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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.*

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## Mass Schedule

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



## Next Week

Folders will not be sent home last week since we have a short week. We hope that everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoys the time with family and friends!

## Sick Policy

Just a reminder as it seems that we have some sickness going around that to return to school children must be fever, vomiting, and diarrhea, free for 24 hours.

## All School Mass

Thank you to all the students that had parts at the All-School Mass on Saturday. As always, we received so many compliments on what a nice job they did!

## Advent Angel

Every year we have a special Christmas tradition for our K-8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Much like a Secret Santa the students exchange names and send clues and treats throughout the Advent Season. The students drew for names this week. Please see the paper in folders for more information.

## Christmas Parade

We are looking for parents that would be interested in putting together a float for the town Christmas parade this year. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Watring.

## Christmas Lighting Ceremony

The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be holding a Christmas Lighting Ceremony as part of Christmas in the Grove this year. It will be held on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Along with the lighting of the school and a magic tree there will be other activities taking place that night too. This will be the class fundraiser for the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

11/24-26-No School Thanksgiving Break

12/1-Home & School Meeting

12/4-7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lighting Ceremony

12/20-Christmas Program

12/21-Early Out @ 12:00

12/22-1/3-No School-Christmas Break

### *Home & School Meeting*

The next Home & School meeting is Wednesday, December 1 at 7:15 pm in the church basement. This is such a busy time of year, and it seems that those precious hours at home with our families each night get fewer and far between! However, if your schedule allows, please plan to attend the next Home & School meeting. With the growth our school has experienced, greater attendance is needed to reach a quorum. Thank you in advance to any who can make it!

### Safe Environment

Just a reminder that the dioceses has set a new requirement for parents to complete the Safe Environment Training and background check. All registration and training may be completed online at <https://diojeffcity.org/safe-environment>. Check the steps on the right-hand side of the page to get started. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Watring.

### Scrip

As we enter the holiday season it is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of our Scrip program. Scrip is a fundraiser for our school in which you can buy gift cards for everyday purchases or to use as gifts. We have a large inventory of cards on hand and can also order cards for many retailers. Orders are placed on Monday and are received by Thursday. They can be sent home in Friday folders or picked up at the office.

### Speech Meet

Congratulations to our first round of students that participated in the regional speech meet this past weekend. The students did a great job! This is a good experience for them!

Humorous: Dalton Mayfield-Red Ribbon and Cooper Hoff-Red Ribbon

Serious: Grace Reuter-Blue Ribbon

Duets: Anne Wolfe & Evie Stark-Blue Ribbon

Britta Hoff & Arleigh Watring-Blue Ribbon

### Mid-Quarter

Progress reports and AR goal updates are being sent home today with students in K-8<sup>th</sup> grades. Please be sure to look over grades with your child and discuss any goals for the remainder of the quarter. If you have any questions or concerns, please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher.

### Calendar Change

Although this is a long way away, our calendar will change for Easter Break. Bishop McKnight has asked schools to provide two additional days of at Easter Break. So we will be off of school from the 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of April. These days will not need be made up.





