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*Give Thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
Psalm 107:1*



**Especially at Thanksgiving,  
the administration, faculty, and staff of the  
Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School  
thank you for entrusting the Catholic education  
of your children with us.  
We are grateful for the blessing  
of our Bernardin families!**



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**FAMILY CALENDAR December 2023-24**

**MONDAY      TUESDAY      WEDNESDAY      THURSDAY      FRIDAY      SAT/SUN**

<b>NOV / DEC 2023</b>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div> <p>1p Cookie Dough / Magazine Drive Pig Races Today</p> <p>2p <b>EARLY (STUDENT) DISMISSAL EVERY TUESDAY</b></p>	<div>29</div> <p>2:45p-3:45p CHESS CLUB (McBrady Center)</p> <p>2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)</p> <p>6p-7p <b>SCRIP School Main Entrance</b></p>	<div>30</div> <p><b>Vision ReScreenings (Conference Room)</b></p> <p>11a – 12:55p <b>Advent Reconciliation Service (Church)</b></p> <p>2:40-3:40p iSteam After School (K-4)</p> <p>2:45p-3:45p CHESS CLUB (McBrady Center)</p>	<div>01</div> <p>7:30-8:15a <b>SCRIP (O'Mara Hall)</b></p> <p><b>F S A'S SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP – SET UP TODAY (LIBRARY)</b></p> <p>2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)</p> <p>6:30p-9p <b>CJB Pack 400 Meeting (O'Mara Hall)</b></p>	<div>02/03</div> <p><u>12/2</u></p> <p><b>CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS TODAY</b></p> <p><u>12/2</u></p> <p>9a SES First Reconciliation</p> <p>10:30 SSDM First Reconciliation</p>
<b>DEC 2023</b>	<div>04</div> <p><b>STUDENT COUNCIL CJB SPIRITWEAR OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY</b></p> <p><b>F S A'S SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP (LIBRARY)</b></p> <p>6:45p SJB First Reconciliation</p> <p>7p Athletic Board Meeting – ST. ELIZABETH SETON Conference Room</p>	<div>05</div> <p><b>F S A'S SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP (SALES TODAY) (LIBRARY)</b></p> <p>2p <b>EARLY (STUDENT) DISMISSAL EVERY TUESDAY</b></p>	<div>06</div> <p><b>FSA CELEBRATES ST.NICHOLAS' DAY</b></p> <p><b>F S A'S SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP (LIBRARY)</b></p> <p>2:40-3:40p NJHS Meeting</p> <p>2:45p-3:45p CHESS CLUB (McBrady Center)</p> <p>2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)</p> <p>6p-7p <b>SCRIP School Main Entrance</b></p> <p>6:45p SJB First Reconciliation</p>	<div>07</div> <p>HEARING SCREENINGS TODAY</p> <p><b>Student Council "12 Days of Christmas" starts today</b></p> <p>2:40-3:15p Math and/or Reading Peer Tutoring (Grades K-8)</p> <p>2:40-3:40p iSteam After School (K-4) <b>LAST CLASS</b></p> <p>2:45p-3:45p CHESS CLUB (McBrady Center)</p>	<div>08</div> <p>7:30-8:15a <b>SCRIP (O'Mara Hall)</b></p> <p>12:15p Immaculate Conception Liturgy K-8 (Church) and <b>CARDINALS with CHARACTER Recognition</b></p> <p>2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)</p>	<div>09/10</div>



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FAMILY CALENDAR December 2023-24

