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St. Lucy

Dear St. Joseph School Family,

Enjoy these Travel Tips from the Magi:

1. Keep a Large Focus—The Magi were led by a heavenly phenomenon, and by keeping their eyes on it they found Jesus. Our focus this Advent also has to be something greater than can be found in any mall or website or video. It has to be something like God in our midst.
2. Trim Down for the Trip—The Magi could only take what would fit on their camels, so most of what they had was left behind. Advent is the time to leave behind anything that could slow us down: grudges, unrealistic expectations, unfair demands and, most of all, sins—leave them with God in the confessional, and you'll speed along toward Christmas.
3. Travel Together—One of the Magi traveling alone would never have made it. They needed each other for support and encouragement while they puzzled out the best way to go. Together with the whole Church, especially in the weekly liturgy, we encounter God concretely in our lives.
4. Be People of Hope—Hope kept the Magi going. Many had seen the star, but only these three risked everything to find the king. Christians need hope to overcome discouragement, the skepticism of others and uncertainty.

Our celebration of Christmas will only be as good as our celebration of Advent. If you observe the season of Advent in your home and save Christmas until Christmas, that holiday will be all the more joyfully experienced. Our lives tend to be more hurried than usual at this time of year, and we are surrounded by a culture hostile to many Christian values. Without conscious preparation, our God-made-flesh, the tiny Christ child at whose Word the world came to be, can be replaced by the trappings of modern secular Christmas.

The Advent season provides an invaluable opportunity for you as Catholic parents to teach your children about the true meaning of Christmas and to experience it together as a family. It also provides the opportunity for us to concentrate on our spiritual lives and prepare our hearts to receive the Savior. We are given the opportunity at Christmas to be re-born and renewed in our faith. The Holy Spirit is alive: may He make your Advent and Christmas very alive so that you may be found rejoicing at the birth of our Lord!

May Mary who said "yes" give you strength to say yes to all the graces that will be sent your way as gifts! May God bless you and your families with His peace and joy!

In Christ our Infant King,

Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

7 Fri 3B Class Mass; Mission Collection; **NOON Dismissal, NO Uniform**

10 Mon Student Confessions

12 Wed 1A Class Mass

13 Thu 1B Class Mass

14 Fri 1C Class Mass



Christmas Break

12/21 Noon

Dismissal, 2nd Quarter ends
1/7 School Resumes

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLICK LUNCHROOM DUTY
LUNCHROOM DUTY VOLUNTEERS help the kitchen staff and Lunchroom Monitors.

CLICK K-1-2 RECESS
K-1-2 RECESS Duty: aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess.

CLICK 3-6 RECESS DUTY
3-6 RECESS DUTY: aid teachers and paras in supervising students during recess

HAITI:

New or gently used Tennis Shoes for school children in Haiti. All sizes.



DECEMBER 13, 2018 SCHOOL NEWS

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK: Robert Johnson, Theology 3, Mount St Mary, St Thomas, Lincoln

TEXTBOOK LOAN FORMS Textbook Loan Forms were sent home with each student on Wednesday. Please complete and sign both pages asking for parent signature and return **BOTH** pages. It is vital that we receive this form from each student. This enables us to get the needed textbooks from Lincoln Public Schools. Return ASAP.

SCRIP The annual **Christmas contest** has begun. Use Scrip for your Christmas shopping or use SCRIP as a gift card. Either way one lucky Homeroom will get a pizza party. Send in your Scrip Order with your students name and Homeroom. Scrip Order Form **see attached** The classes in the lead KC, 6A and 4B.

K-6 CHRISTMAS MUSICALS 2018!!! Performance days/times: Wednesday, December 19th at 7:00pm, Students with last names that begin with A-K. Thursday, December 20th at 7:00pm, Students with last names that begin with L-Z. Please be watching my PowerSchool Learning site for upcoming updates on the Christmas musicals! *Please have your child in the school cafeteria by 6:50pm the night of their program. For instruction [CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS](#)

ROSARIES were sent home with students beginning in October. If you have one of these Family Rosaries at home **please** return it to school.

LUNCH ACCOUNTS should be checked regularly. We currently have several negative balances. PLEASE check your balance and keep your account up to date. You can check your balance at [MYSCHOOLBUCKS](#)

LINCOLN YOUTH LACROSSE came to St. Joseph's to teach lacrosse in PE last week. The volunteer coaches, player-helpers, team moms and students had a great time! Lincoln Youth Lacrosse has a Spring Season. [click Lacrosse](#)

PIUS TRAP SHOOTING CLUB informational meeting will be held Sunday, January 27th at 12:30. Pizza provided Location: Lincoln Izaak Walton Club House 10801 S 134th, Bennet NE. (1/2 mile South of 134th and Hwy 2) Open to new shooters 6th grade and up, meeting should not take more than 1hr. Any questions contact Jr. coach Aaron Lyons 402-525-2548

2019 PIUS X THUNDERETTES' WINTER DANCE CAMP, January 12, 2019, 9 am – Noon, Pre-school - 6th grades. [click Pius X Thunderettes](#)

BLESS THE BABY JESUS! A blessing upon your family and the baby Jesus from your manger scene. In a kid-friendly Advent Liturgy will be followed by a festive cookie reception. Bring your gifts of "swaddling clothes" to donate to Birthright for babies in need (new or gently used baby clothes, blankets, lotion, soap, and diaper creams. Mark your calendar for **Sat., Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral!**



WHEN TO KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME FROM SCHOOL The health and safety of our students is extremely important to us at St. Joseph. The health status of a student bears a direct relation to the child's ability to profit from educational experiences. [click SYMPTOMS](#)