



St. Joseph Catholic School

Weekly Newsletter – December 8, 2019

From the Principal's Desk

MISSION STATEMENT

Rooted in Catholic faith, and committed to academic excellence, St. Joseph Catholic School develops personal responsibility, character, service, and leadership.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Please join us for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on
December 12th at 1:45 pm
In the school courtyard.

Parents and guardians are invited to attend.
Students will be gathered with their homeroom.
Parents who attend the prayer service, may sign out their children
for dismissal after the program. All other parents will follow our
pickup procedures for the regular carline.

**Students are invited to bring roses or flowers
on December 12th for the procession.**

Sing With Us The Christmas Story



Reserved Seats for Our Christmas Program “Sing with Me the Christmas Story”

December 17, 6:00 pm
St. Joseph Church

During any program, the front seats are always the favorites for our families. We realize all of our parents want those very special seats in the front rows. In order to prevent that “front row stampede” or parents trying to slide into the church early, we are offering the front three rows as reserved seats for \$10.00 per space. Eight people can fit comfortably in each row. Spaces will be reserved in the designated pews, but not in any particular order. All proceeds will support our school fine arts programs.

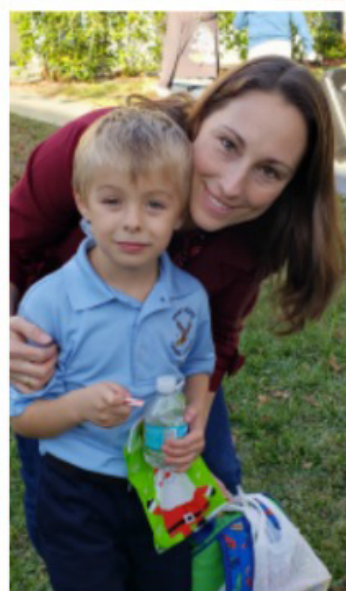
You can reserve your spaces at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/reserved>

(Please send payment to the school office in an envelope marked “reserved seats” with your family’s last name.)



Thank you to everyone that
volunteered their time and
donated items to support

🎀 Cookies With Santa 🎀
and Mrs. Claus!



Sing With Us The Christmas Story



“Sing with Me the Christmas Story”

December 17, 6:00 pm

St. Joseph Church

Program begins at 6:00 pm in the church.

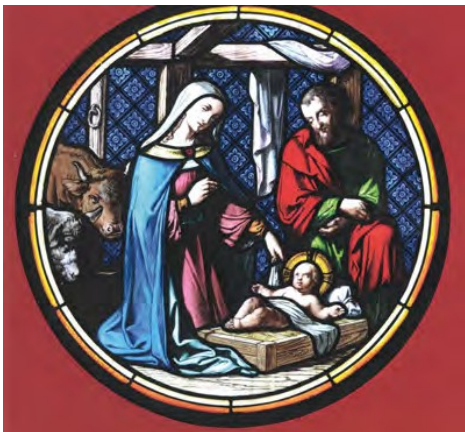
All students will go to their homerooms between 5:30 and 5:45 pm. They will come as a class to the church for the performance. Parents will drop off their children at their homerooms and proceed to church for the program.

All students will stay seated with their homeroom until the end of the program.

NO AFTERCARE ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th, to allow all staff and students time to return to school by 5:30 pm.

All students in grades K – 5 are in the program. Middle school students with designated roles are also in the evening musical.

Knights of Columbus Essay Contest & Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest



This is the last week to pick up the entry forms and poster paper for the “Keep Christ in Christmas” poster contest.

All Entries are due back in the office by December 13th.

AGE GROUPS

Contest entrants compete in one of three age groups:

- Ages 5 through 7
- Ages 8 through 10
- Ages 11 through 14

Congratulations to Julian Smith in eighth grade.
Julian was this year’s Knights of Columbus essay contest winner.

All winners will be announced for both contests and will receive their awards after the school Mass on December 20th.

A Night Before Christmas at G.T. Bray Park – Volunteers Needed



Thank you to all of our parents and volunteers who have offered to assist during “A Night Before Christmas” at G.T.Bray park. We only have a few volunteer slots remaining.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share information about our school and our January Open Houses. Students who assist parents and wear their uniform or Spirit shirt will receive a dress down pass.

Information about the event: Santa will be coming to G.T. Bray to visit with the children.

The event will include face painting, bounce houses, wagon rides, and much more. This year features over 15 tons of snow and 150-foot long snow slide that even grown-up "kids" will enjoy. Families who complete Santa's passport and will be entered to win a gift certificate, too! This awesome event is great for kids of all ages. Wristbands for this event are \$5.00 for children and include unlimited participation in all activities, bounce houses, snow, etc. Food is available at an additional cost.

Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Location: G.T. Bray Park

VOLUNTEER LINK: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/GTBray> or visit our school webpage at www.sjsfl.org and choose the Volunteer Opportunities link,



December Birthday Celebrations Thursday, December 12

11:00 am

Parish Center

Grades 5 – 8

11:30 am

Parish Center

Grades K – 4

Sign up to join us at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/BDInvite>

Please sign up online if you are planning to attend so we can plan the number of extra tables needed during lunch.

Safe Environment Class – 9:00 am – Saturday, December 14th – St. Joseph Room



Attention: All volunteers are required to complete a Safe Environment Class and Background check. If you have not completed these requirements and want to assist on campus or during field trips, we are offering another class next Saturday morning.

