

From the Principal

BLESSED ADVENT TO ALL!

During advent, we prepare ourselves for the coming of CHRIST. This is a great time to reflect on God's abundant love for us which He showed by sending us HIS SON. This year we are preparing ourselves by striving to live out the Core Values:

- Reliance on Prayer—School Advent Calendar, Middle School Adoration, Mass, Advent Confessions, 2 minute silent prayer each day
- Generous Spirit—School Advent Calendar, Advent Service Project : Bags of Joy (homeless outreach bags for those in need), SJB Christmas Shoppe, Band and Christmas program, and our December virtue of GENEROSITY—giving without counting the cost or expecting anything in return.
- Willingness to Grow—School Advent Calendar, Advent Confessions, School Band and Christmas programs, and learning during school

Just a few notes about some the items listed above:

- ⇒ School Advent Calendar: Each day of our Advent Calendar gives our students a way to prepare for Jesus by living out one of Core Values and is posted on our St. John's Facebook page. Please check our Facebook
- ⇒ Advent Service Project: "Bags of Joy" - homeless outreach bags for people in need in our community. Students will be focusing on the Core Values: Generous Spirit, Willingness to Grow, and Reliance on Prayer throughout collection, assembly, and distribution of the bags. Then, to help strengthen our core values, each family is asked to take bags and deliver them to people in need this season. Please see below for the list of items requested. Thank you.
- ⇒ SJB Christmas Shoppe is a PTO sponsored in-school store where our students can purchase gifts for their family member and friends. It is optional for students to purchase items, however, all students will visit with their classes. Please see below for more information.

St. Nicholas will be visiting our students this Friday in celebration of the Feast of St. Nicholas. Be sure to ask your child(ren) about his visit. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of children. Students will be receiving a prayer card with the following prayer:

God, Our Father, we pray that through Your intercession of

St. Nicholas You will protect our children. Keep them safe from harm and help them grow and become worthy in Your sight. Give them strength to keep their faith in You; and to keep alive their joy in Your creation.

Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

It is with great sadness that I announce that Kristy Champion, Food Service Director, will be leaving St. John's school. Over the last couple of years Kristy has been wanting to spend more time with kids and to help them learn. Working with students in an educational environment is where her heart is at and where she is being called. To that end, Kristy has taken a new job with the Mounds View district as a special education para. We will definitely miss her and the kids will miss her smiling face and pleasant greetings. We wish her all the best and she knows she always has a place at SJB. Kristy's last day is tomorrow and she let the students know today. Mrs. Sheryl Szymanski will be taking over as head of the kitchen. Sheryl is a wonderful asset to us

Upcoming Events

December 5

Band Concert, 1:00 & 7:00pm

December 6

School Spirit Day

Geography Club, 2:30-3:15

December 9

Immaculate Conception, Mass
at 8:30am

December 11

All School Mass, 8:30am

SJB Christmas Shoppe

December 13

Bags of JOY items due

School Spirit Day

SJB Christmas Shoppe

December 17

Christmas Program, 7pm

December 18

Reconciliation, 9:30-11:00am

December 19

Gr. K-5 at Sidekick Theatre

December 20

Out of Uniform Day - wear

Christmas colors

December 23-January 1

Christmas Break - No School

January 2

School resumes

There's No Place Like



Wines to Wishes 2020

Save the Date Wines to Wishes 2020!

February 1, 2020

Information on the event, including the annual grade baskets collection, may be found on the W2W website.

[Wines to Wishes](#)

November JOY

Congratulations to our November Joy students. These students were recognized for the virtue of stewardship - returning to God the first fruits of your time, talent and treasure.

KG Landry G.

Gr. 1: Joey S.

Gr. 2: Emmett L.

Gr. 3: Olivia B.

Gr. 4: Audrey M.

Gr. 5: Connor A.

Gr. 6: Luke B.

Gr. 7: Krista M.

