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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.*

*Do What Makes You Happy Holy*

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## Mass Schedule

Mass next week will be on Tuesday and the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades will have Mass parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!



## Advent Angel

Next week will be our final Advent Angel exchange. Students are to make a homemade Christmas decoration, or ornament, etc. and a Christmas treat.

**Please have these at school on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you!

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students will make their first reconciliation on Wednesday evening at the parish penance service. Please keep these students in your prayers as they begin the next step in their faith. Payton Chadwick, Jed Fenical, Alivia Ivy, Isla Kammerich, Jayce Lorenz, Stella Reuter, John Schuster, Will Schuster, Brock Shadwick, Greta Watring, and Boone Williams.

## Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program is right around the corner! There will be performances on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 and **6:30**. For the evening performance students should be dressed in their Sunday best. Supervision in the church basement will begin at 6:15. During the program please try to keep younger ones out of the aisle. The aisle will be used as part of the program this year. Following the program there will be cookies, punch, and a special guest in the church basement!

## Free Dress Days

Leading up to Christmas break we will have a few extra free dress days.

- Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> students can show off their ugly Christmas Sweaters!
- Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> dress in festive Christmas wear! We have Mass this day and the matinee for the Christmas program so please be sure that students are dressed appropriately.
- Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> wear your pajamas to school for our Christmas Breakfast and party! Students do not need to bring the backpacks to school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

12/19-Christmas Program 1:30&6:30  
 12/20-Early Out/End of Quarter  
 12/20-Parish Penance Service @ 7  
 12/21-1/3-No School  
 1/4-School Resumes

## Temperance

We spent the second quarter focusing on the virtue of temperance. The students chosen for showing temperance will get to go to lunch when we return from break!

PK: Clara Shadwick                    3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Eli Shadwick  
 K: Ava Kammerich                    5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Kody Fenical  
 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: Jayce Lorenz            7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>: Henry Stark

## Merry Christmas!

This will be our last Cougar Tracks and Friday folder for the year. The faculty and staff wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a great start to 2024!!

## Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> will be our last day before Christmas Break. Dismissal will be at noon. There will be bus service and after school care that day. Students do not need to bring their backpacks to school on Wednesday. School will resume on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

## End of the Quarter

The end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter is on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. This will also be the last day for students to take AR quizzes to go towards their second quarter goals. Report cards will be sent home for PK-8<sup>th</sup> when we return from Christmas Break.

*Formation Fun  
for Families*

Have you ever sat down and tried to “read the Bible”? Most of us have no idea where to start. There are a lot of resources out there to help you, but this podcast by Father Mike Schmitz is a really great one that you can take with you wherever you go! Maybe this year your resolution can be to really grow in your faith by digging deeper into God’s Word in the Bible! Subscribe in your favorite Podcast App.

**THE BIBLE IN A YEAR**  
 WITH FR. MIKE SCHMITZ, FEATURING JEFF CAYNES

### Virtue of the Quarter: Temperance

- This virtue is all about self-control. Temperance helps us control our thoughts, actions, and feelings.

### Saint of the Month: Sts. Cyril and Methodius

### Virtues for the Year:

Faith-gift from God that allows us to believe in him  
 Hope-allows us to trust in God’s promise to share his life with us forever  
 Love-greatest of all, allows us to love God and one another





