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Dear St. Joseph School Family,

As we come to the close of the fall semester, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very Merry Christmas, a Blessed New Year, and a hope that you and your family are able to enter into the beautiful mystery of what it truly means for God to become Man.

We are infinitely loved by God, no matter how much joy or suffering is in our life. We are loved. Deeply loved. By Him. In our world today there are so many subliminal messages that bombard our lives that tell us that we need to be more – we need to change – to be accepted, loved, appreciated, etc. What we really need is to encounter God so that we can experience how deeply we are truly loved. That makes all the difference.

At some point during these next two weeks take a few moments to sit before a nativity scene, with or without a cup of coffee or any other beverage, and be interiorly quiet. I like to do this before the nativity scene in the dark, with a few Christmas lights on in the room. I quiet my heart, soul, my body, my mind and I repeat over and over, slowly: I am deeply loved by You. Thank You for loving me.

As I repeat this I slow down, and stay with any word – most often deeply or loved. It wraps around my heart, my mind, infiltrates the fibers of my soul and brings a great deal of peace.

That's what I wish for you for Christmas – a deep, abiding, peace.

Know that you will be in my Christmas Season prayers. I always offer my rosary on December 26 for the families of those I serve in the apostolate – that's you! I count on your prayers for me, too! Without the power of prayer I would be at a complete loss as to how to serve the Lord! Thank you!

Two practical things as we depart for the Christmas Break:

1. A Reminder to please check the length of jumpers, skirts, and even pants! Replace/repair/re-hem as needed!
2. We have had a small increase in illness-related absences. Small, but noticeable. If your children are sick, please keep them home! For fevers, etc., they should be symptom-free for 24 hours, without medication, before they return to school. If you have questions, please call the office, talk with our nurse, Mrs. Dynek, or email us and we'll let you know our thoughts.

Again, I truly wish you a blessed, happy & holy Christmas. Let us pray for each other at the altar of God, the place where He becomes manifest to us every day.

God bless you.

In Christ,

Sister Mary Cecilia

UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

21 FRI Noon Dismissal, 2nd
Quarter ends



JANUARY

7 MON School Resumes, Stu-
dent Council Meeting

8 Tue 1st Penance Parent
Meeting 7:00

10 Thu Report Cards

11 Fri Mission Collection

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CLICK LUNCHROOM DUTY
LUNCHROOM DUTY VOLUN-
TEERS help the kitchen staff
and Lunchroom Monitors.

CLICK K-1-2 RECESS
K-1-2 RECESS Duty: aid teach-
ers and paras in supervis-
ing students during recess.

CLICK 3-6 RECESS DUTY
3-6 RECESS DUTY: aid teach-
ers and paras in supervis-
ing students during recess

HAITI:

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



DECEMBER 20, 2018 SCHOOL NEWS

SEMINARIAN OF THE WEEK:

Dec 23-29 Rev. Mr. Carson Kain Theology 4 St. Charles Borromeo Seminary; St. Patrick, McCook
Dec30-Jan5 Matthew Kovar Theology 2 Mount St. Mary Seminary, Appleton Assumption, David City

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**.

K-6 CHRISTMAS MUSICALS 2018!!! Performance days/times Thursday, December 20th at 7:00pm, Students with last names that begin with L-Z. *Please have your child in the school cafeteria by 6:50pm the night of their program. For instruction [CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS](#)

JH ATHLETIC CLUB (including cross country, basketball, volleyball, and track students), as well as, 6th and 5th grade athletes using the St. Joseph gym we have a volunteer opportunity! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4da4aa283-retreat> Click the link and pencil in these dates at 6pm on signup genius for Retreat House 2019! Please contact Carla, 402-616-3344, if your child will need a ride. Thanks so much for volunteering to help with this important service, to keep the cost of retreats at Good Council Retreat House as affordable as possible. Go Knights!!

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](#)

CANA GALA We want to express a huge thank you to all the parents who so generously donated to the classroom baskets for the silent auction at the . They are gorgeous with so many great items! We hope to see many of you at the gala this year. Invitations can be picked up at in the narthex at any mass. If you are unable to attend the event, we will be sharing the link to the bidding site so you will still be able to bid on the baskets and much more!

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](#)