

December 14, 2023

From the Principal

This weekend is Gaudete Sunday which means rejoice. We are encouraged to remember the joy that was brought into the world when Christ was born on Christmas. We encourage you to do something special on this Sunday and remember that it is never too late to start the Advent Challenge or find another way to prepare for his birth.

We want to remind you about our two Christmas concerts:

- * The Christmas Concert for Preschool-2nd grade students is tomorrow at 12:45pm in the Church. There will be cookies and milk available after the concert for you to enjoy either on your way home or in St. Joseph Hall. Students may wear their "Christmas best" to school tomorrow.
- * The Christmas Concert for our 3rd-8th grade students will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00pm in the Church. Doors will open at 6:30pm. Students should come dressed in their Christmas best and meet their teachers in their classrooms beginning at 6:30pm and they should be ready to go in their classrooms no later than 6:45pm. Students should leave their coats with parents as they will not be returning to their classrooms after the program.

Here are other important reminders:

- Class Christmas parties are Thursday, December 21st. Students may come out of uniform on this day wearing Christmas colors or a Christmas themed shirt. Jeans or sweatpants are okay for students to wear on this day.
- There is no school for Christmas break from Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2nd.
- Christmas will be celebrated at SJB on Sunday, December 24th with 4:00pm, 6:00pm and 10:30pm Masses and on Monday, December 25th with 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. Please note that the Christmas Eve Mass does not count as your Sunday Mass commitment for the 4th Sunday of Advent.

Our capital campaign is in full swing, and we are excited to say that we are over halfway to our goal! We have received \$3.1 million in pledges so far! All families should have received a mailing from the Parish regarding the campaign - we are so grateful to those who have returned their pledge forms. If you have not returned your pledge card yet and plan to do so, please turn it in to the Parish or school office. Thank you for prayerfully considering a pledge!

We hope that you are continuing to work on your Advent Challenge. The Advent Challenge is a wonderful way for your children and the entire family to prepare for Christmas. Remember that the turn in day for the challenge is on Thursday, December 21st!

Finally, confessions will be held in the Church on Tuesday, December 19th from 7:00 - 8:20am. This is a great time to stop by after dropping off your students to have an Advent confession and prepare your hearts for the coming of Jesus this Christmas.

Ms. Ann Laird, Principal

Upcoming Events:

Coloring Contest Due
Dec 15

Santa Grams Due
Dec 15

Christmas Concert, Pre-2
Dec 15 @ 12:45pm

Christmas Concert, 3-8
Dec 19 @ 7:00pm

Advent Challenge Due
Dec 21

Christmas Break
Dec 21-Jan 1

School Resumes
Jan 2

Santa Grams and Christmas Coloring Contest Due TOMORROW!



If your student is participating in the SJB Ambassador sponsored Christmas Coloring Contest or bought Santa Grams:

**All items should be
turned in TOMORROW
MORNING, FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 15th**



SJB Athletics – Swimming Registration Now Open

Registration for the SJB swim team is now open! Swimming is open for boys and girls in grades K-8.



ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM AT LEAST 25 YARDS (ONE LENGTH OF THE POOL) UNASSISTED AND WITHOUT STOPPING.

All registration will be done online on the SJB Athletics page: [SJB Athletics Registration](https://stjohnnyb.org/SJB-Athletics-Registration). Questions? Contact Mr. VanBeusekom at vanbeusekomc@stjohnnyb.org

8th Grade Washington, D.C. Pizza Fundraiser

Our 8th grade students who will be traveling to Washington, D.C. this spring are holding a Pizza Fundraiser. Orders for Luigi's Pizza will be accepted now through January 11th. Please use the link below to place your order.

Orders accepted December 11th through January 11th with the link below.

<https://store.myfundraisingplace.com/SelectProducts/afa87fdb-5747-411c-89ac-9ddf16ace2e4/3006161>

Pizza order pick-up in St. Paul Plaza – Sunday, January 28th from 11:30am – 12:00pm

