



DECEMBER 7, 2011

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents,

With this mild weather we are having, it is hard to believe we are in the middle of December. I hope everyone enjoyed our wonderful Christmas concert last week. The students did a fantastic job singing and playing their instruments. A heartfelt thank you goes to Mr. Ehlenfeldt and Mr. Hudy for doing such a fantastic job with our students. Please remember, if your child is in fourth through eighth grade, they can enroll in Band. Mr. Hudy will be starting the new semester in late January. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Please congratulate Mr. Laplander as he just accepted a new job position. We will all miss him so much especially the students. He has done such a wonderful job working with the students and building our program. We wish him much happiness and success in his new endeavor.

As we head into Catholic Schools Week at the end of January, please mark your calendars so you can participate in our Children's Liturgy at 10:30 mass on January 29, 2012, which will be followed by our Open House. An information flyer was sent home last week. Please take some time to complete it as we would like everyone's participation.

As we head into the Christmas Season, I along with the staff here at St. Joe's, would like to wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas!

ASK News

Congratulation to Mrs. Linda Skarr, who has accepted the position of the new ASK director. Please extend a warm welcome to her. As we move through this new transition, feel free to share any questions you may have directly with Linda or contact the school office.

Also, we now find ourselves in need of part time, on-call help for days when attendance warrants. If you have an interest, please call the school office for details.

Blankets of Love

You should have received a half sheet note on Monday regarding the service project we will be doing during Catholic School's Week . Thanks to the generosity of our families, all of the blankets have been taken, but we will have another batch available in early January. We will let you know when they are available. Please return all instructions and tags (do not write on them) with the blanket upon return.

Stewardship

For all that had the privilege of being present for this weekend's Masses, you were able to hear our very own Carrie Schanen speak about her family's stewardship journey. This is a time of year when our thoughts turn to decorations, festivities, and giving. In that same spirit of giving, please consider how you might be able to increase your giving to our Parish. Keep St. Joseph's in your prayers and let God direct your heart as to how you can help. The Lord rewards the joyful giver.

Way to Go Kindergarten!

What started off as a simple goal of sharing our blessings with others has truly turned into a wonderful opportunity to share in the true meaning of Christmas. The K5 class attempted to earn \$25 to purchase two chickens for a village in another part of the world. Every time the kids found some change, received some birthday money, etc. they were invited to add to our classroom "Chicken Fund." Adding money to the jar became a favorite part of the day! Well, we passed our goal and raised almost \$200. So we are proud to say that we are purchasing a goat, 2 chickens, rabbits, 2 soccer balls, and school supplies for those in need. Through this experience, we learned that chickens provide protein as well as a means of income for the family that receives them. Also that milk from the goat can be turned into yogurt and cheese. We will be making yogurt from cow's milk to better understand how this works! Well done Kindergarten!!

Parent

Breakfast/

Mass Schedule

2011/2012

Jan. 17- Gr. 2

Feb. 21- Gr. 8

Mar. 6- Gr. 4

Mar. 20- Gr. 1

Mar. 27- Gr. 5

May 15- Gr. K5

May 22- Gr. K4

Save the Dates

- January 16 is another Dine to Donate event at Texas Roadhouse. Watch for a reminder when we resume classes in January.
- Starting in January, Applesbees will be offering Dine to Donate every 2nd Wednesday of the month through the end of the school year.
- The Wilderness Resort will be having a St. Joseph's weekend on May 18-20. Room rates will be at a discounted \$109 (compared to the usual \$140) and a percentage will come back to our school. Watch for the date you can start reserving your room in upcoming news.

Box Tops

Please continue to save your Box Tops for our contest to be held in Spring.

Secret Santa

If you have any extra Christmas gift bags after you open your gifts this Christmas morning, please consider donating them to St. Joseph's for next year's Secret Santa Gift Shop.

Recess Help Needed

We will be in need of lunch recess duty help on Tuesdays starting January 24 and through the end of the school year. If you can help on this day or if you are willing to switch your Wednesday or Friday, please contact the school office.

