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MONTHLY MESSENGER

December 2024

Knighly News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

As we enter this season of Advent, let me reflect with you on the great meaning of this season and its impact on the mission of our school. Pope Francis reminds us that, "If fear makes you lie on the ground, the Lord invites you to get up; if negativity pushes you to look down, Jesus invites us to turn our gaze to heaven, from where He will come. Because we are not children of fear, but children of God." It is so easy to see distress in our communities and nation, especially during this holy time of year, where it can become a vivid distraction.



The Holy Father continues that, “Then we welcome the invitation of the Gospel, the invitation so often repeated that we stand up, to get up.” He adds, “From where? From the sofas of life: from the comfort that makes you lazy, from the mundanity that makes you sick inside, from the self-pity that darkens. Stand up, let us look up to the sky.” These are sobering words, yet they inspire within us the same resiliency that we teach our children on a daily basis. We are not mired in our own issues, doubts and weaknesses, but rather, we look up and out to our neighbors on the street, and see how in giving of ourselves, we are indeed redeemed.

We are blessed by the many students who are working hard on their service hours for this year, and have one who has already exceeded the requirement by leaps and bounds. I am humbled by their witness. Our students are working hard on the upcoming plays in December. I know they are excited for you to see the fruits of their efforts. Personally, I can’t wait!

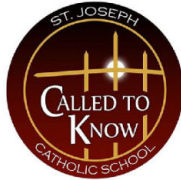
Have a most blessed Thanksgiving and Advent season. You and your children are a blessing to our parish, our city of Lincoln and to our diocese, and to me, personally. I am, as always,

Yours in Christ,

Kevin Naumann, Principal



Today, after Mass we had our first service award given. Service Awards are given out to students in 5-8th Grade. 5th-6th grade students need a minimum of 30hrs and 7th-8th need a minimum of 40hrs to receive the award.



December 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Advent Begins	2 Day 1	3 6B Class Mass Day 2	4 Band Concert Rehearsal 6:30 pm @ Pius Day 3	5 Band Concert 6:30 pm @ Pius Day 4	6 2B Class Mass Mission Collection Day 5	7
8 	9 NO SCHOOL <i>(Immaculate Conception Observed, Holy Day of Obligation)</i>	10 BIST Consultant Visit Day 2	11 Barnes & Noble Book Fair All Parish Adoration 7:00 pm Day 3	12 1A Class Mass Service Awards after Mass Day 4	13 1B Class Mass Pre-K Christmas Program 10:00 am 1:00 Dismissal (Faculty Meeting) Day 5	14
15	16 Christmas Program (L-Z) 7:00 pm Day 1	17 Melodic Knights Mass Christmas Program (A-K) 7:00 pm Day 2	18 Youth Choir Mass Day 3	19 Day 4	20 Noon Dismissal Lessons & Carols 10:45 am Start of Winter Break Day 5	21
22	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break Merry Christmas!	26 Winter Break 	27 Winter Break	28
29	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break				

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Fiesta Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	3 Egg, Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Sandwich Tater Tots, Scooby Snack Fruit Choice Milk	4 Breaded Chicken Patty on WG Bun Baked Beans, Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	5 Beef Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	6 Mac & Cheese Broccoli, Rice Krispy Treat Fruit Choice Milk
9 NO SCHOOL (Immaculate Conception)	10 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garlic Breadsticks Peas Fruit Choice Milk	11 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	12 Chicken Fajitas Corn, Cupcake Fruit Choice Milk	13 1:00 DISMISSAL Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk
16 Meal-In-A-Bowl Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Corn Gravy & Corn Fruit Choice Milk	17 BBQ Pork Nachos Green Beans, Churro Fruit Choice Milk	18 Comdog Baked Beans, Chips Fruit Choice Milk	19 Soft Taco Corn, Cake Parfait Cup Fruit Choice Milk	20 NOON DISMISSAL (No lunch served)
23 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	24 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	25 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	26 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)	27 NO SCHOOL (Christmas Break)
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*Student lunch \$3.25
*Adult lunch \$4.60

*Milk \$0.40
*Second entrée or sandwich \$1.25

*Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
*Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday
*Rotating salad option as a choice daily

