



Principal's Post

November 30, 2017

Important Dates

Dec. 3rd
*X-STREAM Games at
St. Joe's*

Dec. 6th
No School Liturgy

Dec. 7th
*Report Cards
posted/ mailed*

Dec. 8th
*Solemnity of the
Immaculate
Conception School
Mass*

Dec. 11th & 12th
Santa's Secret Shop

Dec. 15th
6th Gr Paraliturg

Dec. 15th
*11:30 Dismissal K-8
Full Day for Pre K

Dec. 15th
*K-8 Parent/ Teacher
Conferences*

Dear Parents,

Our School Board Survey will be emailed one last time to all families tomorrow. Please take a few minutes to participate in and respond to the survey questions from this email if you have not already done so. The deadline for submissions is Dec. 21st.

Many thanks to Denise Beck for all of her efforts with running the Charleston Wrapping Paper Fundraiser and also to Mary Murphy and Lisa Paner for the Poinsettia Sale. We are so grateful for their help! Congratulations to our Kindergarten class for winning the free jeans day for having the highest Charleston Wrap sales! Poinsettias will be delivered to the school next Wed., Dec. 6th and can be picked up in the gym until 6:00 pm.

Many of our STREAM Academy students will attend the X-STREAM Games and Expo held at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute on Sun., Dec. 3rd. Competitions begin at 12:00 for Robotics, 1:00 for Science Scrimmage and the Kitchen Chem Cook-Off at 2:00. There will be demonstrations for Lego U, "You're the Balm" and "Ignite the Power of Art" among others throughout the afternoon. They're even going to have a Bills vs. Patriots viewing area in the cafeteria for interested parents and students. It's a wonderful showcasing of all that our Diocesan schools are doing to promote STREAM!

There will be no school Mass next Wed., Dec. 6th. The students will follow a Friday schedule on this day and will attend Mass instead on Fri., Dec. 8th in honor of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

Report Cards will be mailed to parents for students in grades K-2 and will be posted to the eSchool Parent Portal for students in grades 3-8 on Thurs., Dec. 7th. Parent Teacher Conferences for K-8 will be held on Fri., Dec. 15th from 12:30-2:30 pm and also on **Mon., Dec. 18th from 4:00-7:00 pm.** Parents can sign up for conferences with particular teachers on our school website at <http://sspps.school.com/parents/parentteacher-conference-sign-up/>.

On the morning of Dec. 12th, the students who ride busses to school will receive emergency evacuation instructions before the busses are unloaded at their final destination. This drill is mandated by law.

Our HSA will be sponsoring the ever-popular Santa's Secret Shop on Mon., Dec. 11th and Tues., Dec. 12th. The students will have an opportunity to shop for gifts for family members and friends during the school day. Each gift is \$2.00. If you'd like to complete a list of people for your child to shop for to make it easier, one is attached here.

K-8 students will be dismissed at 11:30 on Fri., Dec. 15th in order to facilitate Parent/Teacher Conferences that will be held that afternoon. Pre K students, however, will have a regular, full day. The Pre K students will need to bring their lunches from home this day, as the cafeteria will not be serving lunch due to the early dismissal.



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Our HSA is hosting a Scrip Contest – the family with the highest dollar sales in Scrip cards from Nov. 20th to Dec. 31st will win a Scrip card PLUS a free jean's day for their child's class! This is a great way to purchase Christmas gifts for those people on your list that you're not sure what to buy for them! Remember, you can order online through the Scrip website, order and pay online through our school website, or fill out an order form and turn into the school office. Orders received on Monday will be available for pick up on Friday.

We also have several cards in stock for last minute gifts or purchases. Cards for Amazon, Bed Bath and Beyond, Best Buy, Barnes and Noble, Regal Cinemas, Target, Walmart, Panera, TJ Maxx, Tim Hortons and Tops can be purchased through the main office for on the spot delivery!

Another Christmas gift idea is purchasing Sabres vs. Predators tickets for the game on March 19th! I know they're not playing well right now, but attending this game with a group of families from SSPP along with family and friends will be a lot of fun, whether they win or not!!! Tickets are being sold for \$29.00 each and a portion of these sales will go toward our school! See the attached flier for more details. **At this same game, we will be doubling our fundraising efforts by participating in the 50/50 Raffle!** We will need many volunteers to help sell tickets for this event – and you'll get to see the game as well! Let's try and make this a fun and successful event!

And yet, here's another gift idea. Zetouna Olive Oils gives back to our school 40% of your purchase! They have oils, vinegars, gift sets, tagenes, and entertaining dishes as well.

Be sure to snap pictures of all of your Christmas shopping receipts, too, in your Shoparoo app! When you Snap pictures of your receipts from any store that primarily sells food, health or beauty items, our school will earn Roo Points which are cash donations! Whether you're shopping at a supercenter, dollar store, or local convenience store - it doesn't matter where you shop or what items you buy - Shoparoo will make a cash donation for every receipt! Available at the App Store and Google Play Store.

When looking to gain entrance to the school, please be sure to stand in front of the security camera after ringing the bell so that the office personnel can visually identify you. Please also be sure to state your intentions for entering the building, although it may seem obvious that you are here to drop off or pick up, we want to ensure the safety of the building and the students inside. Thank you for your cooperation!

Don't forget you can always order snacks and treats from Mrs. Simons in our cafeteria for birthday celebrations. Ordering snacks from our school cafeteria will help support our lunch program. Please place order 1 week in advance of celebration and pick up your snacks in the cafeteria that day!

I will be attending the Catholic School Administrators Association of NYS Gathering and the Religious and Independent Schools Educators Conference from Sun., Dec. 3rd to Tues., Dec. 5th in Albany, so I will not be on campus during these days.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lester