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From the Principal...



Once again, the Advent season will soon be upon us and we are getting ready to spend time with our families, to cook the perfect holiday meal and, of course, shop for gifts. While we take in the holiday season, decorate our homes to perfection and wrap all those gifts, we are going along with the normal hustle and bustle of the season.

What if we stopped for a moment, took a deep breath, and reflected upon the real reason for the Advent season: Jesus is coming.

All of us need to stop for a moment and think about the true meaning of the season and how can we give of ourselves without shopping for that perfectly wrapped gift. Let us remember that gifts can come from the heart without cost.

Stop and think how you can give of yourself simply. You can help a neighbor with a simple task of getting the mail, maybe pick up trash someone has left or smile at someone who is having a bad day. Remember, we are giving of ourselves and there is not a need to spend money or do anything complicated. Just give simply. Some great suggestions our students came up with: Give someone a compliment, Christmas caroling in hospitals and around neighborhoods, donating gently used clothing and toys to charity, invite someone over to a meal, include others in your activities, work on saying "please" and "thank you" more often, read Christmas stories to your younger siblings, ring bells for the Salvation Army, etc. I'm sure each of us can

come up with additional ideas where we can give of ourselves.

Mrs. Dandler

No School – Thanksgiving Vacation

There will be **no school** November 23rd-27th.



Classes will resume on November 28th. Wishing everyone a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Care-and-Share

Thank you to everyone that has donated canned goods and breakfast



items to the Care-and-Share Drive. This week we are collecting baking items which

may include flour, sugar, etc. In conjunction with the food drive, we are also collecting baby items now through December 13th for the Christ Child Society. Baby items will be presented to the Christ Child Society members at our children's Mass on the 14th. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Let's keep filling those classroom boxes!

Christmas Concert

Don't forget to mark your calendars and invite your friends



and family to our Christmas Concert on Thursday, Dec. 15th at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Church. Students will need to be dressed in their Christmas finest – no jeans, sweatpants/shirts, and shirts with sayings or graphics. We look forward to seeing you at the Christmas concert.

Spirit Wear Sale began November 14th. It will run until midnight on November 28th. Items will be delivered in time for Christmas. Check out SJB's website and click on the spirit wear tab.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Nov. 16 - Birthday Mass 8:20
- ◆ Nov. 17 - 5th Grade DARE
- ◆ Nov. 19 - Holiday Parade 10:00
- ◆ Nov. 23-27 - No School
- ◆ Nov. 28 - Advent Prayer Service 8:10
- ◆ Nov. 28 - DARE Graduation 12:45
- ◆ Nov. 30 - Mass 8:20
- ◆ Nov. 30 - Reconciliation for Grades 3-8 9:00am
- ◆ Dec. 5 - Advent Prayer Service 8:10
- ◆ Dec. 6 - Mid-terms sent home
- ◆ Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass 8:20



Reconciliation

Grades 3-8 will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 30th beginning at 9:00am.

Honor Roll Students

Congratulations to these students for making honor roll for first quarter.

6th Grade

Everett Brilla	High Honors
Landon Evers	High Honors
Sean Miller	High Honors
Brooklyn Ellenbecker	Honors
Prudence Goettelman	Honors
Rosalyn Paye	Honors
Isaac Pieschek	Honors

7th Grade

Gabrielle Binard	High Honors
Adam Kurek	High Honors
Amelia Michalski	High Honors
Raymond Paye	High Honors
Ruby Ullman	High Honors
Patrick Shefchik	Honors

8th Grade

Nicholas Fogarty	High Honors
Ross Spritka	High Honors

Veterans Day Letters

4K and Kindergarten colored flags and grades 1-8 wrote letters to send to our local Veterans. St.



John Bosco School sent almost 300 letters! This is an important project that the students look forward to every year. Thank you Veterans!

Christmas Parade

The Sturgeon Bay Holiday Parade will be on Saturday, Nov. 19th. Our theme is "Let His Word Unwrap the Magic of Christmas". Line up begins at 9:15am at Sawyer Park and finishes in the parking lot just after the intersection of 3rd Ave & Jefferson. There still is time to sign up your child to join in on the fun. Permission slips can be found in the family folder but must be turned in tomorrow morning!

Advent Prayer Services



Preparing for Jesus' birth is an important time of the year especially for Catholics.

We will be gathered together as a school family every Monday for a weekly Advent Prayer Service at 8:10am throughout Advent. Advent calendars can be found in their family folders today.

DARE Graduation

The 5th grade DARE class will have their last class tomorrow, November 17th. DARE graduation is scheduled for November 28th from 12:45-1:45pm. Parents are invited to attend.



Dressing for Winter Weather

Please have your students dress appropriately: **hats, gloves, mittens, snow pants, and boots.** If students want to play off the blacktop, they must wear snow boots/snow pants. Snow boots are not to be worn inside the classrooms. We go out for lunch recess unless the wind chill is below 0, so dress warm! Extras cannot be provided this year.

Vision and Hearing Checks

Door County Public Health visited our school yesterday. Grades 4K-5 had vision and hearing checks, and grade 7 were checked for vision only. Parents will be notified directly by Sara Neu from DC Public Health if there are any concerns for your child. We greatly appreciate our local Public Health and Lions Club volunteers for providing this service for our students!

Immaculate Conception Mass

Please join our students for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 8:20am. This is a holy day of obligation.

Mark Your Calendars



January 28th we will be flipping pancakes to kickoff Catholics Schools Week!

February 10th will mark the return of the 7th & 8th grade semi formal dance!

Annual School Fund Drive

Our Annual School Fund Drive is underway and there is still time to donate.

This year's Annual School Fund Drive focuses on three areas:

- Continues our tradition of academic excellence
- Maintains Catholic education in Door County.
- Allows for on-going improvements to facilities.
- Hires and retains qualified teachers and staff.

Your contribution directly supports your child's education and continues our tradition of academic excellence. Make a year-end tax-deductible donation today. Your donation of any dollar amount will help us reach our goal and make this year's Annual School Fund Drive a success.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Donations can be sent to the school office or made online at

johnboscoschool.org/donate.

PT Conference Dinner Thank You

The teachers say thank you to the parents in grades 1 and 5 for the delicious meal that was



provided last Tuesday during Parent Teacher Conferences. Special thanks to Kelsey Christensen and Emily Orns for organizing the meal. It was greatly appreciated! An anonymous person donated money to provide take out for Thursday night too. We greatly appreciate this person's generosity! We are so blessed at SJB with wonderful families and friends!

