

# DECEMBER 2020 MONTHLY MESSENGER



## **Knightly News from the Principal!**

“Thanksgiving” <https://stjosephknightsprincipalpage.home.blog/>

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# NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**December 7, 2020—MONDAY**

**NO SCHOOL—Bishop's Day Off**

**December 8, 2020—TUESDAY**

**NO SCHOOL**

**—Immaculate Conception**

**December 11, 2020—FRIDAY**

**NOON DISMISSAL—Faculty Meeting**

**December 15, 2020—TUESDAY**

6:30 PM K-6 Christmas Concert: Ashwege-Digman

7:30 PM K-6 Christmas Concert: Dodd-Hance

**December 16—WEDNESDAY**

6:30 PM K-6 Christmas Concert: Hans-Matthes

7:30 PM K-6 Christmas Concert: May Harris-Rempe

**December 17, 2020—THURSDAY**

6:30 PM K-6 Christmas Concert: Riskowski-Zurcher

**December 18, 2020—FRIDAY**

**End of 2nd Quarter**

**Christmas Holiday Begins**

## COVID-19 Positive Test Information

Dear Parents, if someone in your family receives a positive result for a COVID-19 test over the holidays (**Thanksgiving or Christmas**), please email Jen Dynek, our school nurse ([Jennifer-Dynek@cdolinc.net](mailto:Jennifer-Dynek@cdolinc.net)), so she can accurately record these results. She will then reach out to you for contact tracing information. Thank you so much for your assistance and God bless you!

## BIST Tip

### Goals for Life-overview

You may have noticed a poster in our classrooms that identifies the three goals for life:

1. I can take good care of myself, even if I am mad or have an overwhelming feeling.
2. I can be okay, even when others are not okay.
3. I can be productive and follow directions, even if I don't want to.

We ask Saint Joseph students to identify which of these three goals they are having difficulty with when they make inappropriate choices at school.

## Thank You!

Special thanks to those of you whose children wrote notes

*thank you*

of thanksgiving to the teachers and staff, which were given out today. Everyone was delighted! We are also grateful to SFA for the donation of gift cards to each staff member in recognition for all their extra efforts this school year to serve the children and make school a joyful and safe learning environment. We are grateful to God for all of you!

## Parent Virtual Learning Tips

If/when your child needs to learn virtually (especially due to quarantine), the following are some helpful tips for you as parents.



- Things parents can do that are helpful:
  - Be in the same room
  - Be able to check with your child on a regular basis
  - Check to see if the child is completing work
  - Create a distraction free (minimal distraction) area
- Things parents can avoid that are helpful:
  - Getting on line to talk directly to the teacher during a lesson
  - Doing your child's work
  - Having small children or pets in the same room (they are distracting to other students in the session)
  - Allowing students to stay in pajamas or be in bed during Zooming

## Student Council: Cash for Christmas

St. Joseph Student Council does a contest every year called **Cash for Christmas**. This year, we are going to do it a little differently. We are going to try to raise \$800 as a whole school; instead of competing against each classroom. If we make our goal, we will be able to have a No Uniform day on **December 18**; right before Christmas break! We will also be rewarding the homeroom that raises the most money with a treat!

The Student Council uses the money donated to buy gifts for children who don't receive many gifts at Christmas. These gifts will be wrapped and donated to Catholic Social Services.

**The contest will start today and run through Friday, December 4. The money will be collected on Friday, December 4.**







## Christmas Break Extension Being Considered

Catholic school principals in Lincoln are considering an *option* of extending Christmas break. Knowing that holidays have potential for more extensive outbreaks of COVID-19, we will carefully evaluate the spread after Thanksgiving break and plan to meet next week with Dr. Hecker to determine if it would be wise to allow extra time for Christmas break. What is currently being considered is extending the Christmas break four more days for students and have them come back to school on January 11. The purpose would NOT be to encourage more gathering or traveling, but rather to provide for two full weeks for families to complete quarantines after exposures during Christmas and the following weekend. These would not be remote learning days, but days off for teachers. Please know that this is just one possibility, but since it is being strongly considered we wanted to let you know what is being discussed. We will let you know immediately when something is decided, because we know planning for this possibility could be daunting for our families.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT ©LPI

