

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

December

- 7—Barnes & Noble Event**
6-8pm
- 8—10am Immaculate Conception Liturgy —Dress Uniform**
- 9—5th Grade Pizza Lunch**
Grade 8 - Late arrival
10:00
- 19—Christmas Show**
10 am & 6 pm
- 20—Grades K-4 10:00am**
Late arrival
(Christmas show snow date)
- 23—11:30 Advent Eucharistic Service**
12:30 Dismissal
No Lunch
No Buses

SAVE THE DATE

Auction—March 24, 2012
Anyone who is interested in volunteering, please contact
Kristen Leahy at
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BRRR IT'S GETTING COLD!

Please make sure your child comes to school with coat, hat and gloves. He/She will not be allowed out at recess if they do not have the appropriate outdoor clothing.



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Dear SJRCS Staff, Parents and Students,

A great big thanks to our SJRCS families for making this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive a tremendous success!! We were able to make 44 complete baskets and donate an extra 6 turkeys to families in our surrounding parish communities!! Every class has earned their own special NU day. Way to go!!

We would like to extend a special thanks to Danielle Gardener for her working with Market Basket and their donation of veggies, Michele and Vinny DiBaisio for donating banana boxes, McLane and Assoc. for donating checks, and Maria from Walmart who donated 50 turkeys.

Sheila Jones & Christine Carey

SJRCS EAGLES



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

The St. Joseph's Girls Basketball team has opened the 2011/ 2012 campaign with great attitude and desire which has led to a fantastic start out of the gate. The 3 and 0 Eagles are made up of 13 energetic young ladies from the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes of St. Joe's and their hard work through the month of November has proven that they are contenders in the Tri County Class S division.

Prior to any Thanksgiving turkeys being placed on the dinner table, the girls had two home victories over Wilton and Chester and after the Thanksgiving holiday the team traveled to Sanborn and found themselves with another victory.

The girls will have a busy holiday season with 4 games coming up in the month of December and the coaches are confident if the girls keep up the hard work old St. Nick might just have a few more wins in his red sack when he comes down the chimney later this month!



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the St. Joseph's Boy's basketball team who won their game on Monday 11/29 against Sanborn in DOUBLE overtime. The boys played a great team game ending the first & second quarters down 7-6 and 15-12. The boys came out in the second half with a lot of dedication and drive. Stuart Graves hit the boards hard all night long racking up 9 impressive rebounds. Lukas Blythe and Griffin Schaufenbil were strong contributors to both the scoring and defensive action. After the 3rd quarter the boys were still down 21-16 but never gave up. In the 4th quarter the boys came out strong, keeping the Sanborn team from scoring. St. Joseph's tied it up with foul shots from Eric Roderick ending regulation play at 21-21! During the first 4 minute overtime, the boys worked together but with just seconds to go Sanborn was up 25-22. With a great screen by Calvin Graves, Eric Roderick was able to score a 3 point shot to tie it up, sending the game into its second overtime session. During the second overtime session just 2 minutes of play were allowed. Sanborn scored first, but Griffin Schaufenbil answered with a basket again tying the score. With just 4 seconds to go, Jake Fogarty was fouled and sank both foul shots, giving St. Joes the win! Throughout the game, you could see the bench cheering their teammates on. Congrats to the team and thanks for such an exciting game. Final score 29-27!

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:** completed

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

Trinity High School—**Open House: Testing:** completed

Central Catholic High School—**Testing:** Dec. 10

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

Bishop Guertin High School—**Testing:** completed

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

YEARBOOK

If you are interested in purchasing a 2012 Yearbook, please send in your order form to the office. If you need a form, you can download it on the SJRCS.com. We need a final count by **December 22**, 2011. Thank you

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.

SJRCS INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be an informal presentation regarding school business led by Mr. Scuderi on Monday, December 12, at 6:30 pm in the auditorium

SCRIP PROGRAM

We are excited to say that the Scrip Program is off to a great start at SJRCS. The second order form was sent home with your child on Tuesday and is due back Wed. December 7. This will be the last order before Christmas. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Leahy @ ksleahy@comcast.net or Jennifer Roderick @jejmmrod@gmail.com

TECHNOLOGY TALK

Wish List

Every year, parents ask us what we need. Here is a start of the wish list for this year:

Whiteboards - preferably 8' X 4" these are for Grades K to 3

All-in-one Printers - some of our teachers do not have printers for their classrooms

Working Mice - Black, Flatscreen Monitors - Black, Cat 5e Network Cables

SJRCS can provide you or your employer with a donation letter as we are a 501(c)3 organization.



FESTIVAL OF TREES — 2 DAYS LEFT!

The Festival ends 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". For further information, visit www.methuenfestivaloftrees.com

ROBOTICS NEWS

Congratulations to our St. Joseph FLL Robotics Teams – RoboFlyers and DaNurdz.

We would like to congratulate both of our teams on a job well done at the qualifying event held in Manchester on November 19, finishing 3rd and 4th place. They will be going to the Championship Event held at Central High School in Manchester on Saturday December 3. We are proud of both teams who displayed the core values, team work and gracious professionalism, which are a part of everyday life here at SJRCSthroughout the competition. They worked together to solve problems and score points on the Robot Table as well as demonstrated a strong oral presentation both in the technical area and their Research Projects.

Job Well Done! Good Luck on Saturday.

If you want to stop by and cheer us on, we will be competing from 7 Am to 5 PM.

Robotics Program – Robotics Club – Open to Grades 4 to 8

We will be starting the Robotics Club in the Spring. This is open to Grades 4th through 8th and will meet once a week for 6 to 8 weeks. The goal of the program is as follows:

- > Reinforce science, technology, engineering and math skills by hands-on activities building and programming Lego Mindstorm Robots
 - > Participate in non-competitive activities using various source materials including Carnegie Mellon University Robotics Engineering courses
 - > Develop skill level of students based on individual proficiency, increasing the challenges to introduce new techniques
- Provide opportunities to encourage students to work as a team and mentor others to encourage personal growth

We will hold Mini Competitions throughout the program to make it fun and hands on for the participants.

All are Welcome!

We will be putting a signup sheet by the Office shortly to see who and how many are interested for the Spring. Sessions will start in February / March timeframe. This will allow us to plan the session and allocate resources accordingly.

Robotics Program Needs YOUR Help – No Robotics Expertise Required

If there are parents interested in getting involved in the Robotics PROGRAM to support the Robotic CLUB in the spring, we have some activities that need to take place now :

- Builder and Organizers - Organize the Robotics Room (e.g., build shelves, build storage (with locks), etc)
- Mentor - help develop robotics activity plans for the club sessions? Using the teaching and education resources we have, plus leveraging the Robotics Mission from previous FIRST Lego League seasons.
- Building Lego objects for the Robotics Mission Tables.

We need your help to make this a successful program. We need volunteers in order for us to accommodate all the participants. If you are at all interested or know of somebody that is, please let us know by calling Sis Bergeron Allen or emailing her at sjrcstechnology@comcast.net.

CARPENTER NEEDED Carpenter(s) needed help Robotics build an organizing chest to keep the lego pieces in.

If you or know of someone who is interested, please contact Sis Bergeron Allen at sjrcstechnology@comcast.net.