



St. Joseph School
A National Blue Ribbon School
December 2, 2009
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Rooted in Christ

Our theme for December is generosity, and accordingly the entire school will be collecting canned goods for the IHM Saint Vincent DePaul Society for our Advent service project. We will collect items through December 18.

The first Christmas gift is also the greatest gift of all which reflects the generosity of the Father – the Gift of the Christ Child. From the root of Jesse He came, teaching us not only how to give, but also how to receive. God has given us His Son, and He asks us to accept His gift into our lives. During this time of Advent we prepare our hearts and await the arrival of the Son of God.

We congratulate our second graders who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last night. We are very grateful to Mrs. Starnes, Mrs. Stolz, and Mrs. Kovacic for preparing the children for the reception of the sacrament. Our students in grades 3-8 were also given the opportunity to attend a Reconciliation Service on Monday and Tuesday. The priests complimented all the students in their reverence and sincerity in receiving the sacrament.

Service Projects

The fifth grade would like to thank all who contributed to the Little Sisters of the Poor personal items collection. Our total came to over 750 items. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Sixth grade began their yearlong service project of gifting to the elderly by making and donating turkey table decorations and placemats to Madonna Manor residents to brighten their holidays. The students had fun making the items and hope to put a smile on those lives they touch.

Shop with a Cop

The first grade is sponsoring a school wide “Penny War” for the Shop with a Cop program in the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills area. This will

continue through Friday, December 11. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Academic Teams

Our Elementary and Middle School Academic Teams have been involved in several competitions and have been doing very well. Our elementary team won both matches against St. Agnes and our sixth grade team won by two points in their meet with St. Agnes. Our seventh and eighth grade combined team made a good showing against the St. Agnes eighth grade team

Teacher Christmas Gifts

Room Mothers would like to remind you that if you have not yet contributed to the Christmas fund for gifts for teachers, pastor, and staff, you may still do so. Please send in your donation in an envelope marked “Teachers” by Wednesday, December 9. Thank in advance for your generosity!

Lost & Found

There is a table with lost and found items on display in front of the office. Any items left unclaimed on Friday, Dec. 4, will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

Drinking Cups

Our supplies of drinking cups are once again low. Please send in paper cups for use at the drinking fountains. Thanks for your help.

Gift Certificates

Please remember to purchase your gift certificates for Christmas gifts. The last day to order for Christmas delivery is Monday, December 14. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Junior High Exam Schedule

Monday, December 14 – Social Studies

Tuesday, December 15 – Math and

Reading/Language Arts

Wednesday, December 16 – Religion

Junior High Exam Schedule (continued)
Thursday, December 17 – Science

From the PTO

We want everyone to know about all of the great things happening at St. Joseph School. Did you know the SJS PTO submits photos and brief articles to the newspapers to share news about SJS and our great students?! If you have a great photo of St. Joe's students working on a project at school, helping in the community or at an athletic event, etc... you can share it online at <http://www.cincinnati.com/share> or email a copy to PTO Public Relations coordinator Jill Cahill at jillcahill@hotmail.com so it can be sent in.

Also, the PTO wants to recognize and thank the SJS volunteers who are so generous with their time and talents. If you know of someone who is making a difference at SJS, please nominate them! You can nominate teachers, staff members, and/or parents who volunteer at school. Send nominations to PTO President Beth Campbell at bcampbell@fuse.net.

Breakfast With Santa – December 5

Breakfast with Santa tickets are still available and will be sold at the door. Any ticket orders sent through school on Thursday or Friday will be held in “will call” at the door. Tickets ordered previously will be sent home on Thursday, December 3.

As part of this event, students will be selling raffle tickets for \$1 each. The raffle winner will receive \$250 in gift certificates of your choice from the St. Joe's Gift Certificate program. Ticket order forms and raffle ticket forms are also posted on the “forms” page of the school website. The winner will be drawn on December 10, 2009.

