

News You Can Use from the Principal

December 17, 2018



During this third week of Advent, our waiting becomes rejoicing as we see the coming of our Lord soon. This week truly turns my spirit toward joy. *Gifts of the Season* this weekend was so fun. I'm extremely proud of all the talent and joy that was obvious during the performances. I love that they embrace their God – given talents. They were fabulous! A special thanks to Mr. Russell and Mr. Hrivnak for getting those young people to that performance level. Incredible!

- No mass this week due to exams.
- The exam schedule is in the back of the handbook. The cafeteria will be selling breakfast items during the break to help keep the brain in check. Testing is easier with a rested brain that is fully fueled.
- A reminder about exams: students must be present for the study hall at the beginning of the exam. Report directly to that class instead of A period Tuesday – Friday. If someone takes the first exam but does not have to take the second, signing out is not necessary. Pick up in the carpool line at that time. If a student is exempt from the first exam of the day but must take the second, just report to that class at the beginning of that study hall. There's no need to sign in at the front desk unless you're late to that class.
- After School Care ends at 2 Tuesday – Thursday. There will be no After School Care Friday.
- If your student wakes up too sick to come take their exam, please call the office and let us know. Any missed exams must be made up after Christmas break. Coordinate that with Mrs. Carrington or Mrs. Piazza. We're starting to see the flu bug.
- All angels have been adopted from the tree. Please return those by Wednesday, unwrapped with the angel attached. Thank you for helping a needy child have something fabulous on Christmas morning.
- Second semester resumes January 7 at 7:55 for a normal week. Back to the standard uniform rules!

Our graduates have been coming by to see their favorite teachers, and I know they've been meeting up with each other for meals to catch up during their college breaks. It's such a great example of how much this place joins people together like no other. The St. Joe family bond is strong. Please know how much our faculty and staff appreciates everyone who has trusted us with the education and formation of your most precious gifts, your children. Parents and alumni play a crucial role in this school, and we wouldn't be looking toward a 150th anniversary without the grace of God and your support. I hope your Christmas is joyful and all blessings come your way in the new year.

God bless,

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Mrs. Kinsey

BRUIN SHOUT OUTS

- Congratulations to our Bruin Cheerleaders and their coach Rachael Cole for placing 3rd in the 1A-3A class at the state championship competition Saturday. They're headed to Florida for National Competition in February. All that hard work has paid off.
- Bruin boys' soccer won Saturday at home over Clarkdale 7-0.
- Middle School Basketball, both boys and girls, are mowing down their competition. Great job teams!
- Chloe Vizier and Alice McPhail are performing in New Stage Theater's *A Christmas Carol*. This is the last week. I have my tickets!
- Broadcasting team for live streaming Gifts of the Season yesterday. Click [here](#) to watch it if you missed it!

We are St. Joe!!