

From the Principal

HIS BIRTH IS UPON US!

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May celebrations of Christ's birthday bring you many blessings.

Join us at St. John's for Christmas Mass:

- **Christmas Eve**, December 24th at 4pm , 6pm, and 10:30pm
- **Christmas**, December 25th at 8:30am and 10:30am
- **Feast of Mary, Mother of God** (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses December 31st at 5:30pm and January 1st at 10:00am

See you in 2019!

Ann Laird, Principal



Quiz Bowl 2018

Peter M., Oliver M., Thomas R., and Skylar W. competed in the Quiz Bowl this past Monday.

They came in 6th place out of 42 teams.

Patriotic Pen Essay Contest

VFW post 724 sponsored a Patriotic Pen essay contest. Our winners were:

- Peter M. - 1st place
- Tommy R. - 2nd place
- Skylar W. - 3rd place

Peter also went on to the regional competition where he took 2nd place.



Upcoming Events

December 21-January 1

Christmas Break - No School

January 2

School Resumes

January 3

Variety Show Permission Due
ELC Parent Mtg; 6pm Rm 110

January 4

School Spirit Day
Geography Club, 2:30 Rm 4

January 5

Journey to the Inn

January 10

Variety Show Auditions

January 11

School Spirit Day

Field Trip Charges 2018-19 School Year

To help alleviate multiple charges on your Tads accounts, we have decided this year to charge a one time Field Trip Fee for each student. To cover the costs of field trips (entrance fees plus busing transportation) this school year, all students (K-8) will be charged a \$75 fee. This amount was decided upon after review of the field trips that all grades attended last school year. This will not include the ELC trip that our 5th grade students attend in the spring. This fee will be added to your January payments

Wines to Wishes 2019

Thank you to all those who have donated items so far for our Wines to Wishes grade baskets. We will continue to accept donations through Friday, January 11th.

Invitations and a volunteer sign-up will be coming out soon. If you would like to assist now, contact one of the chairs

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BoxTops Contest

Our 2nd grade won the latest Box Tops contest! They have earned a Comfy Clothes Day with Hot Chocolate on a date to be identified by the 2nd grade teacher.

Our next contest dates are:

Jan 14-Jan 25: Treat (such as popcorn or rice crispy treat)

Feb 25-Mar 8: Popsicle party

May 6-May 17: Extra Recess



Coloring Contest

SJB Student Ambassadors sponsored an optional Christmas Coloring Contest for our students.

Here are our winners:

Grade	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
K	Mia K.	Jillian E.	Isabella E.
1	Alaina S	Regan B	Morgan W.
2	Olivia B.	Abigail H.	Peyton L.
3	Theo L.	Jillian C.	Gabriella E.
4	Iria H.	Emily O.	Audrey W.
5	Avery L.	Miranda S.	Sydney C.
6	Krista M.	Genevieve A.	Addison S.
7	Ito E.	Bridget R.	Alex M.
8	Jalyn W.	Mary H.	Clare H.

SJB Swim Team

The St. John the Baptist Swim Team is open to all students in grades K-8. To participate, each swimmer must be able to swim one length of the pool (25 yards) unassisted and without stopping. We have several parent volunteer coaches that will work with swimmers to improve their skills, gain confidence, and have fun!

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 11. Send registration form, Parental Authorization form, and Christian Ethics to the School Office.

Registration materials can be picked up from Mr. Miley or can be found on the [Athletics page](#) on the SJB website.



SAVE THE DATES

50TH ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER SERIES

Fr. Michael Joncas
January 20, 2019 1:00-2:30pm
Vatican II - Its Effect on the Building of the Church

Nicholas Markell
March 3, 2019 1:00-2:30pm
How the Statuary, Stained Glass & Icons Speak to Us

Refreshments served after both events
Please mark your calendar

All Parish Epiphany Event

JOURNEY TO THE INN



WHAT: Journey to the inn with the Wise Men to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

WHERE: St. Joseph's Hall

WHEN: Saturday, January 5th

4:30–5:30pm Mass (Sunday school will be available during this Mass.)

5:30–6:15pm Mostaccioli pasta dinner with salad and bread catered by Knights of Columbus (vegetarian and gluten free meals available)

\$6 – ages 11 and up

\$4 – ages 3 to 10

Children 2 and under are free

6:15–7:15pm *We begin our journey with Bible stories that tell the story of Christmas and send the Wise Men on their journey to Bethlehem. *We will have a candlelight procession through the neighborhood singing Christmas carols, accompanied by the Wisemen as they journey to the inn ending at the manger with **live animals in the stable**. *We will return to St. Joseph's Hall where we will end with hot cocoa and cookies.

Not able to walk around the neighborhood? That's okay! Join us for a delicious meal and Bible readings. Not interested in dinner? Just join us for the Bible readings and singing in the neighborhood. **RSVP only if you plan to join us for dinner.**

Return this RSVP portion to the Welcome Desk or at your Faith Formation program to RSVP (by Wednesday, January 2nd) for dinner only. (Pay at the door or in advance with RSVP.)

Adult Names: _____

Number of Adults/11 and up: _____ \$6/ea

Number of Children 3 to 10: _____ \$4/ea

Number of Children 2 and under: _____ free

Gluten Free:

Number of Gluten Free Meals Adult/11 and up: _____ \$6/ea

Number of Gluten Free Meals Children 3 to 10: _____ \$4/ea

Questions or to RSVP for the meal by email: Email Jodie at wollaj@stjohnnyb.org.