Liturgy Singing Schedule Fall Semester 2024

December 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Advent Weekday 4B	3 St. Francis Xavier (M) 6B Class Mass	4 St. John Damascene (m) <i>Quiet Mass</i>	5 Advent Weekday 3A	6 St. Nicholas (m) Mission Collection 2B Class Mass
9 The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary (S) 3B	10 Our Lady of Loreto (m) <i>Quiet Mass</i>	11 St. Damasus I (m) 6A	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe (F) 1A Class Mass	13 St. Lucy (M) 1B Class Mass
16 Advent Weekday 6B	17 Advent Weekday Melodic Knights	18 Advent Weekday Youth Choir	19 Advent Weekday <i>Quiet Mass</i>	20 Advent Weekday 5A

BIST Tip: Gateway Behavior #2

As mentioned last time, a gateway behavior “opens the gates” to negative thoughts, words or actions. After children know what gateway behaviors are, it’s helpful to talk about how it feels to others and ways to overcome them. Involving the child helps them take ownership and reduces the punitive feeling. You might say, “If I use a gateway behavior with you, how do you feel?” “When I see you use a gateway behavior, how can I help you?” Using a code name like “GB” may be enough when they occur. If these behaviors continue maybe help your child with a tally system and work toward less frequency. In any case, “closing the gates” on gateway behaviors makes for a more positive outlook for your child as well as everyone around.

WELCOME, MRS. JOHNSON!

I am originally from Lincoln, graduated from Lincoln High. In 1979 I graduated from Mary Lanning Memorial Hospital School of nursing. After several months at Lincoln General Hospital (now Bryan West) I left Lincoln and joined the Air Force. After following my husband's Air Force career around, we returned to Lincoln about 20 years later. I worked in Employee Health and Wellness at Bryan Health until October of this year.



It's easy for me to get lost in a good fantasy or science fiction novel. Much of my "reading" is done listening while crocheting, sewing or cooking/baking or taking a long walk. One of my mottos is that anything done outdoors is better than, pretty much, anything done indoors.



My husband, Bill and I have two daughters, Colleen and Laura, and five grandchildren. Laura and her family are here in Lincoln. Colleen and hers are in the San Diego area.

I expect working as a part-time nurse at St Joseph School will be an interesting and fun turn in my career. My past has been some clinic work, then mainly critical care, then occupational health. Now I'll be able to add a bit of pediatric experience!

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!



ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFE ENVIRONMENT RENEWAL TRAINING

The annual recertification process for safe environment compliance is changing in January of 2025

Beginning January 1, 2025, all clergy, religious, employees, and volunteers who work with minors will be required to renew their training during the month of January.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO
CONTINUE PROTECTING ALL OF GOD'S
PRECIOUS CHILDREN!**

SOUTHERN NEBRASKA
CATHOLICS

Lunch and Recess Volunteers

Lunchroom (all grades)

5th & 6th Recess

Kinder, 1st, & 2nd Recess

7th & 8th Recess

3rd & 4th Recess

BARNES & NOBLE
BOOKFAIRS

**St. Joseph
Catholic School**
Wednesday,
December 11th, All Day

Barnes & Noble
2910 Pine Lake Road, Lincoln
SouthPointe Pavilions Shopping Center



bn.com/bookfairs #BNBookfairs

Evening activities begin at 5:00 pm! More details to come!

K-6 Christmas Musicals 2024!!!

Performance days/times:

Monday, December 16th at 7:00 pm
Students whose last names begin with L-Z

Tuesday, December 17th at 7:00 pm
Students whose last names begin with A-K



Both nights the gym doors and front school doors will be unlocked at 6:30pm.
Attendance is mandatory per the school handbook.

Please have your 5th and/or 6th grade child(ren) in the school cafeteria by 6:50 pm the night of their program. K-4th graders are to be in their classrooms by 6:50 pm. We'd prefer they stay with you until 6:40 to ensure proper supervision. Students with costumes will need to go to the music room first to put their costume on.

Costume reminders:

Sheep... please have them come in a T-shirt, black pants/sweats/legging and black socks. We have the sheep costume they will wear over that.

Doves... please have them come in white/grey pants/sweats/leggings, white socks and a white shirt. We have the dove costume they will wear over that.

Cows... please have them come to the concert in shorts, a T-shirt and black or white socks. We have the cow costume they will wear over that.

Donkeys... please have them come to the concert in black leggings, pants, or sweats, black socks and a black long-sleeved shirt. We have the rest of the donkey costume they will wear over that.