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SAT/SUN

DEC 2023	11 GRADES PK3 THROUGH 7 <sup>th</sup> grade PHOTO RETAKES (MCBRADY CENTER)  FIVE BELOW FUNDRAISER THIS WEEK	12 HEARING SCREENINGS TODAY  12:15p Our Lady of Guadalupe (Church) K-8  2p EARLY (STUDENT) DISMISSAL EVERY TUESDAY	13 OHPD TOY DRIVE ENDS TODAY  2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)  6p-7p SCRIP School Main Entrance	14 CHRISTMAS BAND CONCERT 9a-9:45a (Grades 2, 3,4,5) BAND CONCERT (McBrady Center)  2:40-3:15p Math and/or Reading Peer Tutoring (K-8)  7p BAND CONCERT for Families (PLC)	15 7:30-8:15a SCRIP (O'Mara Hall) 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD MUSEUM FIELD TRIP  2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)  FSA Christmas Movie Night in the Gym	16/17
DEC 2023	18	19 12:15p ADVENT Mass (Church) K-8  2p EARLY (STUDENT) DISMISSAL EVERY TUESDAY	20 2:45-5:45p Play Practice (Kindergarten Commons)  6p-7p SCRIP School Main Entrance	21 10a-10:45a Pre-K CHRISTMAS SHOW (CHURCH)  2:40-3:15p Math and/or Reading Peer Tutoring (Grades K-8)	22 7:30-8:15a SCRIP (O'Mara Hall) "12 Days of Christmas" ends today 10a Kindergarten Gingerbread Houses in Classrooms 11:30am EARLY DISMISSAL TODAY NO PM EXTENDED DAY TODAY	23/24 12/24 CHRISTMAS EVE
DEC 2023	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26 CHRISTMAS VACATION	27 CHRISTMAS VACATION	28 CHRISTMAS VACATION	29 CHRISTMAS VACATION	30/31 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
JAN 2024	01 NEW YEAR'S DAY 2024	02 CHRISTMAS VACATION	03 CHRISTMAS VACATION	04 CHRISTMAS VACATION	05 CHRISTMAS VACATION	06/07



# ORNAMENT CONTEST

DUE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST



CREATE A HOLIDAY ORNAMENT THAT  
WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGHOUT THE  
MONTH OF DECEMBER!

NO GLASS ORNAMENTS.

QUESTIONS? EMAIL MS. MATTSON AT  
[MMATTSON@CIBSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:MMATTSON@CIBSCHOOL.ORG)



## **FSA Presents Santa's Secret Workshop**

**Set up: Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Classroom Shopping: December 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **Calling all of Santa's helpers!**

**December 1st -- help set up Santa's Shop**

**December 4th – 6th -- assist students in finding the perfect gifts for  
people on their list!**

**The Sign up Genius link is below!**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094FAFA72EA5F49-46159843-santas>**

**ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE VIRTUS COMPLIANT**

Questions contact: Dawn Spataro [kdconsultants@aol.com](mailto:kdconsultants@aol.com) or

Nicole Jalowiec [njalowiec@yahoo.com](mailto:njalowiec@yahoo.com)





# **PICTURE RE-TAKE / ABSENTEE PHOTOS**

## **Pre-K3 through 7<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2023**

**In the McBrady Center**

VanGogh Photographers advise that students/staff who were **ABSENT** on the October 26 "Picture Day" should be photographed whether placing an order or not so they may be included in the class composites. All orders must be placed with VanGogh online by following the instructions provided on the next flyer.

Staff/students having a photo **RETAKEN** should return their complete picture package to the photographer on RETAKE DAY.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 11**

**PK3 - 7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PICTURE RE-TAKE / ABSENTEE DAY**

**SEE DETAILS FROM VAN GOGH PHOTOGRAPHERS  
ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE**

# REMINDER

Absentee & Retake Picture Day is on:

Monday, December 11, 2023

## **ABSENTEE & NEW STUDENTS:**

Please visit our website at [www.ordervgil.com](http://www.ordervgil.com) and click on "before picture day". Enter code 20036602 to place an order.

## **RETAKE STUDENTS:**

If a picture package was purchased and you are unhappy with your photo, please bring the package to the camera on retake day and we will print the original order with the new image. Please be aware that the retake photo REPLACES the original image.

## **Forget to Order the Original Photo?**

Please visit our website at [www.ordervgil.com](http://www.ordervgil.com) and click on After Picture Day. Enter your child's Ticket Code. If you need assistance, please call customer service number below.



**Always wear a smile!**

Van Gogh School Photographers, Inc.

401 Cornell Ave. \* Barrington \* Illinois, 60010

847-382-2282 Ext. 7



## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FR. DAN KORENCHAN (ST. ELIZABETH SETON)

November 21, 2023

Good morning, Parents and Guardians!

My name is Fr. Dan Korenchan, and it is my privilege to be the new coordinator of our Altar Servers at St. Elizabeth Seton. Thank you for your patience as we have transitioned back into a normal serving schedule for your children this past year. We are thrilled to have them serving again!

We would like to gather all our **CURRENT altar servers** together for a retraining next week, as well as offer the opportunity for **NEW altar servers** to be trained. So, we are asking that your child attend **ONE** of the two (re)training sessions next week at St. Elizabeth:

**Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Church**  
**Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm in the Church**

We will review a variety of logistical things, fit everyone for white albs, and talk about the Mass and how we can help the congregation to pray while serving at the altar!

