves to further the mission of St. Joseph School by supporting the key strategic areas: Catholic School Culture, Academic Excellence, Enrollment Management, Strategic Leadership, Governance, and Stewardship and Resources and Facilities.

The School Advisory Council meets on a bi-monthly basis in the school's multipurpose room. Each term is 3 years long. Please enter your information at the link below if you're interested in serving on the Council. Council members are to be active parishioners. Please direct any questions about the Advisory Council to Mrs. Kelsey Emmerich, Principal at kemmerich@school.stjoe.church with any questions.

[St. Joseph School Advisory Council Nomination Form](#)

Father Secrist has set Christmas Mass times for St. Joseph, Wien and Brunswick as follows: Dec. 24 – 5:00 p.m. at St. Joseph; 8:00 p.m. at Brunswick; Midnight at Wien and on Dec. 25 – 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph. Remember that weekend Masses are on Dec. 23 & 24 and Christmas Masses are on Dec. 24 & 25. Weekend Masses on Dec. 23 & 24 do not count as Christmas Mass.

Student Council Christmas dress up days:

Monday, 12/18: Christmas Pajamas

Tuesday, 12/19: Christmas Shirts

Wednesday, 12/20: Free Dress Down Day for Students/Staff

(If students do not want to participate in the dress up days, then school uniform must be worn.)

Sun, Dec 17 – Student Council has a meeting and retreat from 11:00-2:00.

Mon, Dec 18 – We will have Faith and Fitness with Mrs. Vicki during PE classes. It's Christmas pajama day.

Tues, Dec 19 – Student Council will coordinate caroling and cookie decorating at 1:45. It's Christmas shirt day.

Wed, Dec 20 – Dress Down Day - This is the end of 2nd quarter already! Christmas parties will be held at individual class times. Please check with the homeroom teacher for details. Room parents are reminded to provide a lunch for the class as a hot school lunch will not be available. **School will be dismissed at 12:15 for Christmas break.**

Dec 21 - Jan 2 – Christmas Break – MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Jan 3, 2024 – School Resumes

Jan 5 – Second quarter report cards will be sent home with students.

Tuesday, Jan 9 – Parents are reminded to attend the Home and School meeting at 6:30 p.m.

May God bless you! *Mrs. Debby Henke*, Administrative Assistant

SEE BACK FOR MASS PARTS, LUNCH MENU, CALENDAR, & WEEKEND SERVERS

MASS PARTS – Dec 19 & 20 –StuCo Members

Tuesday: Servers-Colten, Lucas, Elliott Reader-Anna Response-Jacob Petitions-Isabelle Gifts-Brooks, Sheldon, Austyn, Aspen Choir-Macy, Quynn, Anastyn, Ella Greeters-Colin, Brooks

Wednesday: Servers-Sheldon, Andrew S., Maria Reader-Paxton Response-Anastyn Petitions-Addison L. Gifts-Crew, Nayomei, Braelyn, Jake Choir-Hudson, Natalie, Isabelle, Anna, Colten Greeters-Jace, Macy

MASS PARTS – Jan 4 & 5 – 6th Grade

Thursday: Servers-Nolan, Blake, Byron Reader-Kinsley Response-Paxton Petitions-Natalie Gifts-James, Jaden Choir-Castden, Clara, Logan, Jace Greeters-Mason, Brandi

Friday: Servers-Mason, Brandi, Kinsley Reader-Clara Petitions-Jaden Gifts-Natalie, Jace Choir-Blake, Nolan, James, Paxton, Logan Greeters-Castden, Byron

LUNCH MENU – December 18-20, 2023 (Menu items may be subject to change.)

Mon – Chili, Cinnamon Roll, Carrots, Peanut Butter Crackers

Tues – Ham, Corn, Broccoli & Rice Casserole, Fruit Slushy

Wed – Classroom Parties

Thurs – No School

Fri – No School

WEEKEND MASS SERVERS: (Please find your own replacement if you are unable to serve.)

Dec 16th - 4:15 p.m. – Mason Keeting, Kinsley & Addison Lehnhoff

Dec 17th - 10:00 a.m. – John Linneman, Isabelle & Elliott Hartmann

Dec 23rd - 4:15 p.m. – Kinsley Moore, Paxton Gordon, Wesley Boss

Dec 24th - 10:00 a.m. – Colin & Byron Henke, Aiden Bristow

Dec 24th - **5:00** p.m. – Jacob White, Colten & Sawyer Stundebek

Dec 25th - 10:00 a.m. – Austin & Blake Stundebek, Amanda Fessler

JANUARY CALENDAR

3 – School resumes

5 – 2nd Qtr report cards sent home

9 – Home & School meeting 6:30 pm

12 – 12:15 Dismissal; Speech Meet here 1:00

13 – Funding Our Future Banquet 6:00 pm

15 – NO SCHOOL-MLK Day

26 – MATC visit for 8th graders

28 – Catholic Schools Week Breakfast 8:00am –noon

28-Feb. 3 - Catholic Schools Week

30 – StuCo meeting 7:30am

Feb 2 – Parents' Day Mass & Breakfast 8:00 am; 12:15 school dismissal