Camels... please have them come in a T-shirt, shorts, and tan/brown socks. We have the camel costume they will wear over that.

All other characters... characters in either musical that I have not mentioned yet (ex. main characters, Mary, Joseph, kings, shepherds, angels, misc. characters) we have the costume for them. Please send them to the concert with shorts and a t-shirt to wear underneath their costume. They are also to wear a type of sandal or socks to complete their costume.

Hand bell players and choir members... please come dressed-up in nice Christmas dresses or slacks outfits. Please do not wear jeans, shorts, sweats, jerseys, etc.

Additional information:

K-3 will perform the musical "Hooray in a Manger" while the 4th-6th graders watch. We will take 5 minutes to switch the staging while the 4th-6th graders take their places on

the risers. The K-3rd graders will then watch the 4th-6th graders perform "Camel Lot". We will be done approximately 8:10pm. Out of respect for the latter performers please stay until both musicals are completed. Your presence is greatly appreciated - thank you!

Students may not participate in a program if sent home sick or gone for more than half of the school day.

I think that is it! If you have any other questions, please e-mail me at kathy-krinke@cdolinc.net

Looking forward to seeing you all at the concerts!

Mrs. Krinke



Calendar Changes – Days Off School

Dennis Uniform Closed

You may have heard that Dennis Uniform has officially closed abruptly. We are aware of this issue and are working in conjunction with other Catholic schools in Lincoln to

Please note that we have two dates that have recently changed on the school calendar:

- **December 9 – NO SCHOOL** Holy Day of Obligation (Diocesan change)
- **February 18 – NO SCHOOL** (Date chosen by faculty for Bishop’s Day Off) – granted as a gift from Walk for Christ.

Thank you for planning accordingly.

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explore our future options for uniform supply. In the meantime, if you are in need of uniform clothing, feel free to visit our used uniform supply on any school day. Also, if you have an outstanding order with Dennis, we recommend you call your bank or credit card company to ask for a refund. If you are interested in helping us discern which company might work best for St. Joe’s, please email sr.mary-angela@cdolinc. Thank you!

Monthly School Rosary

As a means of praying for the needs of our students and school families, St. Joseph School will be offering a monthly school rosary this year. Parents are welcome to join us as you are able. The dates and times are listed on the finalized **school calendar** posted on our website, with our next one being **December 12th at 2:50 pm!** (*We moved this from December 9th.*) Times alternate between 10:30 am and 2:50 pm so different classes can join. Classes will participate as they are available, so be aware that some classes may be absent on a given month. May our Blessed Mother intercede for us and lead us closer to her Son, Jesus!

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Play Dates with School

Pets!

Our school Guinea Pigs, Leroy (brown) and Jasper (black) love to be held! They are available to be taken home Friday after school and brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to adopt Leroy and Jasper (together) for a weekend send in a letter with your child, email the office staff, or give us a call at 402-489-0341 and we will put you on our list!



SCRIP Pizza Party Contest



SCRIP is kicking off the Christmas season with a fun contest. We are trying to increase the use of SCRIP by our school families. SCRIP costs you **NOTHING**, yet benefits our school and church in so many ways such as tuition assistance for our kids at St. Joe's, Pius scholarships, and the student event fund.

SCRIP is gift cards from national and local retailers and restaurants. These companies help SCRIP raise money by

selling gift cards to us at a discount. When members of St. Joe's purchase the gift cards they pay face value and redeem them for face value. SCRIP keeps the difference as revenue.

For three weeks (12/2/2024 to 12/20/2024), SCRIP sales will be tracked according to amount of sales per classroom.

A sale will be added to the respective student's classroom and that of any siblings(s). At the end of the six weeks, the classroom with the most sales (dollar amount) will get a **Pizza Party**.

How many ways can **YOU** use SCRIP? For gas? Groceries? Dinner out? Use SCRIP to buy those Christmas gifts! Or what about a gift card for everyone on your Christmas list? **THE POSSIBILITIES ARE ENDLESS!** Help yourself and help your school and church at the same time!

Text Kate with any questions 314-1416. Contactless pickup available!!

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Fr. Michael G. McCabe

Assistant Pastor:

Fr. Loudon Redinger

Principal:

Kevin Naumann

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