

# NOVEMBER MONTHLY MESSENGER



# **Knightly News from the Principal!**

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# NEWS

# **Upcoming Events**

#### November

1 Sunday: All Saints Day

2 Monday: NO SCHOOL (Teacher Workday)
3 Tuesday: First Penance Parent Meeting

7:00 PM

13 Friday: NOON DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting)

22 Sunday: Solemnity of Christ the King 25-27 Wednesday-Friday: NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday

29 Sunday: Advent Begins

# **Day Off Reminder**

This is a reminder that **Monday, November 2nd** is a NO SCHOOL Day. It is now a Teacher Workday for all the Lincoln City Catholic schools, granted through the Nebraska Department of Education.

# **BIST Tip:** Safe Seat

Sometimes a child may need more time to calm down and think than just a "rethink" allows. If this is the case, there is a designated **safe seat** in your child's classroom for calming down and problem-solving. Your child may choose to go on his own or may be asked by an adult to go to the safe seat in his/her classroom. As part of the problem-solving process, a child may be asked to fill out a Think Sheet. A Think Sheet allows the child to **reflect** on their behavior and be **accountable** for their actions.

# **BIST Info**

In addition to our monthly BIST tips, we wanted to make everyone aware that we are blessed this year to have a BIST consultant come once a month to give presentations to students and work with teachers. If you have heard your students talk about "Miss Jacquie" or "BIST Jacquie," they are referring to Jacquie Winbolt, who serves about 17 schools in the Midwest. In addition, we have a team of teachers who review concepts at each monthly faculty meeting, which often includes role-playing and application to the classroom. Just recently, with the older students, we have done some classroom environment surveys to see how the children are adapting in this COVID year as well as giving them an opportunity to share any other items that are on their minds and hearts that may be causing stress or anxiety. Finally, some of our students are experiencing class meetings to discuss issues that pertain to their class and discuss proactive ways to problem-solve. There's a lot of great work happening with BIST and we just wanted to give you a glimpse! Feel free to ask your child's teacher if you have questions or would like to know more.



# Winter Outdoor Recess Policy

In consultation with teachers and staff, the winter outdoor recess policy has recently been revised regarding temperature. The highlighted items below are changes to the original policy. This will go into effect immediately. 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

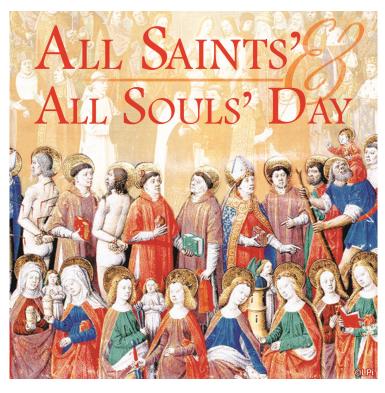
- When the blacktop is ice covered, students will have indoor recess.
- When the blacktop is snow covered, teachers will use discretion to determine if recess will be outdoors.

#### **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.

### **Uniform Reminder**

Tomorrow, **October 30th**, is the LAST day to wear Uniform shorts.



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# **Christmas Concerts**

# \*\*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 – All K-6th Graders Aschwege-Digman 7:30pm – All K-6th Graders Dodd-Hance

#### Wednesday, December 16

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

#### Thursday, December 17

6:30pm – All K-6th Graders 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.

# 'The Social Dilemma' Review—3 Major

# **Takeaways For Parents**

Please set aside a couple minutes to review this short <u>article review</u> of an eye-opening documentary film. "The filmmaker's interview top executives who used to work at Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. It's an incredibly honest look at what social media is doing to us mentally, physically, and emotionally. The documentary openly addresses how social media is affecting an entire generation of teens—the first generation to not know life before social media...Since 2010, there has



been a 151% increase in depression and anxiety among girls aged 10-14. That year directly coincides with the rise of social media." Along with the insights provided, the three parent tips give you practical tools to assist your own child(ren). We highly encourage you to share this article with every parent you know and to watch the actual video.

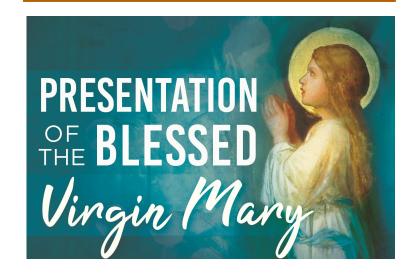
### **CANA Dinner & Auction**

Save the date for CANA 2021, January 30, 2021 at the Lincoln Station Great Hall.

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. For more information on the event, please <a href="CLICK">CLICK</a> HERE.

# **Quiz Bowl**

Good luck to the Junior High Quiz Bowl Team, who will compete at the Seward Quiz Bowl on **Wednesday November 4**. Team Members are: Jonah Meduna, Lily Russman, Peter Killeen, John Donlan, Henry Sobansky, Patrick Gutierrez. The team is coached by Mr. Rotter.



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# November Calendar



\*Adult Lunch \$3.75

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 All Saints Day	NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day	3 First Penance Parent Meeting 7:00 PM	4 SFA Board Meeting 3:45 PM	5	6	7
				Day 4	Day 5	
8	9	10	11	12	NOON DISMISSAL (Faculty Meeting)	14
No.	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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22 Solemnity of Christ the King	23	24	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	26 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	27 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	28
	Day 1	Day 2				
29 Advent Begins	30					
	Day 3					

# November Lunches

