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St. Joseph Regional Catholic School Salem, New Hampshire

The Eagle Post

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Dates to Remember:

12/7 Immaculate Conception

Liturgy 9:30 —

Dress Uniform

12/7 Parent Guild meeting 11 am

12/10 Auction Meeting

12/11 Christmas Show 9:45
Matinee w/Kindergarten

12/13 Christmas Show 6:30
No homework night

12/21 Advent Eucharistic
Service 9:30
12:35 Dismissal

**ON FRIDAY,
DECEMBER 21ST, DISMISSAL
WILL BE AT 12:35. THERE
WILL BE NO SALEM BUSES
AND NO ECP ON THAT DAY.
PLEASE BE SURE TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR
CHILD'S TRANSPORTATION.**

Newsletter Submissions are due
on **Tuesdays by 2:15** to the
school office or electronically to
sjrcsoffice@comcast.net

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SJRCS Spirit Shines!

Thank you to all who attended last night's Barnes & Noble event. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Powers who worked so hard to organize it, to the faculty, staff and parents who assisted her, to all our readers, helpers, and shoppers. I was especially proud of our students for their good behavior, their participation, and their great spirit. Thank you also to those who used their vouchers throughout the day. I am grateful to the Barnes & Noble staff for the assistance and support given to Mrs. Powers. The entire event was a positive experience and the proceeds will benefit our library. (Please note that the vouchers will be accepted until next Wednesday....If you didn't have a chance to shop yesterday, you still have the opportunity to contribute to the event. If you don't have a voucher, just mention our school and we will be credited with your purchase. Tell all of your family and friends!)

This year, our Christmas giving program will be a little different than it has been in the past. We will once again collect for Toys for Tots, but individual classes will not have separate giving programs. Instead, our focus will be on "giving back" to Make A Wish for two trips involving members of our school community. Chelsea Finn and her family enjoyed a trip to Disney World a couple of years ago. In February, Ms. Deans (our third grade teacher) and her family will be traveling to Hawaii on a Make A Wish trip for her sister who just completed treatment for Non Hodgkins Lymphoma. This is a great program that brings joy to young people dealing with life-threatening illnesses and gives a welcome respite to families during difficult times. Please see the accompanying flyer for more information and thank you in advance for your generosity.

A note from Mrs. Powers:

THANK YOU to everyone for supporting our Barnes & Noble night. The staff mentioned several times how impressed they were with our students and the participation by staff and parents. Thank you to Mrs. B, Mr. B, Ms. Bonnie Boulanger and Mrs. McCarthy for reading to the students, and to the parents and students who volunteered their time to help with this event.

The gift wrapping table received \$41.53 in donations which will go to support our Advent projects.

During the next few days, Barnes and Noble will continue to maintain a display table upstairs by the escalator containing books from the St. Joseph School Wish List .

A note to fourth graders who were unable to pick up their copy of *Cricket in Time Square*. Barnes & Noble expresses their apologies. The book order did not arrive in time. The books are on the way and should be in the store by Monday. Please remember when picking up *Cricket in Time Square* to mention our school.

The winner of last night's raffle for the game donated by Barnes & Noble is Adriana Farias in 3D. Congratulations, Adriana!



Winter Weather






Now that the winter weather is here, please remember to dress your child appropriately. We go outdoors for recess unless the weather is extreme. Students should have appropriate outerwear, which should include hats, gloves and scarves as needed.

The Catholic Schools Annual Report 2006-2007 is now posted on the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org.

Parent Guild Meeting

Please join us on Friday, December 7th from 11:00 - 12:30 at St. Julie Hall for some breakfast treats and coffee

We will be discussing many current activities including:

-  Christmas Show
-  Spelling Bee
-  Fundraising ideas
-  Auction Dinner Dance
-  Other exciting ideas

Please bring your enthusiasm and ideas !!! As always, all are invited to attend.

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Junior High Advent Service Project

Bead Project

Our 6th grade has been making beaded bracelets with beads purchased in Rwanda. Signs are now posted and these beautiful bracelets are ready to be sold. Parents are invited to shop before school, from 8 to 8:30 or after school from 2:30 to 3:00. The bracelets are available in Mrs. Sedensky's room. The proceeds from these bracelets will benefit a cancer charity and a diabetes charity.

Kindergarten Registration

St. Joseph Parish Kindergarten registration forms are now available for the 2008-2009 school year. If you are interested in an application, you may send a note to: Marilyn Byron, Kindergarten Director, or pick up a packet of information from the main office. Kindergarten classes will be filled as applications are returned. St. Joseph Parishioners and preschool children, and siblings of students attending St. Joseph Regional Catholic School may apply in December. Registration will be open to the public beginning January 2, 2008.

Clubs

Walking Club

The makeup date will be on Monday, December 17. This will be our last day.

Lego Club

We are still accepting members in our new Lego Club (grades 4-8). The first meeting will be on Wednesday, December 12. Permission slips are available at the front desks. We are still in need of some donated Legos.

Babysitting Certification

Classes will begin after the holidays.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above activities, please contact Mrs. McCarthy at 893-6811.

After Christmas Elves Wanted:

We are very much in need of help after Christmas vacation to break down the decorations from the Christmas Show. The breakdown dates are Wednesday, January 2nd and Thursday, January 3rd. Home basketball games and practices resume when we return and we need to transform the gym quickly. Please keep in mind that "many hands make light work", and try to spare a little time to help.

Mary Queen of Peace and Saint Joseph Youth Ministry An Evening at the Lights of LaSalette

Join us on Monday, December 10 at 4:00 pm at the Youth Center as we travel by motor coach to Attleboro Mass to see one of the largest displays of Christmas lights in the area! We will watch a Christmas movie during the ride and have dinner at a restaurant on the way back. Dress warmly as we walk around and see the lights. We plan on arriving back at the Youth Center around 10:00 pm. The cost will be \$40 (we have a family rate) for the coach. This price does not include dinner. Please contact Shawn or Cathy 893-0144 or e-mail us at youthminister@stjosephsalemmh.org by Friday 12/7/07. We need to have 20 individuals to make this a great Advent experience. Please invite your family and friends!