



# St. Joseph Catholic School

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Father, just as You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus, help me to clear the path in my heart, too. Show me the distractions in my life that block me from all-out worship of You this Advent. Lord, I await Your coming! As I celebrate the first Advent--the first coming--I look toward the day where I will see You face to face. I imagine what it will be like. Give me a heart, Lord, that looks for Your coming on a daily basis. Help me to live my life where I'm constantly seeking Your presence. My offering to You today is my righteous life for I know I am only clean because of Jesus. Show me today how I need to be refined, purified, forgiven. Give me the strength to ask for forgiveness and to then change my ways.

The school community welcomes Mrs. Maria Infante, our new bookkeeper, to begin in January 2019. Right now, she is training with Mrs. Perez to learn all the "ins and outs" of our system. Feel free to drop by and meet her, if you are in the building.

Mrs. Infante has previously worked for the San Francisco Unified School District with an emphasis as an Administrative Secretary/Accounting Technician and Bookkeeper. She is well versed in multi-tasking and setting priorities to complete tasks, budgeting, tracking expenses, interpreting and implementing school policies, tracking expenses by codes, and much more. She is very excited about joining our family and meeting all of you.

## Thank You

To Laura Duenas and all her little elves who put together a **Ho Ho Ho** Santa's Breakfast last Sunday. The food, prepared by the Knights of Columbus, was delicious, the vendors had some great Christmas and beauty products for the holidays, and Santa put the final touch on the festivities. We appreciate all the hard work that went into this event.

To Ryan Travaleni who picked out and delivered a beautiful Christmas tree to our lobby last Friday. It smells so good and, definitely, brought in the Christmas spirit. His donation of the tree put a smile on everyone's faces. **Merry Christmas.**

To Lucelia Travalini who put up all the lovely decorations on our tree. It is bright, cheerful and oh so festive looking. When we plug it in, it puts a little more Christmas cheer in our hearts. **Ho, Ho, Ho.**

To all the folks who have generously sent in donations for the Monument Crisis Center. They will be delivered on December 18<sup>th</sup>. If you have not had an opportunity to pick anything as of yet and want to make a donation, may I suggest body washes and washcloths. We seem to be a little short on those two items. You are fabulous!

### Minimum Day

A minimum day has been added to the December calendar on the 20<sup>th</sup>. As the calendar was created at the beginning of the year, we left two minimum days yet to be assigned, and now, because we are going to have a midterm review in February from two of our original WCEA members, we are allowed two minimum days to be used as prep days. December 20<sup>th</sup> will be used use as prep time.

### Tardies

The number of tardy students has soared, even on days when the traffic is light. Please try to have your child here by 7:55 AM, so he/she can participate in morning prayer with the school community. It sets the tone for the day.

### Lunch

Please send a lunch with your child each day.

### Calendar

12/4	Thank you to Grades TK-2 for participating in this morning's Mass. They did such a wonderful job with their readings and intentions, serving, etc. We are very proud of the way they celebrate and take part in our school Masses. SCRIP orders due by 1:00 PM . . . Great for last minute gifts!
12/5	Class of 2021 Pizza fundraiser Reconciliation for <b>Grades 6 &amp; 7</b> , 10:30-noon, Reconciliation for <b>Grades 5 &amp; 8</b> , 1:15-2:30 PM PTG/School Board Christmas gathering. Please come along to the Sixth Grade classroom at 6:30 PM for food and fun. Bring an ornament to exchange and join in the laughter and merriment.
12/6	Reconciliation for <b>Grades 3 &amp; 4</b> , 1:15-2:30 PM A scientist from Bio-Rad will be coming in to visit with the 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade today Auction meeting in the 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade from 6:30-7:30 PM
12/8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception HSPT practice classes for those considering Catholic high school
12/9	Second Sunday of Advent Confirmation in the gym, 2:00-5:00 PM
12/11	SCRIP orders due by 1:00 PM . . . Great for last minute gifts!
12/12	<b>CHRISTMAS PROGRAM was moved to Thursday night, December 13<sup>th</sup></b> Vacations birthdays to be celebrated at Morning Assembly, free appropriate dress for those students who will participate Class of 2021 Pizza fundraiser

12/13	Christmas Program beginning in the church at 6:45 PM. Please refer to the information sent home by your child's teacher as to what time he/she needs to be there and what the expected manner of dress is. Mrs. Marseille out at Principals' meeting
12/14	Principal's Movie Day TK/K to the Leshner Theater, 11:00 AM
12/16	Third Sunday of Advent

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