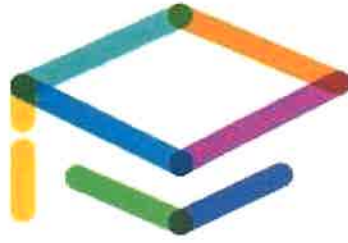
Also, I spoke with Fr. Bill last week, and he has approved of having our altar servers be able to serve at weddings! **Servers at weddings are paid**, so we will be sure to offer those opportunities to all servers on a rotating basis.

Please email me at [dkorenchan@steseton.com](mailto:dkorenchan@steseton.com) notifying me which session your child(ren) will attend. If neither of these sessions work, let me know and we will try to make something else work.

Thank you all for your dedication to our parish, and for encouraging your sons and daughters to serve the Lord at his holy altar! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

May God Bless You,

Fr. Dan



# FACTS<sup>®</sup>

Starting with the **F24-25** school year, families will be **required** to enroll in Autopay on FACTS for incidental service billing agreements.

You may enroll in Autopay at any time for your incidental billing agreement. **Please consider doing this now** to avoid student exclusions from activities and numerous late notices, phone calls, and emails.

## **Reminder**

**Fees are due by the first day of practice for a sport, or the first day of an activity for a child to be able to participate. Use of extended day is suspended if fees are not paid in 30 days \***

Volleyball – Basketball – Drama Club – Chess Club – Art Club –  
Cheer – Extended Day – Field Trips – Classroom Parties – Soccer –  
Cross Country – Golf – FSA Events – Choir – Cardinal Raffle - Camps

**\*FACTS will auto charge/debit your accounts on each due date.**

If you need assistance, please contact FACTS Customer Service  
at 866-441-4637 – they are there to help!

November and December, 2023

ATTENTION CJB Parents, Students, and Staff:

In the Spirit of Christmas, our friends at the Orland Hills Police Department have asked for our help in collecting toys for local area sick and needy children. Many of these youngsters will be spending Christmas in area hospitals. Every year, the response of our CJB community is more than generous. You bring much joy to some very sick children! Thank you!



If you are able to help, please bring in a new, unwrapped toy to be placed in the OHPD “**Christmas Box**” in our school lobby (November 21 – December 13).

May God Bless You for Your Goodness!



# CJB *Gala*

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*Cardinals'* **JAMES BOND** 2024

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SAVE *the* DATE

TUSCANY FALLS BANQUETS

9425 W 191ST ST.  
MOKENA, IL 60448

03.08.24

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**YOU'RE  
INVITED!**

**TO a  
FUNDRAISING  
SHOPPING  
EVENT FOR**

**organization name** Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School

**date** Dec 9th-Dec 16th, 2023

**time** Mon-Sat 10am-9pm Sun 10a-6p

**where** 9275 W. 159th St. Orland Hills, IL 60487

**it's simple! 10% of the purchases made by  
members of your group will be donated back  
to your organization.**

**simply present this flyer to a member of our WOW CREW at the time of purchase.**

please note that we do not allow flyers to be handed out in our store or shopping center at  
any time before, during or after your event.

this section to be completed by five below associate

**purchase amount (pre-tax)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**associate name** \_\_\_\_\_



**UPDATE**  
**\$191.00**

SO FAR WE HAVE REACHED  
\$191.00 OF OUR \$1,000 BOX  
TOPS APP FUNDRAISING GOAL.  
EVERY SCAN GETS US CLOSER!

## NOVEMBER

### MONTHLY TIPS

- New referrals earn \$5 for CJB by using promo code JG5K3EA3 and scanning ANY receipt! Pro tip: have your spouse download the Box Tops app too!
- Look for Box Tops brands while doing your Thanksgiving grocery shopping and bundle Box Tops bonuses with store coupons to maximize your value!
- Some great brands to keep in mind while shopping this month: Pillsbury, Betty Crocker, Bisquick, Progresso, and Gold Medal Flour.
- Get ahead of cold and flu season--Lysol (wipes/disinfectant spray) and Airborne are participating Box Tops brands!
- Remember to scan receipts into the app within 14 days of purchase.

#### **Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Pillsbury Pie Crust**

when you buy any 2 participating Pillsbury Pie Crust products in a single transaction between 11/01/23 - 11/30/23.



#### **Earn 6 Bonus Box Tops on Old El Paso**

when you buy any 3 participating Old El Paso products in a single transaction between 11/01/23 - 11/30/23.