Registration must be completed online at: <https://bit.ly/2P1IGeH>

Registration must be completed by Friday, December 13th

Activities December 9 – December 15

Monday, December 9

8:00 am Immaculate Conception Prayer - Courtyard
8:00 am Student Council to attend Advent program at St. Bernard Church
NO ODYSSEY OF THE MIND – MOVED TO WEDNESDAY
3:15 – 4:15 pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, December 10

8:30 am Student Council to deliver Jesse Tree gifts
3:15 – 4:00 pm K-Kids Meeting – Room 723
3:15 pm Violin
3:00 – 4:00 pm Intermediate Guitar

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 am Mass – Students go directly to church
3:00 – 4:00 pm Odyssey of the Mind Meeting (Grades 6 – 8) – Room 723
3:00 – 4:00 pm Beginning Guitar

Thursday, December 12

11:00 am Celebrate December Birthdays During Lunch (Grades 5 – 8)
11:30 am Celebrate December Birthdays During Lunch (Grades K – 4)
1:45 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration - Courtyard
3:00 – 4:00 pm Intermediate Guitar
3:00 – 4:00 pm Irish Dance

Friday, December 13

Keep Christ in Christmas Posters Due for Contest
Kindergarten to sing at Summerfield

Saturday, December 14

9:00 am Safe Environment Class – St. Joseph Room (Must Pre-register)
10 am – 2:00 pm Night Before Christmas – G.T. Bray Park

Sunday, December 15

5:00 pm Mass – St. Joseph Catholic Church – Guadalupe Dancers before Mass

Calendar Dates

Mark Your Calendar

December 17	Christmas Program – 6:00 pm – St. Joseph Church
December 17	NO AFTERCARE
December 18	VPK Christmas Play - 8:30 am & 12:15 pm
December 18	Penance Service (Grades 3 – 8)
December 19	June ½ Birthdays Celebration
December 19	Ugly Sweater Day
December 20	End of Second Quarter
December 20	School Mass
	Knights of Columbus Awards after Mass
December 20	Christmas Parties & Middle School Dance
December 20	Early Dismissal – 11:30 am
December 20	NO AFTERCARE
December 23 – January 6	Christmas Break
January 7	School resumes
January 9	History Fair
January 10	Report Cards
January 10	Kona Ice & Spirit Day
January 15	K of C Basketball Free Throw Contest – 3:15 – Parish Center
January 17	Early Dismissal – 11:30 am – Staff Development
January 20	No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
January 26 – February 1	Catholic Schools Week
January 29	School Mass
January 29	Open House for New Families
January 31	3 rd Quarter Progress Reports
January 31	Early Dismissal – 11:30 am – Staff Development
January 31	No Aftercare

IMPORTANT DATE

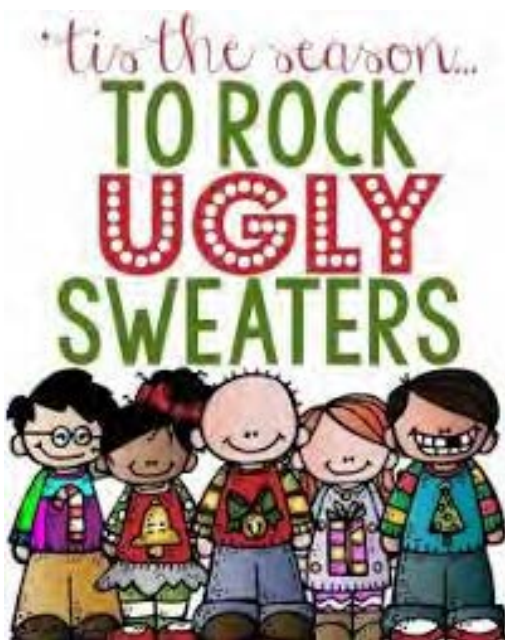


January 8 – 8:15 am to 9:30 am in the St. Joseph Room

Join us for “Coffee in Paradise”

All attendees will receive two hours of volunteer credit.

We will discuss the importance of working together to build the faith of our children and their families. Enjoy a coffee bar with pastries, share with other parents the importance of faith and values in today’s world. Meet the religious education leaders of St. Joseph parish.



**Student Council
Ugly Christmas Sweater Day**

SJCS Celebration – December 19th

On this day, get in the holiday spirit and flaunt those ugly holiday sweaters (or Christmas shirts) you have been too embarrassed to wear in public. In many countries, the holiday is associated with fundraising events for local charities. We will be raising funds for the many projects of our Student Council.

**Choose your level of participation
and help others!**

____ Donate a minimum of \$1.00 and wear your Christmas sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt with your school shorts, skorts, or slacks and school shoes and socks.

____ Donate a minimum of \$2.00 and wear your Christmas sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt with jeans, shorts (maximum of 3" above the knee), or capris. With school shoes and socks.

____ Donate a minimum of \$3.00 and wear your Christmas sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt with jeans, shorts (maximum of 3" above the knee), or capris. IF you are wearing a tunic sweater (covers the *derrière*) you may wear leggings pants. With Christmas socks and shoes of your choice (no high tops, heels or sandals).

____ Donate a minimum of \$4.00 and wear your Christmas sweater, sweatshirt, or shirt with jeans, shorts (maximum of 3" above the knee), or capris. IF you are wearing a tunic sweater (covers the *derrière*) you may wear leggings pants. With Christmas socks and shoes of your choice (no high tops, heels or sandals). You may add a Christmas hat, headband (antlers, etc.) or Christmas bows. Color hair spray or sparkles may be added.

Total Donated: _____

Student Name: _____

Homeroom: _____

Please return to your homeroom teacher. By December 19th.