

ST. JOSEPH NEWS



From The Principal's Desk

December 1, 2022

School News

P.A.W.S. Parents Are Wonderful Stewards

President - Mary Short

Vice President- Casey Swartz

Secretary - Mary Bell

Treasurer - Shantel Leibler

Our PAWS meetings are the 3rd Monday of every month at 6 pm in the spare room of the school. *All are welcome!* Come and join us for some laughs, fellowship and brainstorming. Tables are currently on sale for Trivia Night (Feb. 11th). Many workers are also needed to make this a successful event. Contact Mary Short to reserve your spot today at 989-942-4796.

Parade Information

St. Joe's will be participating in the West Branch Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 10 at 7 pm. The theme is Gingerbread Christmas. We invite all to help us decorate the float and join us in the parade. We are in need of a generator for the float, Christmas blow-ups and a gingerbread house and man. We will be decorating on Friday, Dec. 9th from 6 - 8 pm and Dec. 10, from 12 - 3 pm at Lay Precision 620 Parkway Dr., West Branch. Families can park at Lay Precision and line-up for the parade at 6 pm. Please contact Mindy Hawley for more information 989-965-0775.

Casual Days

Friday, December 16th will be our Casual for a Cause. This month we will support "Shine" with money donations to help with "Yuletide Blessing Trees." Shine delivers Yuletide Trees to patients in the hospital over Christmas. Help us make hospital patients Christmas a bit brighter.

Monday, Dec. 19th - Festive Sweater Day -Casual

Tuesday, Dec. 20th - Flannel Day - Casual

Wednesday, Dec. 21st - Festive hat/headband Day - **Wear Mass Uniform**

Thursday, Dec. 22nd - Pajama Day

Calendar

Dec 13 - Advent Concert @
6pm in the Church

Dec 15 -16 - Santa's Workshop

Dec 23 - Jan 2 - No School -
Merry Christmas

Jan 20 - No School - PD

See the school calendar for
additional dates.

Our Mission:

St. Joseph Catholic School provides a Catholic environment with Jesus at the center where we are Called to grow in excellence Spiritually, socially, physically and academically.

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Santa's Workshop

Santa's workshop will be on December 15th and 16th. Students will be able to purchase and wrap gifts for their immediate family. Look for more information to come along with a schedule for each classroom. Helpers are always appreciated. Please email Rachel if you are able to help.

Schedule

Th. Dec. 15th: 9:15 - 10:15 Preschool
10:30 - 11:10 5th/6th grade
11:20 - 12:00 1st/2nd grade
12:50 - 1:40 3rd/4th grade
1:50 - 2:20 Kindergarten
Fri. Dec. 16th: 9:15 - 10:30 Absent Students

Father Emmanuel Christmas Gift

Each year as a school community we give Fr. Emmanuel the gift of money for Christmas. He leaves for Nigeria right after Christmas. He uses the gift to help his community in Nigeria. Last year he helped purchase desks for a school. If you'd like to donate, please send money in an envelop labeled Fr. Emmanuel Gift to the office by December 9th. I would like to present it to him after our Advent Concert on December 13th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Prayer Corner

Children's Advent Prayer

My little Lord Jesus, I love You and thank You for this Advent season. Please help me to understand all that You have done for me. Your loving mother held You in her heart and brought You into this world. Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins so that I can change the things that You want me to change.

Mother Mary, pray for me this Advent so that I may do all that God wants me to do. You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you. Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus,

Come, Lord Jesus, come!

I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

<https://mycatholic.life/catholic-prayers/prayer-for-a-fruitful-advent/kids-prayer-for-a-fruitful-advent/>

Advent Concert

Reminder, our annual Advent Concert will be on Tuesday, December 13th @ 6 pm in the church. Students should be dressed in their best Christmas Attire. A reception will follow in the school gym. We're asking each family to donate a dozen cookies.