#### **Earn 6 Bonus Box Tops on EPIC**

when you buy any 2 participating EPIC products in a single transaction between 11/01/23 - 11/30/23.



#### **Earn 4 Bonus Box Tops on Betty Crocker Baking Mix**

when you buy any 2 participating Betty Crocker Baking Mix products in a single transaction between 11/01/23 - 11/30/23.



#### **Earn 5 Bonus Box Tops on Muir Glen**

when you buy any 2 participating Muir Glen products in a single transaction between 11/01/23 - 11/30/23.





Glory To Jesus Christ!

Dear Parents,



Hi! My name is Annie, last year was my first time inviting you to Christmas on the Prairie. I know I will never be able to replace Zeon who was the parish dog at Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church in Homer Glen, but I would love to invite you again to this very special event. After getting to see how much all the children enjoyed attending Christmas on the Prairie, I now know why Zeon loved this event and why The Feast of St. Nicholas was one of his most favorite feast days! This is an important feast day in the Byzantine Church and one that is celebrated by children all around the world. Many of you may know the tradition of leaving a shoe outside the door and during the night St. Nicholas stops by to fill the shoe with goodies if you were good or coal if you were bad. I am happy to report that St. Nicholas left me some tasty treats and another new ball because he knows how much I like to play fetch!! However, did you ever wonder where this tradition came from? Or who this St. Nicholas person was?

On **Saturday, December 9th**, the humans at Annunciation are hosting an event called **Christmas on the Prairie**. This free event that is open to the public will combine the life and tradition of St. Nicholas with the life of the earlier settlers on the pristine Illinois prairie. Starting at **2:00pm** there will be demonstrations on the life of the earlier settlers under a heated tent. Learn how these people celebrated Christmas when the gifts were simple and did not need electricity. You can even make your own nature-inspired Christmas crafts, learn how to dip a candle, or see how they completed everyday tasks like spinning wool or churning butter.

If you are up for an adventure, you can take a walk through the award-winning prairie and see the beauty that nature provides even during the winter months. Along the marked path you will encounter some very special people who will tell you the true story of St. Nicholas, the real person behind the legend we now know as Santa Claus. Just in case you get a little cold or weary on your journey, there will be a warming station with hot apple cider and cookies to keep you going.

If you are curious about what a Byzantine Catholic Church is, you are welcome to step into the church and discover some of the riches of the Eastern Lung of the Catholic Church. Inside you will see the ancient art of the church in icons painted floor-to-ceiling, depicting the life of Christ. You will also be able to experience a form of the Eastern prayer in chant and song.

Now for everyone's favorite part of the day! At **4:30pm**, the children will gather and await the arrival of St. Nicholas himself! He always arrives on his horse-drawn carriage and then he lets us take rides around the property on his carriage while he meets with the children in the church. When St. Nicholas departs at **6:00pm** we will gather in the church to pray Vespers (the night prayer of the church).

I hope that you can join us for this special St. Nicholas celebration! It is sure to be a memorable day filled with adventure, excitement, and wonder. You are welcome to join us for the whole afternoon or just come for a little while. Either way I am sure you will be glad you did, because then you will know why this has become MY most favorite feast day as well!

Hope to see you at **Christmas on the Prairie**! *(I will be the cute one in the red sweater)*

Annie







# Christmas on the Prairie

Sat. Dec. 9, 2023

2:00pm - 6:00pm

Annunciation Church  
14610 Will Cook Rd  
Homer Glen, IL 60491

**FREE**

indoor and  
outdoor  
family event

Fr. Tom Loya

- Homemade Christmas bake sale items
- Frontier era Christmas crafts for children
- Experience the beauty of a Byzantine Church
- Discover the real story of St. Nicholas on the prairie paths



***Visit with St. Nicholas and get a ride on his horse drawn carriage***

For more details visit the events page at [byzantinecatholic.com](http://byzantinecatholic.com)



CJB Preferred School Number: 900108341

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**END**   
SCHOOL

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Cyber Week  
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Bottoms**

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## CJB ADVISORY BOARD 2023-2024

Below please find the updated roster of ADVISORY BOARD members who represent our four sponsoring parishes. Their email information is provided, should you wish to contact them.

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### ***Our Purpose:***

*The school board fosters a collaborative climate of leadership between parents, the four pastors and the principal in pursuing the mission of Cardinal Bernardin School. In its operation, it advises and is accountable to the pastors and the principal. The school board follows the policies and administrative procedures of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Office of Catholic Schools.*