**May your Christmas be bright with the Light of Christ
and the New Year bring health and joy
to you and yours!**





SPORTING NEWS

Knights of Columbus Free throw Contest Winners

Congratulations to the following students who placed first in their age brackets and have now advanced to the next level of competition on February 3, 2012: Adriana (5), Megan (6), Sydney (7), Tyler (8).



Home & School Corner

Your bridge between home and school!

Auction Help Needed

The Auction Committee still needs your help. Please contact Julie Husted if you can help in any way. The Auction provides us with a very large part of our fundraising line item, but it is an equally large undertaking and we need your help. Please consider volunteering a bit of your time, especially if you have not been able to in the past. There are very few meetings to attend and if you find that you cannot attend any, you will be kept in the loop so don't let that deter you. The more volunteers, the lighter the commitment for all, so please consider helping in any way you can.



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Catholic Schools Week

January 29, 2012 through February 4, 2012

Schedule of Events

- Sunday, January 29
 - Children's Liturgy at 10:30 a.m.
 - Open House from 11:30—1:30 p.m. (classrooms open at 9:30 a.m.)
 - Enjoy refreshments while visiting our Science Fair, listen to our school band, visit our book fair, and tour classrooms to view academics and character in action.
 - Book Drive for The Next Door Foundation.
- Monday, January 30
 - Service Project—Students making *Blankets of Love* for "Jockey Being Family" for adopted families; attire is pajamas or uniform.
- Tuesday, January 31
 - Career Day—Special guests share careers/talents; attire is dress for career.
- Wednesday, February 1
 - Wacky Wednesday—Attire is mismatch.
- Thursday, February 2
 - Jump/Hoops for Heart—Students raise money for Heart Association; attire is spirit shirts with dress down pants.
- Friday, February 3
 - Cultural Day—Milwaukee Ballet Company will perform; attire is uniform.
 - All School Dance at night from 6:30 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. in gym.



Northwest Catholic Chess Tournament

Saturday, Jan 28, 2012

Location: 8202 W. Denver Avenue Milwaukee, WI 53223

Format: K3, K7 and K12 divisions. Six round Swiss G30. WSCF membership not required.

Awards: K3: 3 team trophies, individual trophies to top 5 players and medals to all

K7: 3 team trophies, individual trophies to top 5 players and medals to all

K12: 3 team trophies, individual trophies to top 5 players and medals to all

Award Ceremony around 3:00 pm if not before.

Entry: \$10 per player for advance registration, \$15 on-site registration.

Check-in from 8:00 to 8:40. Round 1 begins close to 9:00. Onsite registration for round 1 ends at 8:30. Pre-registrants

arriving after 8:30 and on site registrations arriving after 8:15 can enter the tournament round 2 with

a ½ point first round bye. Please check in as early as possible. For advance registration, register online at

www.wisconsinscholasticchess.org before 11:00 pm on Jan 26th. Registration fee will be paid at the tournament.

Lunch: Available for purchase on-site.

Supervision: At least one designated adult supervisor must be present at all times during the tournament to

oversee your school's team, or individual participants who are in K through 8th grade. **Bring:** Pencils, and

clocks if you have them. Chess sets, T-shirts, chess books and other chess items will be available for purchase

on site.

Questions: Contact WSCF at td@wisconsinscholasticchess.org or 262-573-5624 or hosts Edie Bell and Lee Galien respectively at 414-351-2456 or 414-324-7590 and edie19612000@yahoo.com or leeforty@yahoo.com.

Chess Notation: Strongly encouraged for those students 3rd grade and older.

Inclement Weather: In case of storm please go WSCF website after 7:00 am and before 8:00 am to see if tournament is delayed, postponed or canceled.

WSCF reserves the right to change divisions and awards based on number of advance registrations. WSCF is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit dedicated to promoting Chess as an educational tool for students throughout Wisconsin.