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**Dates to Remember:**

**10/26 NU Day**

**10/31 No Homework Night-given by  
Father Ruzzo in honor of  
Grandparents**

**11/01 ALL SAINTS DAY  
Dress Uniform grades 4-8  
Gym Uniform grades 1-3  
Buddy/Parent Breakfast  
(8:15-9:15 am)  
All Saints Liturgy—9:30  
All Saints Event—11: 00**

**11/05-11/09 Book Fair**

**11/07 Ice Cream Social 6:30  
Cash Raffle 7:00**

**11/09 Veterans Commemoration**

**11/12 Veterans Day observed  
NO SCHOOL**

**11/13 Teacher In-Service  
NO SCHOOL**

**11/15 Junior High Parent/Teacher  
Conferences**

**11/21 Early Dismissal 12:34  
NO SALEM BUSES**

**11/22 & 11/23 Thanksgiving  
Break NO SCHOOL**

**11/30 Bishop Christian's NU Day**

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on **Tuesdays by 2:15** to the  
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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

This past week, much attention has been focused on a small street in Manchester as thousands of volunteers converged to assist the Extreme Home Makeover team build a new home for a needy family. The experience has highlighted the generosity of our citizens and the strong spirit of giving that exists in our communities. There are many needs to be filled and when everyone does a little, it goes a long way.

In that same spirit, we have begun collecting food for our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Each year, your generosity allows families with limited resources to enjoy the bounty of the season. Each year, however, most of the donations arrive at the school late in the food collection process and it is difficult for the organizers to plan. The earlier you send in your donations, the better the school volunteers will be able to wisely spend the limited dollars they receive from donors.

Time is also running out to sell those raffle tickets. Although this is not a favorite fundraiser for many of you, please remember that it prevents us from having to do many small fundraisers that, in the end, would probably cost you more than \$250. Those small fundraisers were done away with before most of you were part of our school community, so you don't remember the hours of work, the frustration of parents who were constantly hounded by their children to purchase unwanted items, the disruption to the educational programs as each fundraiser needed its "pep rally" or the tears when children did not qualify for that "special prize". All of this resulted in only a small percentage of proceeds for the school as most of the proceeds returned to the companies. We need this fundraiser to be successful. I know that most of you will respond.

Thank you for all that you do for SJRCS. I realize we ask much of you. I am personally grateful to you and each day ask God to bless you all.

**Cash Raffle News**

We have collected \$15,500 from raffle tickets so far. Our raffle prizes total \$15,700. Please pitch in for our kids.

Here are some interesting raffle statistics:

53 out of 158 St. Joe's families have participated.  
1 staff member purchased 5 tickets and received a 6th free.  
3 families have sold 10 tickets each and received 2 free.  
56 free tickets have been given out.



We need an accurate count for the Ice Cream Social. Please complete and return the attached NU Day form. Thank you.

*The items below are those requested from specific grades for the Thanksgiving Food Drive:*

GRADE 1: STUFFING, RICE, CANNED VEGETABLES  
GRADE 2: GRAVY, CRANBERRY SAUCE, CANNED FRUIT  
GRADE 3: CANNED CORN, STRING BEANS, JUICE  
GRADE 4: CANNED VEGETABLES, ROASTING PANS  
GRADE 5: ROASTING PANS, STUFFING  
GRADE 6: PASTA, SPAGHETTI SAUCE, STUFFING  
GRADE 7: CANNED VEGETABLES, JUICE  
GRADE 8: JUICE, CANNED GRAVY  
KINDERGARTEN: ROASTING PANS, STUFFING



## Eighth Grade Corner

Students who are interested in shadowing at any school are encouraged to call that school as soon as possible and arrange to shadow on November 13th, which is a teacher In-Service Day here at SJRCS. Below you will find information about open houses at individual schools.

St. Johns Prep  
[stjohnsprep.org](http://stjohnsprep.org)

Presentation of Mary Acad.  
[pmamethuen.org](http://pmamethuen.org)

Central Catholic  
[centralcatholic.net](http://centralcatholic.net)

Austin Prep  
[austinprepschool.org](http://austinprepschool.org)

Trinity  
[trinity-hs.org](http://trinity-hs.org)  
**10/25 7-9 pm**

Bishop Guertin  
[bghs.org](http://bghs.org)  
**11/1 6-8 pm**

Please don't forget to return the portions of your high school applications that need to be completed by us. Send them in with your child, and please be sure your information is filled in on the forms.

## Congratulations!

It seems that congratulations are in order for Mrs. Benoit and our kitchen staff. We had a surprise health inspection on Monday and scored 100%! Great job!

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## Sports

### Basketball: Sign-Ups and Tryouts

The tryouts for the boys and girls basketball teams will be held on November 5th and 6th. Students must attend both days. **Tryouts are closed to parents.**

Tryout times are as follows:

<b>11/5</b> Girls 4:00-6:00 pm	<b>11/6</b> Boys 4:00-6:00 pm
Boys 6:00-8:00 pm	Girls 6:00-8:00 pm

**The boys basketball team is in need of two assistant coaches for the upcoming season. If you are interested in volunteering and have completed the Diocesan volunteer requirements, please send a letter of interest to Mr. Malio. All coaching decisions are made by the Athletic Director and the Administration.**

### Cross Country

The 2007 Cross Country Season is now over. Our school did very well at the State Meet at Londonderry High School last Saturday. The boys A Team finished in 8th place out of 28 teams, and the girls A Team finished in 18th place out of 29 teams. Stephanie May received a medal for 5th place out of 232 runners in the girls 5th and 6th grade race! It should also be noted that Alex Fredette received a medal for 5th place at the Tri-County Meet on October 13th at Pelham High School. All of our runners made us proud at the State Meet!

