

JANUARY 2023 MONTHLY MESSENGER



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KNIGHTLY NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Please allow me a moment to take this time to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and a year ahead filled with the promise of our Lord, in the Eucharist and in each other. We really enjoyed having you and your family come for our vocal Christmas programs. Mrs. Krinke and the students put in many hours of preparation and we appreciate how they work together to help put all of us in the spirit of the Advent and Christmas seasons. Many of us were surprised by a snow day in place of our last day of school before break! Although we all like a break, it can be hard to not have closure. We are considering rescheduling our Lessons and Carols as the students involved were looking forward to it. We'll be sure to let you know. Our talents are many, and I am excited to see our staff and students continue to use these, not in the pursuit of their own kingdom, but in service to God's Kingdom and to benefit our spiritual lives.

We have much to be thankful for, and look forward to, in this new year. As my Junior High headed out on a service-oriented field trip one snowy morning this week, I'm reminded of our call to mission. If there is one thing that I wish for all of our St. Joseph's students to come away with, it would be a love of faith and knowledge, made manifest in service to others. I want their faith to blossom in knowing that only by living out the works of charity comes happiness and contentment, or least as much as we can expect, on this side of heaven.

At the end of January we traditionally celebrate Catholic Schools Week, as we will again this year. I hope to see many of you during the activities of that week, especially kicking off with Open House after 9:00 Sunday Mass, highlighting our Jr. High Science Fair, and culminating with the Morning at the Movies on Saturday. I'll look forward to dialogue with you then or at another time that is convenient for you. May God fill 2023 with many blessings for you and your family.

I am most sincerely yours in Christ,

Kevin L. Naumann
Principal

Christmas Program Photos!

Great job to everyone on another successful Christmas Program season! Photos can be viewed at the links below.

A-K click
[HERE!](#)

L-Z click
[HERE!](#)

Lunch and Recess Volunteers

St. Joseph School is in need of Lunch and Recess volunteers. Below are links to the sign-up forms.

Kindergarten Recess: [Click K](#)

1st and 2nd Recess: [Click 1&2](#)

3rd and 4th Recess: [Click 3&4](#)

5th and 6th Recess: [Click 5&6](#)

7th and 8th Recess: [Click 7&8](#)

NEWS

BIST Tip:

Contribution

We all need to be needed. For some children, difficulty with academics or anxiety can make school seem a very stressful place. Sometimes, finding a simple task that they can do regularly helps them to look forward to coming since they know that others are depending on them. Maybe it is watering plants in the office or checking in with a younger child each morning. At home, this relates to chores. While children may complain that they don't want to do tasks like taking out the trash or feeding the dog, such items provide a sense of purpose and gives them a role in the family. By making a contribution, children grow in a sense of pride and responsibility.

2023-2024 School Calendar Dates

August 16, 2023

1st Day of School (1/2 day, NOON dismissal)

December 20, 2023

1/2 day, NOON dismissal (Christmas break begins)

January 4

School resumes

March 28-April 2

Easter Break

May 23

Last Day of School—full day

Weekend Pet Adoption?



If you haven't already heard Mr. Naumann has added a couple of friends to the office! Meet our hamsters Nibbles and Harriet! Both are available to "adopt" for the weekends. They can be taken home

Friday after school and be brought back Monday morning. If your child(ren) would like to "adopt" Nibbles or Harriet 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! Both hamsters are available starting this upcoming weekend.

January 2023 Events

- 3** Teacher Retreat/Staff Workday
- 4** **SCHOOL RESUMES**
SFA Board Meeting, 3:45 pm
- 6** Epiphany Classroom Parties, 2:30 pm
Mission Collection
Pre-K Christmas Program, 10:00 am
1:00 PM DISMISSAL
- 9** **Student Confessions**
- 12** Principal Meeting, 1:30 pm
Report Cards issued
- 16** **NO SCHOOL—MLK Day (Fac. Mtg/Workday)**
- 17** BIST Consultant
- 18** School Advisory Council, 5:30 pm
- 20** No Preschool/Pre-K—Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24** Mission Club, 3:20 pm
- 27** Jr. High Science Fair
- 29-Feb.4** **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**
(See website for details)
- 30** Light the Night Holy Hour at Cathedral, 7 pm



Nursing Notes

Thank you for keeping your child home when he/she is not feeling well. As a reminder, it is school policy that your child needs to be symptom free (no fever or vomiting) **for 24 hours** without the aid of fever-reducing medication before returning to school and/or participating in school organized events. Please continue to notify the office if your child has been diagnosed with an illness such as Influenza, Strep, RSV, etc.