Santa's Workshop

Santa's Workshop will be open next Monday and Wednesday, Dec 7 & 9. The Workshop is part of the Breakfast with Santa sponsored by the 8th grade. Children may shop for family members (younger students will have the assistance of 8th graders if

they wish.) Many gifts will be available for moms, dads, grandparents, brothers, sisters, friends, and even pets. Prices will range from \$.50 to \$6 with many items \$3 or less. Shopping lists will be sent home this week. Checks made payable to St. Joe's School can be used for the total purchase, with change being returned in cash. Let your child have some fun shopping at school and help the 8th grade at the same time. Please call Rebecca Kinn at 331-0224 with any questions.

Skyline Time

Tuesday, December 15 is the next St. Joe's night at Skyline. Please remember to purchase gift certificates from the gift certificate program before you go. Thanks for your continued support.

Market Day

School Turn in	Thurs., Dec. 17
Internet orders due	Thurs., Dec. 31
Pick up	Tues., Jan. 5 from 7 – 8 pm

You may order online at www.marketday.com. The Saint Joseph School account number is 16276. This is the last order that may be placed until January. If you have any questions, please contact Trisha Gamel at 344-1068.

Mini Bank Information

The next Bank of Kentucky Mini Bank Program will be on Tuesday, December 15th from 7 – 7:20 am. The Mini Bank will be available every first and third Tuesday of each month. There will also be a special drawing for new participants in the program. Congratulations to Allison Borland who was awarded a \$15.00 Skyline Gift Card for opening a new account! Look for all the details and the permission slip to participate on the “Forms” page of the school website.

NDA & CCH Drama Present

“The Christmas Carol” will be performed on December 12 at 1:00 and 3:30 pm. For tickets please contact: tixs4pandas@aol.com. Please see the attached flyer for additional information.

Bids & Bites

Please see the attached form for information regarding Bids and Bites. Mark your calendars for March 20, 2010 at the Gardens of Park Hills.

2010 Calendars

The Holy Name Men's Society is selling 2010 pocket Calendars for \$10.00 each. Daily raffle drawings and your chance to win every single day for the year from \$25.00 up to \$500.00. You may purchase Calendars by contacting Kelly Novak at 859-426-8806 or May Kay Waugaman at 859-344-1726.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry is again selling Entertainment Books. These books are valid now until November 1, 2010 and offer great discounts or free items at various locations in the Greater Cincinnati area. Cost is only \$20 and benefits parish youth ministry. More information, order forms and a list of just some of the participating businesses are posted on the "Forms" page of the school website. These make great Christmas gifts.

Wellness

It is important to each and every student that they come to school each day. However, if your child is sick, has had a fever in the last 24 hours, or has had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours, please keep them at home to rest and regain their strength before returning to school.

Transportation Changes/Walkers

This is a reminder that your child **must** have a signed and dated note to walk home. Students who wish to go home on the bus with a friend must have a signed, dated note with their friend's address and bus number. ***Emails or phone calls for transportation changes are not acceptable.*** **Students will not be permitted to call parents at the end of the day to receive permission.**

Calendar

Dec 3 Elementary Academic Team Competition
At St. Joe's vs. St. Paul - 3:30 pm

Dec 4 Drama Club Introductory Meeting 2 – 4
Dec 5 Breakfast With Santa
Dec 8 Immaculate Conception - No School
Dec 9 Chess Club 2 – 3:15 pm
Quilt Club 2 – 4 pm
Academic Team Practice 4 – 5:15 pm
Confirmation Class 7 – 8:20 pm
Parish Hall
Dec 10 Elementary Academic Team Competition
At Beechwood – 3:30 pm
Drama Club Parents Meeting – 7:00 pm
Parish Hall
Dec 12 High School Placement Test
Dec 14 Computer Club 2 – 3 pm
Yearbook 2 – 3 pm
Dec 15 December/June Birthday out of uniform
Mini Bank 7 – 7:20 am
Skyline Night 5 – 8 pm
Dec 16 Academic Team Practice 4 – 5:15 pm
STUCO 2 – 3 pm
Confirmation Class 7 – 8:20 pm
Parish Hall
Dec 17 First Grade-Kindergarten Play
7:00 pm in Church
Dec 19- Jan 3 – No School – Christmas Holiday
Jan 4 Classes resume

