



# Holy Hawks Newsletter

*December Edition 3*

## **Week of December 18**

Wow! I am sure you will agree that the students did an excellent job last night at the Christmas program! They put a great deal of time in preparing for the special night. Special thanks to the teachers who worked with them in learning the songs, preparing the props and organizing the entire school for a beautiful performance.

There has been some discussion about bad weather days. I wanted to get this information out to you so you will be aware of the plan for this school year. Please take a minute to familiarize what St. Joseph School will be doing in the event of bad weather that may force us to close school for a day or two (or more!!!!). We will be in close contact with the Freeburg Schools. If they call off school, we will also be calling off school. St. Joseph School will not be listed separately on the TV stations. We will be sending out a text and an email to our school families through FACTS as soon as the decision has been made to close school. We have been discussing the value of remote days versus taking a good old-fashioned snow day. More conversation with the teachers will be taking place concerning the approach we will be taking this year.

Our Giving Tree is full of gloves and hats. Monday, December 18, is the last day to bring in gifts for the tree. We will be delivering our donation to the St. Vincent de Paul office on Wednesday. Thank you for filling up our tree. It looks great! We have two more candles to light on our Advent Wreath. We will be praying as a school family on Monday and Wednesday next week to light them. I hope your children have been sharing that experience with you.

As mentioned before, competitive chess is coming to St. Joseph's. We are still looking for a parent or two who can help Mrs. Thomas on a few Saturdays in January-March. There will be a sign up genius for you to sign up your child for this activity. The students have been playing in STEM class and will continue to work on their game after Christmas.

A couple reminders for next week:

There will be bus service each morning next week but no bus service at dismissal on Monday and Tuesday. There will be bus service on Wednesday at dismissal.

Free dress for Monday is dress clothes. Tuesday and Wednesday are Christmas clothes or Christmas color days.

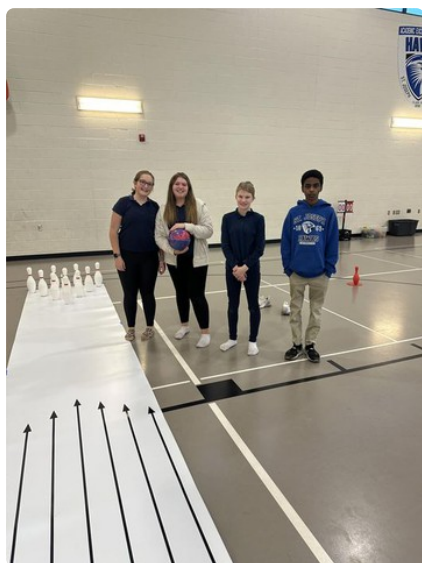
Monday is a regular lunch day. Tuesday is a pizza day. You do not have to pay for this lunch. If your child does not want to eat pizza, he/she will need to bring his/her own lunch. There will not be any food served in the cafeteria that day. Students may bring a drink from home that day (**no soda**). There will be drinks available if your student forgets.

School will be dismissed at 11:30 on Wednesday and school will resume on Wednesday, January 3. There are a few changes to the calendar/schedule for second semester. We will be sending those revisions out to you when school resumes. Report cards will be sent home on Friday, January 5. There will not be a newsletter next week so this is the last one for 2023!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you! Enjoy your families and friends during this special time of the year. Be safe!

Kris Hill  
Interim Principal

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Bowling

The 7th and 8th graders enjoyed some bowling in P.E.



### Polar Express

The Kindergarteners dressed in their P.J.'s and enjoyed Polar Express Day.



### Delivering Letters to Santa

The 1st graders wrote letters to Santa and walked them to the post office.

## Christmas Cash Raffle

We can't thank everyone enough for their support of this year's St. Joseph School Christmas Cash Raffle. It really was a collective school effort that allowed us to reach our goal of a sellout, which means we've earned nearly \$15,000 for our school through ticket sales! We do want to give a special shoutout to our top-selling families this year:

Wiskamp family—97 tickets (and winners of the \$100 top-seller prize)

Welsch family—70 tickets

Row family: 31 tickets

Schomaker family: 31 tickets

Brauer family: 30 tickets

Droit family: 28 tickets

Rednour family: 21 tickets

Ott family: 20 tickets

In case you missed the live drawing or Facebook post, here are the winners of the main raffle drawing:

Grand Prize (\$6,000): Frank X. Heiligenstein

1st Prize (\$2,500): Wayne Harris

2nd Prize (\$1,000): Larry Byrd

3rd Prize (\$500 each): Nathan Wiskamp; Mary Holle

4th Prize (\$250 each): Amy Dressler; Rita Baker

5th Prize (\$100 each): Georgia Huelsman; Kristin Rodriguez; Paul & Laura Wolf; John Calcaterra

6th Prize (\$75 each): Dennis & Jo Fredrick; Brenda Clark; Tammy Rickert; Teresa Fehrenz; Stephanie Griesemer; Dana Heimann; Dayna Morton; David Dossett

7th Prize (\$50 each): Dan Rath; Jeanette Schrader; Patty Middendorf; Deacon Corby; Jim Vielweber; Fr. Von; Angela Black; S&E; Shellye Essenpreis; Dave Gavin Jr.

## LOST & FOUND

Our lost and found box is still growing. If you know your child is missing something in particular, please have them check the box. They may need these items over Christmas Break. Please come and claim before the items are donated to the Food and Clothing Bank.

## Following in the Footsteps of Christ

Congratulations to Blakelyn Wriston on being awarded a footprint for following in the Footsteps of Christ. Blakelyn received the nomination for continuously helping in the classroom by picking up items that aren't hers and helping a friend. Way to go Blakelynn!



## Important Dates to Remember

December 18 - Free Dress-Dress Clothes Day

December 19 - All school pizza lunch day

December 19 - Free Dress-Christmas Shirts or Christmas Colors Day

December 19 - Classroom Christmas Parties (after 1:15)

December 20 - Free Dress-Christmas Shirts or Christmas Colors Day

December 20 - 11:30 Dismissal

December 20 - 2nd Quarter/First Semester Ends

## PTF Announcements

### SHOP WITH RAISERIGHT

The holidays are a great time to earn money back through RaiseRight, our year-round fundraiser for school families and St. Joseph PTF. You can purchase physical or e-gift cards to hundreds of retailers, and a percentage of the purchase price goes back to your family for tuition. Full details, including how to sign up for the online + app versions, are available on the [school website](#).

**Important:** If you are ordering physical gift cards during the holidays, please allow extra time for us to get your order filled! Special deadline to keep in mind:

- Monday, December 18 (morning): Deadline to submit your order for physical cards if you want your order before Christmas; you MUST pick up your order from the Parish Office later that week.

If you have questions about the program, contact Katie Welsch at [katherinekoss@yahoo.com](mailto:katherinekoss@yahoo.com). If you'd be interested in selling RaiseRight cards after the Sunday masses at St. Agatha or St. Joseph, contact Sarah Wiskamp at [parish@stjosephfreeburg.org](mailto:parish@stjosephfreeburg.org).

## Athletics

Nothing to inform anyone about at this time.

## OUR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS

### Gibault

#### Shadow Visits

Come see what life as a Gibault Hawk is like! On select Tuesdays and Fridays, your 7th or 8th grader or current high school student can spend the day at Gibault as a Shadow Visitor. Shadows will be matched with a current student with similar interests and together, they'll attend classes, meet teachers, enjoy lunch in our cafeteria, and more! Get started at: <https://bit.ly/GCHSInquire>



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