
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 Thursday the 7th & 8th grades will have parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!



Advent Angel

For our Advent Angels next week students will bring a note with a clue and a soda. Please have it to school by Wednesday, December 13th and be sure to have the name for who should receive it visible. Thank you!

Scrip

This Christmas season let Scrip help with your gift giving! Scrip cards are simply gift cards that earn a percentage back for the school. They can be used as gift cards or to purchase gifts. An order form was included in folders last week. We will be placing the final order on Monday, December 11th. Orders are received on Thursday and can then be sent home in Friday folders or picked up at the school office.

Coats

We are to the time of year when coats are necessary! Please be sure to send coats, hats, and gloves with students. Thank you!

Christmas Program

This year's Christmas Program is right around the corner! There will be performances on Tuesday, December 19th 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. 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.

- Friday, December 15th will be the free dress day for December. Student Council will also be selling hot chocolate and candy canes for \$1 (for both) after lunch recess. Money raised will go to support our local food packs and food pantry program at the public school.
- Monday, December 18th students can show off their ugly Christmas Sweaters!
- Tuesday, December 19th 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 20th wear your pajamas to school for our Christmas Breakfast and party!

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

All School Mass

Thank you to all the students that helped with the All School Mass on Saturday! Everyone did a great job! We received many complements on how nice it is to see student having parts at the weekend Masses!

Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 20th 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 4th.

End of the Quarter

The end of the 2nd quarter is on Wednesday, December 20th. 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-8th when we return from Christmas Break.

*Formation Fun
for Families*

Have you ever realized what a GIFT the Sacrament of Confession is? We often think of the hard part--confessing our sins, but God has a greater plan in the Reconciliation! He wants us to experience the JOY of his mercy and grace poured out through this sacrament. Join us for our Advent Penance Service as a family this year. When your kids see you model your own faith, it becomes more important for them as well.



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

