



Middle School Theatre Production, November 29, 11:00am

Our fall middle school theater class will perform "Two Sides of a Christmas Tree", written by Ms. Kasey Fewins, on Wednesday, November 29 at 11:00. All are welcome to attend and experience this student driven performance. The students in the theatre class were involved in all aspects of the production. All are welcome to attend.

Advent Wreaths

St. John Middle School STUCO members (Student Council) are selling Advent wreaths and candles. The sets which include a wreath, four candles, and daily Advent prayers are \$15. Replacement candles (pack of 4) are \$6. Proceeds will help fund the middle school trips. Contact the school office to purchase your wreath and candles. St. John Student Council representatives will also be selling the wreaths and candles after the Masses on December 2 and 3.



Eighth Grade Confirmation

Confirmation instruction for SJ School 8th grade students begins the week of December 3. All students will be given instruction. If the student is considering being confirmed, they and their parents should complete the necessary paper work.

St. John City

On December 13, fifth graders will be running Saint John City as the final project for a unit on economics. Students will sell the products they have made. All students, K-8, will have a chance to do some holiday shopping at Saint John City. Shoppers may spend up to \$10.00 on gifts. You may bill your account for shopping.

ST. NICHOLAS Classroom Parties

St. John School continues the tradition of celebrating Christmas with St. Nicholas parties. St. Nicholas' feast day is December 6. We will have the classroom parties on **Tuesday, December 6, at 2:50pm**. Part of the fun will be students setting their shoes out in the hall in hopes that St. Nick will fill them with goodies. Please help support the classroom parties by responding to the Volunteer Spot request. We need parents to provide napkins, plates, a sweet treat, pizza billed to your account, and goodies for shoes billed to your account. We also need parents to sign up to help with the parties.

"St. Nicholas Day is celebrated each year on Dec. 6 (his feast day). Tradition holds that kids who leave their shoes out on the hearth or by the door the night before will wake up with their shoes filled with candy or small treats, which means St. Nicholas has been there! Nicholas came from a wealthy family with parents who always were generous to help people in need. He became a priest and was soon made a bishop. He was known for caring for children in trouble, healing the sick, feeding the hungry and saving sailors from storms.



Calendar: November and December 2017

27	28	29	30	December 1	2 Trash bags, grocery cards, Advent 3 1st Sunday of Advent
	12:30 Middle School students to LINK Pre-K to Festival of the Trees	11:00 Theatre elective production 3:30-5:00 Future City Elective	8:30 Mass/planned by 8A 12:30 Middle School students to LINK	2:50 Cookie Sales	
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		2:50 St. Nicholas Parties 3:30-5:00 Future City Elective	No Mass 2:00 Band & Orchestra Concert-Gym/note change in date	Mass/Immaculate Conception/ planned by 5B	10 2nd Sunday of Advent
11	12	13	14	15	16
	6:30 PTO meeting	5th grade presents St. John City	8:30 Mass/planned by 6B 2:00 & 7:00 Alleluia Singers Concert/church	2:50 Cookie Sales	17 3rd Sunday of Advent

Looking Ahead

Dec 6: St. Nicholas Parties
 Dec 8: 8:30 Immaculate Conception Mass
 Dec 7: 2:00 Band & Orchestra Concert
 NOTE CHANGE IN DATE
 Dec. 13: St. John City
 Dec 14: 2:00 & 7:00 Alleluia Singers Concert
 Dec 20: 2:00 & 7:00 Christmas Program
 Dec 22-Jan 3: No School Christmas break
 Jan 4: Classes resume
 Jan 12: 2:00 Spelling Bee (new date)
 Jan 15: No School M L King Day
 Jan 29: Grandparents Day
 Feb 1: 7:00-8:00 Open House/Science Fair
 Feb 2: PTO Bingo Night
 Feb. 12: Burning of Palm Branches
 Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday School Mass
 Feb 21,22,23: No School Parent Conferences & Book Fair
 Mar 8: 6:30-8:00 Art Show
 Mar 10: Garage Sale
 Mar 10-17: 8th to Washington, D.C.
 Mar 19-23 No School Spring Break
 Mar 30 No School Good Friday
 Apr 1: Easter
 Apr 12: Confirmation
 Apr 13: Math Jeopardy
 Apr 13: Trivia Night
 8th Grade Graduation
 May 22 Last day of school noon dismissal

Christmas Outreach Project

Donation of basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls to a school on the Hopi Indian Reservation

Last year, our families donated coats and toys to Marty Indian School, a small school with seventy students on the Yankton Sioux Reservation in South Dakota. Our families were very generous. We sent a huge car-load of donations to the students in the school.

This year, we are collecting basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls for the Hotevilla Bacavi Community School. This is a small remote school in Hotevilla Village in the Hopi reservation. There are 134 students. Let's try to collect enough sports balls for each of these kids. *Pat Newton*



St. Nick CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10
3PM-5PM
CHURCH BASEMENT

COME FOR COOKIES, COCOA, PICTURES,
AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES!
KIDS CAN BRING A WRAPPED GIFT FOR
TOYS FOR TOTS

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