### **\*\*CHANGE IN CALENDAR\*\***

We are thrilled to announce that our students get to celebrate our Lord's birth with simplified Christmas concerts! In compliance with COVID-19 rules and regulations this winter's Christmas concerts will be held as follows:

#### **Tuesday, December 15**

6:30pm – K-6th Graders Aschwege-Digman

7:30pm – K-6th Graders Dodd-Hance

#### **Wednesday, December 16**

6:30pm – K-6th Graders Hans-Matthes

7:30pm – K-6th Graders May Harris-Rempe

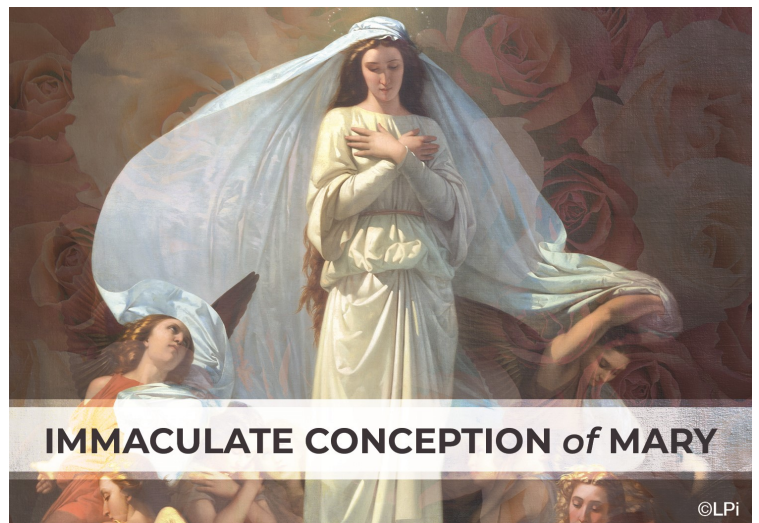
#### **Thursday, December 17**

6:30pm – K-6th Riskowski-Zurcher

#### **Logistics:**

- There will be roughly 62 students performing all together at each concert. They will be spread out on the risers/ floor.
- They will be masked when singing and may take their masks off for any solo or speaking part.
- Only parents will be able to come to the concert and all siblings, grandparents, etc. will be able to watch it livestreamed. (specifics to come later)
- After the first concert, the gym will be quickly cleaned before the next group may come in.
- We politely ask that the 6:30 concert-goers park in the back (east) parking lot while the 7:30 concert-goers park in front of the school to avoid congestion between concerts.
- Doors will open approximately 15-20 minutes before show time. Please stay in your cars until the doors open.

Specifics may change or be altered depending on where we are with COVID-19 guidelines in the middle of December.



## Teacher & Staff Christmas Gift

Dear Parents,

As the holidays are approaching, the SFA Board is asking you to consider giving a financial gift in thanksgiving to our Saint Joseph teachers and staff.



Their time, dedication, and joy of faith that they share daily with our children is immeasurable. Your donation takes the place of individual Christmas gifts to teachers.

If your family would like to donate, please send a check to school payable to St. Joseph's SFA **by Friday, December 11th**. This will allow SFA to deliver the monetary gift prior to Christmas break.

Thank you for your support, generous giving, and volunteer efforts this school year. Amidst so many unknowns and constant changes this year, our school community truly is blessed. You make so much possible for these creative minds!

God Bless you and your families and Happy Thanksgiving!!

### **St. Joseph School Family Association Board 2020**

Bridget and David Easley  
Shilo and Nick Froeschl  
Alison and Brian Morrow  
Teri and Ben Huck  
Jennifer Hegemann

## Family in need?

With all the requests for Christmas donations, we also recognize that some of our families may have a harder time than usual making ends meet this Christmas. If your family has extra needs, especially at Christmas time, please contact Mr. Naumann ([kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net](mailto:kevin-naumann@cdolinc.net)) or Sister Mary Angela ([sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net](mailto:sr.mary-angela@cdolinc.net)) directly for assistance. Your request will remain confidential.



