
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!



Kidsight Vision Screening

The Kidsight Vision Screening will be on Thursday. This will take place in the classrooms. If there are any concerns information will be sent home in next week's Friday folders.

Retakes

Picture retakes will be on Wednesday, December 6th. If your child will need a retake, please let the office know before that date. If you had already placed in order (they are being sent home today) please return the order to school before picture day.

Shirt Contest

The student council is sponsoring a shirt contest. They are asking any students in 1st-8th that are interested to design a spirit wear shirt. They will then narrow it down to three designs for the school to vote on and then be available to order! Please have designs turned in by Tuesday, November 21st.

Soup Supper and Bingo

Thank you to everyone that supported the Student Council Soup Supper & Bingo night last weekend! Fun was had by all that attended and \$2,322.50 was raised to go towards the spring field trip and a service project to be determined by student council.

Speech Meet

Congratulations to our speech meet participant's last weekend. They all did a great job!

Duets: Emma & Willa Wolfe: Red Ribbon

Aria Kliethermes & Lila Imhoff: Blue Ribbon

Levi Wolfe & Cole Weber: Red Ribbon

Jackson Inskeep & Bennett Schuster: Blue Ribbon

Catherine & Miles Schuster: Blue Ribbon

Mid-Quarter

Next Wednesday marks halfway through the 2nd quarter! Progress reports for K-8th will be sent home on Friday and updates to AR goals for 1st-8th. Students should be to 50% of the AR goal by mid-quarter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to your child's teacher.

Christmas Lighting Help

We are looking for individuals that would be willing to help put up Christmas Light on the school Sunday, November 19th. If you can help, please contact Patrick Skain at 660-621-0938.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/15-Mid-Quarter
 11/22-11/24-No School-
 Thanksgiving Break
 11/30-Home & School Meeting
 12/4-New Church Year Celebration
 12/6-Picture Retakes
 12/19-Christmas Program
 12/20-Early Out/End of Quarter
 12/21-1/3-No School

Addressing the Future

With the growing population of our student body the need for additional space has also been a growing concern. Alongside a long-term planning committee, the school advisory board has been working on plans to gain additional classroom space. It is our goal to maintain the low teacher to student ratio St. Joseph has always flourished under. According to the Show Me Institute the average class size in Missouri is 11.3 students per teacher. Our current student to teacher ratio is 13.1 and in the upcoming years some of our lower grade levels will exceed 27 students per double graded classroom. Not only will this present a challenge for physical space, but it will also affect the ability of the classroom teacher to provide individualized instruction. The next steps coming forward in the months ahead will be sharing more information at Mass and holding informational meetings. These will be open to all parishioners and parents, and we ask anyone with any ideas, suggestions, or that would like to be involved to contact a committee member listed below. As we go through the process of exploring the best options for our school and parish, we ask that you pray for those charged with coming up with solutions for our greatest blessings, the current and future St. Joseph's Cougars and God's little disciples.

Brain Kliethermes, Jennifer Martin, Dustin Schuster, Nichole Watring, and Fr. Smith

All School Mass

The All School Mass is being moved to Saturday, December 2nd. Readings will be sent home in next weeks folders. All parts will stay the same. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause!

Servers: Cole Weber & Colton Hodges

Song Leader: Allison Wolfe

1st Reading: Jasper Mitchell

Response: Levi Wolfe

2nd Reading: Natan Imhoff

Petitions: Walker Mitchell, Lila Imhoff, Cora Kammerich, & Isla Kammerich

Baskets: Garrett Hodges, Brennan Imhoff, Fletcher Grissum, & Maverick Fosse,

Offertory: Preslee Scott, Allie Templeton, and Ava Kammerich

Formation Fun for Families

Tis the season...Advent is almost here!!! There is such beauty in the waiting and preparing that this season brings. The easiest thing you can do is have an advent wreath in your home. Light the candles each night at dinner and read along with an advent devotional for kids. Traditions are important and starting them young will help your family continue to grow in faith for generations to come! Dec 3rd is the first Sunday of Advent!



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: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

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