Attachments

Gift Certificate Flyer and Order Form
NDA/CCH Drama Announcement
Teacher Christmas Gift Letter
Shop with a Cop

Posted on School Website "Forms" Page

Breakfast with Santa Ticket Order Form
Breakfast with Santa Raffle Ticket Form
Bids and Bites Announcement

IMPORTANT

HOLIDAY CERTIFICATE NEWS!

CHRISTMAS DELIVERY:

The absolute LAST DAY to Special Order Certificates before Christmas is Monday, December 14th by 8am.

Orders received on or before Monday, December 14th will be sent home Friday, December 18th.

Orders received after December 14th, WILL NOT BE FILLED until after Christmas Break in January!

In stock Gift Certificates will be available at the Pastoral Office during business hours

Please note that we will be selling gift Certificates after all Saturday & Sunday Masses December 5th-December 20th

January 4th regular school orders will resume: Orders due on Monday, Delivered on Friday

When Ordering Gift Cards, please make sure to use the most current form.. Please take the time to fill out top portion completely.

Have a Safe & Wonderful Holiday Season!

God Bless,
Ronni, Rick, Donna & Vickie

LAST DAY TO ORDER BEFORE CHRISTMAS IS DEC 14TH BY 8AM

WE NOW HAVE ALREADY LOADED **\$25 KROGER CARDS IN STOCK FOR HOLIDAYS!**

THE KROGER CARDS ARE RELOADABLE AND ARE LINKED TO ST JOE'S

11/30/2009

St. Joseph Parish Certificate Order Form

NAME:		DELIVERY METHOD:	pickup school/pastoral center
CHILD'S NAME:			circle one student delivery
HOMEROOM:		PAYMENT METHOD:	check <input type="checkbox"/> credit <input type="checkbox"/> cash <input type="checkbox"/>
DAYTIME PHONE:		Instock Certificates marked *	