## 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 the [link](#) 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

402-477-8266 or [caramatthes@neb.rr.com](mailto:caramatthes@neb.rr.com).

## CANA Dinner & Auction



ST JOSEPH PARISH

CANA is our Parish's primary fundraiser benefiting both the church and school. Proceeds from this event help cover physical improvements and grow our education programs at the church and school.

**Save the date for CANA 2021, January 30, 2020.**

For more information on the event, please [CLICK HERE](#).

## AmazonSmile

**Looking for a way to help?**

Shop our AmazonSmile Charity Lists to donate items we need

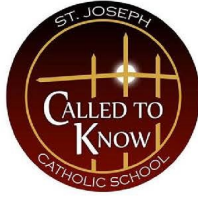
[amazonsmile](#)



Make a difference this holiday! Shop for gifts at [smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0580454](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-0580454) to generate donations for St. Joseph Catholic Church of Lincoln and check out our [AmazonSmile Charity Lists](#) to donate items we need most.







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## December 2020



# December Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Advent Begins		1 Day 4	2 Day 5	3 Day 1	4 Day 2	5
6 	7 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> (Bishop's Day Off)	8 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	9 Day 4	10 Day 5	11 <b>NOON DISMISSAL</b> (Faculty Meeting) Day 1	12
13	14 Day 2	15 Christmas Musicals 6:30pm-(K-6) Aschwege-Digman 7:30-(K-6) Dodd-Hance Day 3	16 Christmas Musicals 6:30pm-(K-6) Hans-Matthes 7:30-(K-6) May Harris- Rempe Day 4	17 Christmas Musicals 6:30pm-(K-6) Riskowski-Zurcher Day 5	18 Full Day of School End Of 2nd Quarter (Christmas Holiday Begins) Day 1	19
20 	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break Christmas Eve	25 Winter Break Christmas Day	26 
27	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break New Years Eve		

# December Lunches

LUNCH						DECEMBER 2020		All items are subject to change without notice.	
St. Joseph Catholic School						MY SCHOOL BUCKS	PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE		MySchoolBucks.com
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday					
	1 Chicken Noodle Soup Roll & Butter Sweet Peas Strawberry Cup Milk or OJ	2 Fiestada Pizza Corn Banana Milk or OJ	3 Hotdog, WG Bun French Fries Applesauce Milk or OJ	4 Cheese Pizza Broccoli Florets Peach Cup Milk or OJ					
7 No School	8 No School Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)	9 Pepperoni Pizza Mixed Vegetables Diced Pears Milk or OJ	10 Cheeseburger WG Bun Corn Blueberries Milk or OJ	11 Noon Dismissal (Faculty Meeting)					
14 Mini Corndogs Corn Mandarin Oranges Milk or OJ	15 Chicken Fajitas Flour Tortillas Peppers & Onion Diced Pears Milk or OJ	16 Turkey w/Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Bean Casserole Roll & Butter Applesauce Milk or OJ	17 Breaded Chicken Patty WG Bun Cucumber Slices w/Ranch Strawberry Cup Milk or OJ	18 Soft Pretzel Cheese Sauce Broccoli Florets Applesauce Milk or OJ					
21 No School Christmas Holiday	22 No School Christmas Holiday	23 No School Christmas Holiday	24 No School Christmas Holiday	25 Merry Christmas!					
28 No School Christmas Holiday	29 No School Christmas Holiday	30 No School Christmas Holiday	31 No School Christmas Holiday						

\*Student Lunch \$3.25  
\*Adult Lunch \*3.75  
\*Milk or OJ \$0.40

\*Ham Sandwich as a choice on Monday thru Thursday  
\*Peanut Butter Sandwich as a choice Monday thru Thursday