Uniform Reminders

Girls

It's that time of year when growth spurts start to happen! Please check your daughter's skirt/jumper length and make adjustments as necessary to keep within uniform policy guidelines (***Length must be no shorter than one inch from the floor when kneeling.***). We have a nice selection of jumpers and skirts in our used uniform collection, if you need to do a trade. We also have a uniform fund if you need financial assistance. Also, please remember to remove nail polish before your daughter comes to school (***Makeup and nail polish are not permitted. Junior high girls may wear solid, light colored (pale) nail polish only [no artificial nails].***). This will save your child spending time in the nurse's station removing it.

Boys

Lest they feel left out, we also have a uniform reminder for our boys! Some boys' hair length is getting noticeable. Maybe you are waiting for a winter break haircut for your son, but please be mindful of the following: ***Boys' hair should not touch the eyebrows in the front or the collar in the back. Sideburns and hair covering the ear should be no longer than halfway down the ear on the sides. Boys must be clean shaven (no facial hair).***

If you have further uniform questions, please refer to the [Dress Code](#). Thank you for your cooperation.

Winter Outdoor Recess Policy

It's that time of year! The following is our Outdoor Recess Policy, always subject to teacher discretion. To review other recess guidelines, see the parent handbook on pages 20-22. Thank you for sending your children properly dressed for cold weather!

Blacktop

- When the blacktop is ice covered, students will have indoor recess.
- When the blacktop is snow covered, teachers will use discretion to determine if recess will be outdoors.

Temperature

- Teachers always have the option to take students outside for brief periods of fresh air.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is below 10 degrees, students will have indoor recess.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is between 10 and 20 degrees, students will go outside for part of the recess. The time will be determined by playground teacher discretion.
- When the temperature, with wind chill, is above 20 degrees, students will have outdoor recess.

Adoration/Benediction

Every Wednesday we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. All parents are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus. We also invite you to join us for Benediction at 3:00. If you would like to take a regular adoration time weekly or monthly, please contact Sister Mary Angela at sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net to schedule.

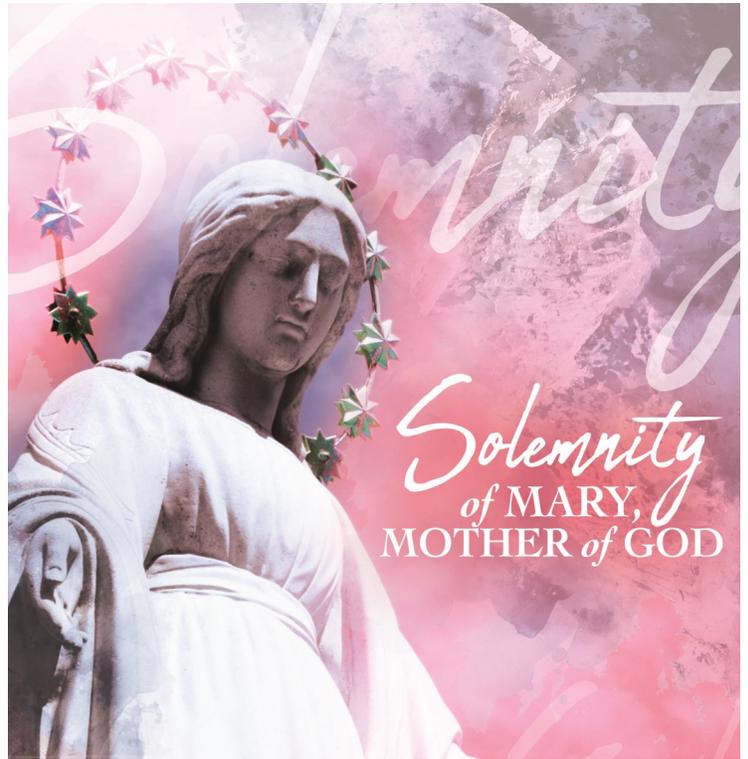
SCIP Community Awareness Event

Join us on **January 19, 2023** for our next Community Awareness Event titled "Unplugged: Finding Balance with our Social Media Connections and Connections in Our Life." The event will be held at 6:30 pm in the Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (Vrbka Classrooms, Entrance 1, First Floor), 4600 Valley Road, Lincoln. Dr. Melissa Lafferty, clinical psychologist at Nebraska Mental Health Centers, will discuss:

- The positive and negative consequences of social media consumption
- The "addiction" cycle of social media consumption
- The Consequences of that cycle on how people connect with each other
- Strategies for finding balance with social media consumption while still making meaningful connections off-line

Contact Abbe Edgecombe, SCIP Coordinator for Lincoln-Lancaster County, for questions or additional information: 402-327-6841 or aedgecombe@lmep.com.

Save the date for our February event on Digital Citizenship, February 9 at 6:30 pm.



4-H STEM Clubs

Are you curious? Do you like having fun with hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities? Then this club is for you!

