

Under the guidance of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Saint Joseph School endeavors to achieve academic excellence in a faith-filled and safe environment. School staff and parents collaborate to develop students' spiritual, intellectual, emotional, and physical well-being in a traditional Catholic setting.

December 7, 2022

Dear Parents,

As we move into the second week of Advent, we pray: "O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Your only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve You with pure minds. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen."

At this time I ask that you pray for Mr. Pietro Pagliuso, Miss Joan Pagliuso's father who passed away on Monday, and for his family as well during this difficult time for them.

We are in the midst of a busy week. Yesterday, St. Nicholas visited our classrooms bringing candy canes to all of our students. This is a German and Dutch tradition which we carry on here as our Sisters were originally from the Netherlands where this is a special holiday for the children. St. Nicholas was known for being especially kind to children and was also known for paying for the dowries of poor young women.

To date, we have made \$8200.000 in our Christmas Calendar Raffle~~ Many thanks to all of you who have participated in this fundraiser. Special thanks go to Miss Joan Pagliuso, Mrs. Angela Fournier, Mrs. Angela May, Mrs. Amy Garganese, and Mrs. Darlene FitzGerald for overseeing this fund raiser!!

Thank you for supporting our Sunshine Club "Dress Down Day." We made \$205.00 for this wonderful club!!!

We are in the final preparation for our Annual Christmas Concert and Art Display for Saturday, December 10th. This is a combined concert for Saint Joseph School and the Academy of the Holy Family starting at 2:00 p.m. The eighth grade class will be selling baked goods and Christmas ornaments before and after the concert, so please support them. **There will be no intermission for this event. Doors will open at 1:15 p.m. on this day.** Please take time to view our students' Christmas art work. All students are to be in St. Michael Center by 1:45 p.m. Our students have worked hard on this program, and we wish them well, so their participation and your attendance is essential.

Last week we asked for donations of Spam, tuna fish, and creamy peanut butter for Haiti to be in by Friday, December 9th. There are a number of local food drives going on, but since Haiti is our Diocesan mission, I thought it best at this time to support this. We will do another food drive after the New Year.

I have two First Holy Communion dresses for any parent of a girl who will be receiving her First Holy Communion. Please contact me if you are interested.

Enclosed you will find a flyer announcing a modified Spirit Week for the week of December 12-16.

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, December 8th	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. Band Concert at Sacred Heart School, Taftville at 6:00 p.m.
Friday, December 9th	All food donations of Spam, creamy peanut butter, and tuna fish are due. Group picture retakes of kindergarten, grade 2, and grades 5 &6. All students are to be in school uniform.
Thursday, December 15th	NO HOT LUNCH
December 19th, 20th, 21st	NO HOT LUNCH
Thursday, December 20th	CHRISTMAS PARTY (There is no need for students to bring their own lunch). Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. NO AFTER CARE PROVIDED.

God bless you and have a wonderful week!

Sincerely in Jesus and Mary,

Sister Mary Patrick, SMC
Principal