
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 the 5th & 6th grades will have parts. All parents, grandparents, and parishioners are welcome join us!



Kidsight Vision Screening

Information is included in folder about the results from the screening on Thursday. If your child was flagged for a vision concern, there will be a referral packet included in their folder.

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, 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.**

Servers

Last week our 3rd & 4th grade students were trained to serve by the 8th grade students. They will start by serving at weekday Mass with an older student and then will begin on the weekends once they have a little practice! They are very excited about being able to participate in Mass this way!

Mid-Quarter

Progress reports were sent home for students in K-8th grades. 1st-8th grade students also received an update to their AR goal. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher to discuss.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving

The faculty and staff hope everyone has a very blessed Thanksgiving and enjoys the time with family and friends! There will not be Cougar Tracks or folders sent home next week. School will not be in session Wednesday through Friday next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
1/4-School Resumes

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.

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

Advent Angel

This year we will again be doing the Advent Angel project for our K-8th grade students. The information sheet is included in folders this week. Students will be drawing names on Tuesday.

All School Mass

The All School Mass is being moved to Saturday, December 2nd. Readings are in this week's folders. We will practice together when we come back from Thanksgiving break.

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

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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

