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Catholic Schools – Faith, Academics, Service

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Advent Invitation

“You are invited, my friend,
Come awake and ready for the journey!
Bring with you the desire to travel deep . . .
Deep into your heart and soul terrain.
Holding on to each other,
We will travel together,
With My light as your guide.
We will stop at the viewpoints within
To see which places need invitation to grow.
Those places where we can bring
My light of forgiveness and peace,
Of love and acceptance, Of hope and joy
Or . . . whatever light is needed. Come, My loved one, come,
Only you can accept this invitation!
Only you can choose
This Advent journey with Me!
I love you
And your “yes” means everything to Me!
Are you coming?”

Thank you

To Mrs. Ramos and her students, and the teachers and the different grade levels for their excellent preparation with Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. It was such a joy to hear our children singing, reading, and responding during this celebration. They did a good job with the new responses.

To all of our wonderful volunteers who have been here to take on a variety of tasks that assist us with the daily routine. Without you all, it would be near impossible to get everything done! ☺ Much appreciated!

To the Knights of Columbus, the PTG organization, and the vendors for a fantastic “Breakfast with Santa” event. The food was superb, the music was festive and joy-filled, Santa was filled with cheer, and energy abounded! ☺ If that didn’t put you in the mood for the holiday season, we don’t know what will.

Smile Train

Remember, tomorrow is the last day to purchase “Smile Grams” for your students/friends. \$1.00 gets you a “Smile Gram” postcard on which you can send a greeting to your friend or student. It will then have a candy cane placed on the card, and be delivered to the person of your choice. All proceeds benefit Smile Train. For \$250.00, we can change a child’s life forever!

On Wednesday, for \$1.00, the children may wear cozy, modest pj’s or sweat pants/sweatshirts to school with comfy slippers. This is our Principal’s movie day, and it’s always nice to curl up in the chair and share an entertaining movie with friends. Once, again, the proceeds go directly to Smile Train. The children must bring along tennis shoes for recess, lunch, and PE; otherwise the slippers become a safety issue. Thank you for your support of this fantastic organization. ☺

Christmas Tree

We have a lovely Christmas tree in the foyer of the building. It is "full" and smells like the holiday season has arrived. I would like it to go to a deserving home, instead of recycling it into the garbage bin. If you need a tree for your house, just give me a jingle or send an email, and we can make arrangements for you to pick up the tree on the afternoon of December 15th or the morning of the 16th. Don't be shy: it needs a family to appreciate its beauty.

Christmas Eve Mass

Our school choir will be singing at the Christmas Eve Mass on December 24th. Anyone who is planning on using his/her beautiful voice, please be at church to attend a practice session at 3:30 PM.

Calendar:

12/13 **Christmas Program** * beginning at **6:45 PM** in the church. Please be sure to have your child (ren) at the church at **6:30 PM**. They are to join their teacher in the assigned seating area. K- 2 will wait in the pews for you to pick them up after the show. We don't want them getting lost or frustrated trying to find you in a big crowd of grown-ups.

12/14 **Principal's Movie Day** * in the AM for Grades K-4, and PM for Grades 5-8. I will be traveling to Best Buy to pick up Cars 2 and the Smurf movie. Cars is rated "G" and the Smurfs is rated "PG." If you have any concerns, and do not want your student to see either of these movies, please let me know via email, and we will arrange for them to sit elsewhere to read or do schoolwork. This is my treat to the children for all their "wonderfulness."

Scoliosis Testing * All of the Fifth Grade students, Seventh Grade girls, and Eighth Grade boys.

12/15 **Grade Two** on a field trip to the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 9:30 – 1:30 PM
Student volunteers to the **Souper Kitchen**
Grades K, 4 & 8, tea party in the gym, 1:15 PM

12/16 **Free dress** in red, white, and/or green!

Minimum Day, no EXTENDED CARE provided. We will be celebrating our Christmas together before heading "home for the holidays." Seasonal cheer and song at Morning Assembly. Prayer Service at 11:30 PM. **Please be sure to mark your calendars for this early dismissal.** Drive through will end at 12:15 PM with many wishes for a happy holiday season and a great 2012!

1/3 School resumes!

May God's blessings come to you in abundance during this festive season,

Mrs. Marseille

Mission Statement: St. Joseph School is a Christ-centered community of life-long learners. Each child is valued and respected as a unique individual and as a member of God's family. St. Joseph School is committed to providing a well-rounded education for our students. We promote the Christian growth of each child as he/she develops spiritually, morally, intellectually, socially, culturally, and physically.

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