

# ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

God, Faith and Family... "Preparing our Children for the Future"

## THE EAGLE POST

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### Dates to Remember

#### November

- 3— Fuddrucker's Night**  
5:00—8:00 pm
- 11— Veterans Day**  
(no school)
- 18-- 6th grade Pizza Lunch**  
Jr. High Community Service  
Night
- 21 -- NU Day**  
12:30 Early Dismissal  
No Salem Buses until 2:40
- 23 -- Liturgy at 11:30**  
\*Dismissal 12:30  
NO Lunch  
NO Salem buses

**\*November 23 early dismissal at 12 :30. The time noted on the lunch calendar is incorrect.**

**Thank You** to the parents who donated the food, drinks and decorations for the Staff Appreciation Lunch. The food was delicious and the staff is so appreciative to be thought of in such a loving way. A special thanks to Mrs. Sheila Jones and Mrs. Christine Carey for organizing such a thoughtful event.

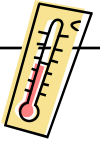


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### CASH RAFFLE—FAMILY FUN NIGHT



The cash raffle event will be held this evening at Fuddruckers from 5-8. This is a great way to spend an evening having dinner with family and friends and perhaps winning some money.

Don't forget along with the cash raffle there will be basket raffles. There are 3 baskets being raffled this evening. There is a "mystery basket, a children's' basket, and a movie basket. The mystery basket is valued at \$300. Tickets for the cash raffle and basket raffles will be sold this evening.

Good luck to all of our families.

### CHRISTMAS SHOW

It's hard to believe that it's getting close to the Christmas season! The Christmas Show will be held on Monday, December 19th. There will be a 10:00 Matinee and 6:30 Evening Show. Families are welcome at both. In the event of a snow day, the shows will be on December 20th. Please contact Mrs. Fitzell to volunteer for set-up and/or clean-up. Set-up will begin 12/12 and clean up will run through 12/22. Many helpful hands are needed to make this show a success. Any time donated is much appreciated.

### FESTIVAL OF TREES

With the Holidays quickly approaching, there is no better way to get into the spirit than a visit to the Methuen Festival of Trees. The event showcases over 200 trees each donated by schools, organizations, and individuals from throughout the Merrimack Valley. The Festival runs from November 19th through December 3rd. With the purchase of raffle tickets, you could be the lucky winner of a beautiful Christmas tree. This year, be sure to stop by and take a chance on the SJRCS' entry entitled "A Wish and a Prayer". This is a great way to show that we are a vibrant part of our local community. For directions or further information, visit [www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com](http://www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com)



### GUIDANCE PLACE

On Wednesday, December 7, a College Outreach Specialist from NHHEAF Center for College Planning will be here to give presentations to grades 2, 5, and 8. There will be a presentation in the evening for parents on January 24 at 6:30 p.m. titled "Early College Planning." This presentation is for parents of elementary school children and will provide information on saving for college and financing a college education.

## 8th GRADE CORNER



It is time to begin thinking about high school! Below are the dates for open houses and placement tests at local area private high schools. It is a good idea to visit more than one high school to get a better idea of where you would like to spend the next four years

Presentation of Mary Academy— **Testing:** Nov.12

St. John's Prep—**Open House: Testing:** Nov.12 & Dec. 10

Trinity High School—**Open House: Testing:** Nov. 19

Central Catholic High School—**Testing:** Nov. 12 & Dec. 10

Derryfield School—**Open House:** Nov. 13 & Jan. 5, **Testing:** Nov. 12, Dec.10, Jan. 7 & 21

Bishop Guertin High School—**Testing:** & Nov. 12

More information will be going home soon with your 8th grade children. If you have any questions, please call Blaire McCarthy in Guidance.

### Yearbook

**Class of 2012** - We are looking for pictures of your class from K through 8 (class picture, school event pictures, field trip pictures, candid pictures etc.). We need them ASAP. Also, don't forget to bring in your baby picture, grade entered SJRCS picture, first communion or faith picture, family picture. The content and quality of your yearbook and the 8th grade video is based on people bringing in pictures.

### Cold and Flu Season

The season of coughs and sniffles is upon us. Please remind your children to cover their mouths, wash hands often, and use the Purell dispensers available in every classroom. When a child wakes up with a fever or an upset stomach, the child should be kept home. When symptoms are less clear-cut, it is not always easy to decide whether or not the child should be sent to school. If the child has been awake a good part of the night, has a hacking cough, congestion, a bad sore throat, sneezing, etc., the child is probably contagious and should be kept home.

### PRE -SCHOOL NEWS

Wow! November is here. Time is going by all too quickly.

Let's recap what the Preschool did in the month of October. After studying different modes of transportation and Christopher Columbus, we moved on to Fire Safety. We worked on our numbers by making a telephone with "911" on it. We painted and made fire trucks out of egg cartons. We colored our own fire hats and we made a paper plate Dalmatians. We read lots of books and now know what to do in case of a fire. We can STOP DROP and ROLL. We know to crawl when there is smoke. We also had a visit from the Salem Fire Department. They reinforced everything we talked about and then reminded us never to play with matches or lighters. In honor of the fire department's visit we made fire truck costumes out of old paper boxes.

We then moved on to Halloween. We made witch magnets for our refrigerators at home. We sewed monster puppets so we could scare Mom and Dad when we got home. We made a Halloween wreath out of paper towel rolls to decorate our front door. We painted empty oatmeal and bread crumb containers black to make black cats. We assemble a skeleton using different kinds of pasta shapes. We taped a jack-o-lantern face on old glass jars then painted them orange. Mom and Dad can put a candle in them and light them at night. We had parties on Thursday and Friday so that the children could wear their costumes. We made spider headbands and ghost mobiles. With our trick of snow this past weekend it looks like Halloween will never end. We will move on and start talking about Health this week.

We enjoyed being elephants and swinging our trunks for "E" and hopping around the room like frogs for "F" with Ms. Paulette and her Alphabet Yoga. We are now up to the letter "G" and continue to do daily projects on our letters.

In sign language we learned the signs for fireman, pumpkin, orange, children, paint, school and Halloween