



## St. Joseph School

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We have sad news to share that Mrs. Dana Cutino's (our former Instructional Assistant in the Second Grade) husband, Tom, passed away over Thanksgiving vacation. Tom fought a valiant battle against cancer, and was, finally, called home late in the evening on Thanksgiving Day. Please pray for Mrs. Cutino and her family as they work through this difficult challenge in their lives.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, November 28, beginning at 11:00 AM in our church. Grades 5-8 will be attending Mr. Cutino's Celebration of Life. The children will be participating in the singing, readings, and intentions. \*\*\* If you do not want your student to attend, please call or email Mrs. Winter at the office by 8:30/9:00 AM.

**Our season of Advent begins on Sunday, December 2, 2018.**

Here are a few facts as we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Baby Jesus -

- Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas.
- Advent is the period of four Sundays and weeks before Christmas Day. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world.
- Within the Advent wreath are candles that represent the four weeks of the Advent season as well as "the light of God coming into the world through the birth of Jesus Christ" although each of the candles has its own significance as well; individually, the candles specifically symbolize the Christian concept.
- The lighting of the candles symbolizes hope, joy, peace and love. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

### Thank You

- Thank you so much for sending in your Thanksgiving goodies and \$2.00 for donations to the Bay Area Rescue Mission. They were delighted and grateful for the ingredients to make a healthy and filling meal for those who were in need. Not only were we able to provide them with food, but also, also, a lovely basket went to a school family and three were donated to St. Vincent de Paul. Your generosity was very much appreciated.

- Thank you to our Student Council members and Moderators for putting together a prayer filled service before packing up our food stuffs for the mission. It truly reminded us to be kind, grateful, and generous to our neighbors and friends.

### Chocolate Sales

- Please remember that the money for our World's Finest Chocolate sales is due this Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for picking up one or more than one box for the benefit of our school community. [Please be sure to put your child's name and grade on the donation envelope.](#)

### Christmas Tree

- “Oh, Christmas tree, oh, Christmas tree . . . We were wondering if a parent would like to pick out a Christmas tree for the front lobby, and bring it to school before the close of this week. We would, also, need help setting it up in the stand. Double hours will be given, and you would be reimbursed for your purchase. Please call the office and speak with Mrs. Winter or myself, if you would like to take on this project. Ho! Ho! Ho!

### Calendar

11/30	World's Finest Chocolate money is due to the school. <a href="#">Thank you to Desiree Elvira, grandmother of Alex B.</a> , for taking on the task of chairperson for this fundraising event. It was quick, the product sold itself, and we appreciate your participation.
12/1	Faith Formation students assisting with the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday
12/2	First Sunday of Advent <a href="#">Breakfast with Santa</a> , 8:00 AM – noon in the gym Confirmation in the gym from 2:00-5:00 PM
12/3	Report Cards, the second round of STAR testing results, and the children's self evaluation of the Student Learning Expectations will be coming home
12/4	SCRIP orders due today TK, K, 1 & 2 to attend Mass They will be doing the readings, intentions, bringing up the gifts, etc. Please join us.
12/5	PTG/School Board Christmas gathering at 6:30 PM in the Sixth Grade classroom. It is optional to bring a Christmas ornament to exchange, but it does add to the excitement of the evening. Everyone is welcome. <a href="#">Reconciliation for</a> : Grades 7 & 8, 10:30 AM-noon and Grades 5 & 6, 1:15-2:30 PM Pizza day
12/6	<a href="#">Reconciliation for</a> : Grades 3 & 4, 10:30 AM-noon Bio Rad scientist to visit with the 7 <sup>th</sup> grade students
12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Carondelet Placement test, 9:00 AM-noon
12/9	Second Sunday of Advent Confirmation in the gym from 2:00-5:00 PM

***	We will need to change the date of the Christmas program due to Our Lady of Guadalupe events in the church. By this afternoon, we will have an alternate date, and will let you know as soon as the date has been chosen. It will, hopefully, be within the same week.
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