Gr. 8: Erin J.

Art: Brady P.

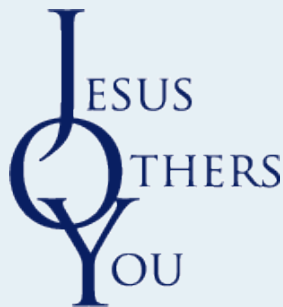
Gym: Amelia W.

J-Care: Kate N.

Library: Alex C.

Music: Isaac M.

Spanish: Abby C.



and the kitchen. She will do a wonderful job running things for us. Please join me in wishing Kristy well in her new position and assisting Sheryl in her new role here.

We have installed three additional drinking fountains/bottle filling stations in the school - two upstairs and one downstairs. Thank you to the class of 2019 who donated one of the fountains to our school. The other two were purchased from donations from Wines to Wishes Fund-A-Need 2019. We are thankful for the generosity of parents and parishioners of St. John's.

Finally, report cards for trimester 1 will be available in Educate tomorrow, Friday, December 6th. If you do not know (or have forgotten) your login information for Educate, please contact [Michelle Barsness](#).

Ann Laird, Principal

Keep Christ in Christmas

Middle School students participated in the Knights of Columbus annual "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest. Congratulations to the following winners:

Grade 6

Luke Brandt
Annaleigh Collins
Campbell Gulan
Lila Moore
Miranda Spiess
Veronica Wiley

Grade 7

Laila Aguilar Hernandez
Hana Bardon
Abby Collins
Krista Munsinger
Madison Podvin
Reese Weeks

Grade 8

Ito Etuko
Madison Fisher
Erin Jensen



Watch the school and parish TV monitors in the coming weeks for images of the winning posters!

SJB Christmas Shoppe

Santa's Shop is an on-site, PTO run store where students have the option to purchase Christmas gifts for parents, siblings, pets or whoever they wish. Santa's Shop will be held this year on December 11 and 13. All Classrooms will have the opportunity to visit the Christmas Shoppe. Envelopes/lists will go home next week with all students. You may send cash or check (payable to St. John's) for purchasing gifts. Gift prices range from \$1.00 up to \$10.00 with most items in the \$5-\$10 range.

Please send a re-useable bag with your child to help transport gifts home (if you have extra at home you want to donate, we will happily take the donation!)



We are looking for some volunteers to help during the sale. If you have your Virtus requirements up-to-date and can help for an hour or more, please contact Jenny Schmitz at jschmitz134@gmail.com. Thank you! We are looking forward to the Christmas Shoppe - it is a fun opportunity for our students!

Christmas News from the SJB Student Ambassadors

Santa Grams (similar to the Hallograms) will be sold next week Tuesday, December 10 - Friday, December 13. All Santa grams should be filled out and are turned in by Monday, December 16th. Cost for the Santa Grams: 25¢ cents each or 5/\$1.00.

The ambassadors will also be holding a coloring contest. This is an optional activity for students in preschool through grade 8. Coloring sheets will be handed out on Monday, December 9th and are due Friday, December 13th. **For this coloring contest, please do not include anything glued or attached to the picture (glitter, candy, etc.). Only pictures using markers, crayons, colored pencils or paint will be accepted.**



St. John the Baptist

ADVENT SERVICE PROJECT

BAGS OF JOY



This year, St. John's will be collecting items to create homeless outreach bags for people in need in our community. We are asking for donations of the following items from each grade level:

Preschool - Hand or Foot Warmers

K – Chapstick

1st - Hand or Foot Warmers

2nd – Individually Wrapped Tooth Brushes

3rd – Toothpaste (travel size)

4th – Socks (adult sizes)

5th – Tab Open Soup

6th – Mini Hand Sanitizer

7th – Fruit Cups

8th – Granola Bars



All – Gallon Size Ziploc bags

*Our collection will run from
December 2nd through December 13th.*

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