On Tuesday, October 23rd, we participated in the Catholic School Invitational at PMA in Hudson. Alex Fredette, Nathan Burke, Eric Alfano, Adam Gidley, Stephanie May and Noelle Primeaux all won medals. This was St. Joseph's first time at this meet and all runners did a great job.

All runners should return uniform shirts to Mr. Malio ASAP.

*Thank you to all parents and team members whom I have had the PLEASURE of coaching for the past six years. I will miss you all.*

—Coach Lisa Martin

## Fall Book Fair-Coming Soon

The Fall Book Fair will take place the week of November 5th. The schedule will be published in next week's Eagle Post. Parents are welcome and are encouraged to attend with their children. The Book Fair will also be open during the Cash Raffle on November 7th. This is a great time to begin your Christmas shopping-books make wonderful gifts. See you there!



Also, on December 5th we will once again have Principal's Story Hour at Barnes & Noble. Please plan to join us.

## Festival of Trees

SJRCS will once again be participating in the Methuen Festival of Trees. The event showcases over 200 trees decorated for the Christmas holiday by local individuals, business and schools. This is a great opportunity to promote our school within the community as well as to spread some Christmas cheer. Our theme this year is "The True Meaning of Christmas" and will include ornaments made by some of our students. If anyone would like to assist with tree set up and decorating, please contact Heather Rastello at [her71@comcast.net](mailto:her71@comcast.net). The tentative date for set up is November 11. If anyone would like to donate a new nativity set, tree skirt or nativity themed children's book, it would be greatly appreciated.



## All Saints Day Event

Our All Saints Day Event will take place on Thursday, November 1, 2007. All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation and we hope many of you will be able to begin the day with us at All Saints Day Liturgy at 9:30 in St. Joseph's church. After mass, coffee and juice will be available in the auditorium for those of you awaiting the All Saints Day Parade.






Students in grades 1 through 3 should wear their gym uniforms to school so they may more easily change into costumes after mass. They will then parade for parents and the other students in the auditorium. Costumes should be based on Saints, Careers, or Storybook characters. Weapons and violent themes are not allowed. Masks and face paints should not be part of your child's school costume.

The All Saints Day Parade is a fun-filled event for all of us. We hope to see you there, and don't forget your camera!

**\*\* Grades 1 and 8, please don't forget to call the school to RSVP if you will be attending the Parent-Buddy Breakfast on November 1st.\*\***

## A Note Regarding Junior High Binders

Many defective binders have been replaced over the past two weeks. There are some students still in need of a replacement, and they will receive them soon. The company, Case It, has been very cooperative and backs up their product 100%. They have never had a complaint about the Velcro, which is the prominent problem we have. However, it should be noted that as I replaced these defective binders, I noticed that the majority of them were not being used properly. Some students had several hundred sheets of loose-leaf paper, hundreds of index cards, pencil cases, and even library books **inside** the binder. No binder would be able to withstand this type of abuse. Some tips on keeping these binders in good working order:

-  No extra pencil cases; if you want to have extra pens and pencils, keep them in your locker.
-  No workbooks should be put inside the binder.
-  Absolutely no other books besides the assignment notebook should be inside the binder.
-  Clean these binders out at least once per week. I saw many binders containing corrected papers from the beginning of the year. Keep these at home.
-  No food or drinks inside the binders.

If there are any questions, please call me at school.

—Mrs. Blaire McCarthy

## Attention Volunteers

Just a reminder that in order to volunteer (*i.e. chaperone a field trip*) at SJRCS, individuals must adhere to the Diocese of Manchester Screening and Training Protocol for Church Personnel. (For more information visit <http://catholicnh.org>) The process is simple: complete a Diocese of Manchester Volunteer Application, undergo a State Criminal Records Check (NH Criminal record release authorization forms can be notarized at SJRCS); and attend a Protecting God's Children Workshop. Forms may be downloaded off the school website, diocesan website or by emailing the school safe environment coordinator at [sjrclslibrary@comcast.net](mailto:sjrclslibrary@comcast.net) If you filled out a SJRCS volunteer interest survey over the summer but have not completed all the mandatory requirements above you cannot be called to volunteer.

**Event: Protecting God's Children Workshop - Plaistow**

**Location:** Holy Angels Parish, Plaistow

**Date:** October 30, 2007

**7 – 9 pm**

To register, contact the Parish Office at 382-8324

**Event: Protecting God's Children Workshop - Bedford**

**Location:** St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, Bedford, NH

**Date:** November 4, 2007

**6: 30 – 8:30 pm** Church Basement

To register, contact: Bro. Paul Crawford at (603) 624-4717, ext. 15 or e-mail: [pcrawford@nh-cc.org](mailto:pcrawford@nh-cc.org)

**Event: Protecting God's Children Workshop - Pelham**

**Location:** St. Patrick Parish, Pelham, NH

**Date:** November 13, 2007

**7 – 9 pm**

To register, contact the Parish Office at 635-3526

## The Woodbury Middle School hosts Health Expo

There will be a Health Expo and Pasta Dinner this evening from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. The cost is \$5 per person for dinner and exhibits; \$2 pp for exhibits only. The event is sponsored by the Woodbury PTA and features many health events, cooking demos and raffles. All proceeds benefit the Woodbury Middle School.

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