3rd-5th Grade, 1st Quarter

We will focus on many aspects of STEM, from creating eco-bots to help clean up a fake environmental spill to building towers to making paper and more! This club will start **Monday, January 9 and end Monday, March 6**. Time range will be 3:20-4:30pm.

K-2nd Grade Club, 2nd Quarter

We will focus on many aspects of STEM, from creating pinwheels to sailing boats to color coding with robots and more! This club will start **Monday, March 20 and end Monday, May 8**.

Time range for both clubs will be 3:20-4:30pm.

Scheduled dates can be found at <http://school.stjosephlnk.org/student-life/activities/>.

Parents, contact elizabeth.thiltges@unl.edu if your child is interested!

NEWS

Job Opportunities at St. Joseph School

Spanish

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled, dynamic Spanish teacher for the 2023-2024 school year. Full or part-time available. Must have a solid working knowledge of Spanish (fluency preferred) and age-appropriate means of promoting language development for all grades PreK-8. Strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive Catholic learning environment. Start date August 2023. Salary based on educational background and experience. Please send resume, and references from educational supervisors, to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

Para Professional Position

St. Joseph Catholic School, Lincoln, is seeking a faith-filled individual as a teacher para to begin March 2023. Position involves working well with children, carrying out tasks for teachers, recess/lunch duties and production (working knowledge of computers and office equipment). Confidentiality, flexibility, and strong skills in communication, collaboration and relationship-building are essential. The position involves furthering the mission of St. Joseph Catholic School by contributing to a positive Catholic learning environment. Please send resume, and references from supervisors, to kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net.

Meals for the Sisters

Dear School Families,

The past few years we have been blessed with the opportunity to provide weekly meals for the School Sisters of Christ the King who teach in our schools. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more details and to sign up to participate in this very important ministry. Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

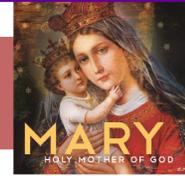
Cara Matthes,
St. Joseph meal coordinator
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CALENDARS

January Events



January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4 SCHOOL RESUMES SFA Board 3:45 pm Day 3	5 Day 4	6 Epiphany Classroom Parties 2:30 pm Day 5	7
8	9 Student Confessions Day 1	10 Day 2	11 Day 3	12 Report Cards Issued Day 4	13 Day 5	14
15	16 NO SCHOOL MLK DAY (Faculty Meeting/Teacher Workday)	17 BIST Consultant Visit Day 1	18 School Advisory Council 5:30 pm, Res. Hall Day 2	19 Day 3	20 NO PRESCHOOL/ PRE-K CLASSES (Pre-K Parent/Teacher Conferences) Day 4	21
22	23 Day 5	24 Mission Club 3:20-4:30 pm Day 1	25 Day 2	26 Day 3	27 Jr. High Science Fair Day 4	28
29 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	30 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Cathedral Light the Night Holy Hour 7:00 pm Day 5	31 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK Day 1	(2/1) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SFA Board 3:45 pm	(2/2) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK	(2/3) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 1:00 pm Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)	(2/4) CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK SFA Morning at the Movies

January Lunches

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	3 NO SCHOOL Christmas Break	4 Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots Fruit Choice Milk	5 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Peas Garlic Breadstick Fruit Choice Milk	6 Soft Pretzel w/Cheese Sauce Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
9 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Stir-Fry Veggies Fruit Choice Milk	10 Chicken Patty WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	11 Fiestada Pizza Corn Fruit Choice Milk	12 Cheeseburger WG Bun Smiley Fries Dirt Pudding Cup Fruit Choice Milk	13 Mozzarella Sticks Marinara Sauce Peas Fruit Choice Milk
16 NO SCHOOL MLK Day	17 Chicken Crispito Mixed Veggies Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	18 Breakfast for Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Links, Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	19 Pulled Pork Nachos Corn Fruit Choice Milk	20 Mac & Cheese Broccoli Fruit Choice Milk
23 Mexican Chili Cinnamon Roll Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk	24 Egg, Sausage, and Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Tri-Tater Fruit Choice Milk	25 Chicken Strips Baked Beans Roll Fruit Choice Milk	26 Mini Corn Dogs Curly Fries Fruit Choice Milk	27 Cheese Pizza Green Beans Fruit Choice Milk
30 Hot Dog WG Bun Baked Beans Fruit Choice Milk	31 Beef Nachos Corn & Bean Salsa Fruit Choice Milk			

*Student lunch \$3.25 *Milk \$0.40 *Turkey or ham sandwich as a choice Monday through Thursday
 *Adult lunch \$4.25 *Second entrée or sandwich \$1.25 *Peanut butter sandwich as a choice Monday through Friday

All menu items are subject to change without notice