



St. Joseph Regional Elementary School December 2019 Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S NOTES...

Principal's Message

The Advent Season begins Sunday, December 1st. We use these 4 weeks before Christmas to prepare ourselves for the Feast of the Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

There are many traditions that can be observed during these weeks. You might have an advent wreath on your dining room table, where you light one candle for each week as we move through the month. The site noted here will give you ideas on how to make the wreath:

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/about-advent/blessing-an-advent-wreath>

You may have a Jesse tree, which you decorate with ornaments that represent people, prophecies and the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The important thing is to do something special during these weeks so that we prepare ourselves for Jesus.

We are grateful to our parents who participated in preparing and serving our children and teachers for the Thanksgiving Lunch. As always, everything was delicious! May God bless one and all for their service to our children.

Mrs. Morgan Crossley, 1st grade teacher, is on maternity leave. We extend blessings and best wishes to Mrs. Crossley and her husband as they await the arrival of their baby.

Preparations are in place to begin registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. As we move through the month of December information will be forthcoming. The budgeting process will begin in February, so registrations need to secure by then.

May you have a Blessed Advent and Christmas.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

G.I.V.E. Club is sponsoring a gently used Halloween Costume drive. Please see attached flyer.

The Performing Arts Club will be singing during the Downtown Hammonton Christmas Tree Lighting on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 7-9pm at the Hammonton Historical Society Building.

VOLCANOS!

On November 15, the 6th Grade class presented their earth's core and volcano models to 2nd-5th grade students. The models were a collaboration between their Science and Art classes, combining together plaster, paper maché and use of the 3Doodler 3D pens. After the oral presentations, they demonstrated the chemical reaction of vinegar and baking soda. The crowd erupted with excitement as they watched the volcano explosions! Thank you Mr. Cook, Miss Ayala and 6th Grade class for this interesting and educational project.



SOCK DRIVE

St. Joseph Regional Elementary School in coordination with The Joy of Socks is sponsoring a Sock Drive. Please see attached flyer.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Our all school Christmas Program is Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the gym.

Concert Dress:

Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4: Teachers will notify parents

1st & 2nd Grade: Red and green (Elves); Hats are being made in school

3rd & 4th Grade: Green long sleeve top and black pants (Trees)

5th - 8th Grade: White top/black pants or skirt, unless a costume has been specified. A Christmas scarf/hat can be added.

Nativity costumes are provided for 8th Grade.

Mrs. Healy is looking for help making tree costumes for grades 3 & 4. She is also looking for large (appliance size) cardboard boxes. Please contact the office if you can help.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Student of the Month for November:

Kindergarten	Arianna Sangster
Grade 1	Grace Zingrone
Grade 2	Emma Lewis
Grade 3	Quanna Mensah
Grade 4	Isabella Falciani
Grade 5	Talia Sanfilippo
Grade 6	Vincent Perri
Grade 7	Jessica Lamb
Grade 8	Lilli Schoener



FIELD TRIP

On Wednesday, November 6, Grades 7 & 8 went on a field trip to the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage in Woodbine, New Jersey. At the museum, they learned about the settlement of the Russian Jews and their contributions to the growth of Woodbine. In addition, they participated in a scavenger hunt on the history of Woodbine. Finally, they visited the synagogue, where they were able to see the Torah and learn about the Jewish culture. The students also learned about the importance of tolerance in society.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lilli Schoener, Grade 8, whose name was picked as the winner of the 5lb bar of Hershey's Chocolate!

The name of every child whose family sold a box of candy during our Hershey's Chocolate fundraiser was placed in box. If a family sold more than one box of candy, the name was placed in the box the same number of times as boxes sold. Lilli's name was selected from the box as the winner!

SANTA SHOP

Our Santa Shop will be open December 9-12. Letters and envelopes will be sent home with each child on Monday, December 2. Please see attached schedule for shopping times for each grade.

THANK YOU!

A very special Thank You to Mrs. Sharon Quigley, Mrs. Melissa Bolf, Mrs. Tammy Molino and all the parent/grandparent volunteers for making our Fall Book Fair a great success! The children enjoyed browsing and purchasing their books and other items! Thank you, again, to all who make these events so special for our children!

WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

The following Virtus Training Session is currently available:

Sunday, January 19, 2020 - 12:30 pm
Holy Family Parish
Sewell

To register for this sessions, please go to www.virtusonline.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, December 3, 2019
Spirit Day
G.I.V.E. Club - 2:15 - 3:15 pm

Wednesday, December 4, 2019
PTA Meeting - 6:30 pm

Monday, December 9, 2019
Mass with the Bishop at
Our Lady of Lourdes, Glassboro
10 of our students will attend

Tuesday, December 17, 2019
Christmas Program - 7:00 pm in Gym

Friday, December 20, 2019
Happy Birthday, Jesus - 8:30 am in Gym
Classroom Parties - 10:30 am
12:00 Noon Dismissal-ALL GRADES
NO AFTERCARE

Thursday, January 2, 2020
School Re-Opens

Friday, January 10, 2020
12:00 Noon Dismissal
Faculty Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2020
Geography Bee - 1:00 pm

Monday, January 20, 2020
SCHOOL CLOSED
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Friday, January 24, 2020
End of Second Marking Period

January 26 - February 1
Catholic Schools Week

Monday, January 27, 2020
Yearbook Orders Start

*HAVE A
VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

