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# COUGAR TRACKS

*Mission: Saint Joseph Catholic School Community is committed to all students to provide spiritual and personal growth, academic excellence, and service to others.*

“Be the Light”

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## Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday with the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade having mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome to join us!



## Christmas Spirit Week

Next week we will have dress up days everyday but Tuesday. Friday we will have our Christmas breakfast that morning and enjoy some other Christmas activities.

Monday-Flannel Day: wear your favorite flannel shirt

Tuesday-Mass Day: Uniforms

Wednesday-Christmas Spirit: Wear your favorite Christmas shirt or sweater, even if it's a little ugly!

Thursday-Red and Green Day: Wear anything red or green

Friday-PJ Day: wear your favorite pajamas for the day

## Advent Angel

Next week's item for the Advent Angel exchange is the final exchange! Students are asked to bring a homemade ornament and Christmas treat. Please have them to school by Wednesday! We will have the final exchange on Friday at our Christmas breakfast.

## Change in Calendar

On our original calendar students were scheduled to return to school on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will be pushing that day back to Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. As part of the CARES Act, we received Title I funding and we were able to purchase new math curriculum for the K-8<sup>th</sup> grades. The teachers will be going through some training for the new program on that day. I apologize for any inconvenience that may cause for anyone.

## Parade

Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> is the town Christmas Parade and St. Joseph will be having a float, weather permitting. Anyone that is interested in riding or walking as part of our float should be at the **church basement by 1:15** on Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. We will have costumes for some to wear, but if everyone would wear cougar shirts and if they have any festive Christmas hats wear those too!

## Candy Cane Sales

Please have all candy cane sales forms and money turned in by Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Candy canes are \$0.25 apiece. Please fill out the form that was sent home if your child is wishing to send any candy canes. If sending candy canes to students in the public school, please be sure to include their last name and grade level.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/7-14-Food Drive  
12/16-Christmas Program Matinee  
12/17-Christmas Program  
12/18-Early out @ 12:00-Christmas Breakfast  
12/19-1/4-No School

## Christmas Program

At this point we are still planning to hold an in-person program! The pew assignment sheet is included in folders this week. There will also be signs on both ends of the pews with the students' names on them. Just a reminder that students will be sitting with their families as well. Students will not report to the church basement prior to the program, they should sit with their families until their class is called. We encourage as many that are able to come to the matinee performance, 1:30 on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> to help reduce the amount of people that will be at the program Thursday evening. We realize this may not work for everyone, but we are asking those that can to attend then. Following the program there will not be cookies and Santa in the church basement. Santa will come to visit the students during school on Friday. Dress for the students is Sunday best, no jeans.

## Test Results

Tests results from the standardized tests that the 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students took in October are back. Classroom teachers will be sending home a report with students today. Overall, we were very pleased with the results of the test, especially considering how our year ended last year! This is one of many tools we use to determine what areas need to be focused on for the remainder of the school year. If you have any questions about your child(ren)s report, please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher.

## Scrip

We will place our final order for scrip cards on Monday and they will arrive on Thursday. If you need any last-minute Christmas gifts this is a great way to get them and support the school at the same time!

## Next Week

Just a reminder that next week Friday is an early dismissal at noon. There will be after school care on Friday and there will be bus service. Students will not need to bring their backpacks on Friday and folders will be sent home on Thursday.

## Food and Fund Drive

The Student Council will be hosting a food and fund drive from **December 7-14**. There will be drop-off boxes in the cafeteria, front of the office, and in church. Monetary donations are also excepted. For every \$1 donated the food bank can purchase \$21 worth of groceries for families in need. We know that holidays can be hard for some families and we know that this year that may be truer than ever. Please help your child(ren) see the value of helping others that are less fortunate!

## Technology Grant and Donor

Early this school year the diocese sent out an application for technology grants for the schools in the dioceses. After discussion with the school board a grant was submitted requesting funds for a new access control system. The grant was approved, and we have received the funding. We hope to be able to get this project started soon!

For the past several years an anonymous donor has donated \$200 per students enrolled at all the schools within our dioceses. This year that donor made the generous donation again! We are grateful to receive this and for their support of Catholic education!

## Advisory Board

The St. Joseph School Advisory Board is looking for interested candidates to begin terms on the board beginning in August of 2021. If you are interested, or know of anyone interested, please contact Mrs. Watring or another board member. Current members are Craig Stark, Michelle Wolfe, Yvonne Kammerich, Jeff Vollrath, Bobby Tavenner, and Billy Inskeep.