Retailers	Profit	Amt	QTY	Total	Retailers	Profit	Amt	QTY	Total
LAROSA BUDDY CARD	40%	\$10			The Container Store	9%	\$25		
AMC Theaters	7%	\$25			Hallmark Gold Crown Stores	4%	\$25		
American Eagle	9%	\$25			Donatos Pizza	10%	\$10		
Applebees	8%	\$50			Dunkin Donuts*	4%	\$10		
Applebees*	8%	\$25			Dream Dinners	8%	\$75		
Arby's*	8%	\$10			Dell Gift Cards	4%	\$100		
American Express Gift Card	2%	\$25			Express / Structure	13%	\$25		
American Express Gift Card	2%	\$100			Exxon/Mobil	1.5%	\$50		
Aeropostale	7%	\$25			Family Christian Stores	9%	\$25		
Barnes and Noble*	9%	\$25			Amazon.com	4%	\$25		
Barnes and Noble*	9%	\$10			Shutterfly	14%	\$25		
Teacher-Barnes & Noble Card	10%	\$20			Sears	4%	\$25		
Bass Pro Shop	7%	\$25			Footlocker/Ladies and Kids	9%	\$25		
Bath and Body/ White Barn*	13%	\$10			Frisch's*	5%	\$10		
Bath and Body/ White Barn*	13%	\$25			Gamestop	3%	\$25		
Bed Bath and Beyond*	7%	\$25			Gap/Old Navy/Banana Rep*	9%	\$25		
Best Buy*	2%	\$25			Golden Corral	3%	\$25		
Best Buy	2%	\$100			Graeters*	10%	\$5		
Biggs*	6%	\$50			Gymboree	13%	\$25		
Blockbuster	7%	\$10			Harry & David's	12%	\$25		
BP Gas*	2%	\$50			Home Depot*	3%	\$25		
BP Gas	3%	\$100			Honey Baked Ham*	12%	\$10		
Barleycorns*	10%	\$10			iTunes*	4%	\$15		
Buffalo Wings & Rings*	5%	\$25			JC Penney	5%	\$25		
Baskin Robbins*	9%	\$2			J Crew	13%	\$25		
Build-a-Bear*	8%	\$25			Joe's Crab Shack	9%	\$25		
Burger King*	4%	\$10			Home Shopping Network	6%	\$25		
Cheesecake Factory	5%	\$25			Domino's Pizza	5%	\$10		
Chevron	2%	\$50			The Childrens Place	12%	\$25		
Chuck E. Cheese	8%	\$10			KFC*	8%	\$5		
CVS	8%	\$25			K-Mart	2%	\$25		
CVS	8%	\$100			Kremers*	5%	\$25		
Chipotle*	10%	\$10			K-Mart	2%	\$50		
Claire's / Icing*	9%	\$10			Kohls*	4%	\$25		
Cold Stone Creamery	8%	\$10			Kroger*	0%	\$25		
Color Me Mine*	5%	\$10			Kroger*	0%	\$5		
Bob Evans*	10%	\$10			LL Bean	15%	\$25		
Cracker Barrel*	9%	\$10			Lands End	9%	\$25		
Choice Hotel Gift Card	4%	\$50			Great Clips	8%	\$25		
Crestville Drugs*	5%	\$10			Limited	9%	\$25		
Disney	2%	\$25			Macaroni Grill/Chilis*	11%	\$25		
Dicks Sporting Goods*	8%	\$25			Logan's Roadhouse*	8%	\$25		
Dillard's*	9%	\$25			Long John Silver	9%	\$5		
Dillard's	9%	\$100			Lowes*	4%	\$25		
TOTAL					TOTAL				

The Christmas Carol

Children's Theater



*Presented by Notre Dame Academy
and Covington Catholic High School*

*December 12, 2009
at 1:00 and 3:30 pm*



November 9, 2009

Dear Parents,

The Christmas Holidays are approaching quickly and once again we would like to ask your help in showing our appreciation to our pastor and all the teachers and staff at St. Joseph School. We are counting on your generosity in making a donation toward Christmas gifts. The money collected from all families will be divided and used to purchase gift certificates for our pastor and each teacher including teacher aides, music teacher, physical education teacher, etc. A Christmas card will be taken to each classroom to be signed by the children. At this time they will be told which gift certificates their teacher will be receiving.

We hope that this will save you the time and energy normally spent in purchasing individual gifts. In the past some children did still give their homeroom teacher a small gift; however, this is not really necessary, as the teachers do understand that their "wish list" gift is made possible through the generosity of their students and students' families.

While we do not want to ask for a specific amount from each family, we suggest that you consider the amount you might normally spend as a family in purchasing teachers' gifts and send this to school in an envelope marked "TEACHERS." You may enclose cash or a check made payable to St. Joseph School. Your child may send the envelope to the office in his/her homeroom's message envelope. We ask that all contributions be turned in by December 4 so that our committee will know how much money is available for each gift.

We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Lisa Beck
Room Mother Coordinator

SHOP WITH A COP

The first grade's service project again this year is the very valuable "Shop With A Cop" program in the Crescent Springs/Villa Hills area. This program benefits needy families in our own area. We have been very successful in past years donating up to \$700 to the program. We will have a school wide "Penny War." The "Penny War" will begin Monday, November 30th and continue through Friday, December 11th. Any denomination would be greatly appreciated. We would appreciate your support for this very worthy cause.

Thank You,

The First Grade
