

St. Joseph Catholic



UPDATES AND REMINDERS

SCRIP ORDER

Your child earns an out of uniform pass for Thursday, December 15th for orders placed this month. See the list on the back Get your gift cards now for Christmas presents and support St. Joseph Catholic School at the same time!

VIRTUS--LAST CHANCE THIS YEAR

Training for the Virtus program is offered on December 6th at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at St. Raphael in Springdale. Those who wish to volunteer must have completed the training. in order to continue after that date. Paperwork for background checks and instructions on signing up on-line for training bulletins will be provided at the session.

DECEMBER 8TH BABY SHOWER FOR MARY FOR IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Mass at 8:30 a.m. As part of the Mass, the Ambassadors are collecting baby items as part of the offertory to be donated to Loving Choices, a local pregnancy support group for this area.

SPELLING BEE

The school spelling is Wednesday, December 7th at 1:15 p.m. Please join us!

CHESS CLUB

The last chess club of this year is Friday, December 9th. Students are beginning to prepare for the February 25th Northwest Arkansas Scholastic tournament to be held here at St. Joseph.

Dear Parents:

This was marathon weekend and despite the cold, wet rain, seven staff members plus Father John and many parents, siblings and parishioners finished the race! While the sense of completion is great, the effort at fundraising to benefit our school is the greatest accomplishment! Thanks to all who sponsored a runner; it is not too late to send in your donation toward the \$50,000 we hope to raise from this event. We are going to be close.

Tomorrow is the last Virtus class scheduled in this area in the near future, so if you want to continue volunteering after Wednesday and have not yet attended, be sure you are present for the video program and complete the paperwork. If you attended a Virtus class in the past, you need to be sure you are up-to-date on the on-line training bulletins in order to continue volunteering. If you have any questions, please call or email me at mdiamond@sjfay.com.

Tomorrow evening is our spaghetti supper, and tickets already purchased are going home in the folders today. There is still time to purchase in advance, and you can get take out if the family schedule doesn't allow you to be here. Thanks for supporting our teachers and staff for a Christmas bonus this year.

Another opportunity, specifically for our students, is this week's collection of baby items as part of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass on Thursday. Please send a new baby item. The items most needed by Loving Choices are the following:

- Newborn to size 4 disposable diapers
 - Wet wipes
 - Lightweight infant blankets
 - Newborn to size 18 mos. clothing
 - Infant toys or books
 - Bottles and pacifiers
 - Baby shampoo, lotion and powder
- Send these items in with your child on Thursday.

We all have just two more Scrip orders to get the gift cards we need for Christmas. Be sure to place an order by midnight tonight for delivery this week.

Students in grades three through seven are attending reconciliation this week or next in preparation for the Christmas season. This wonderful Sacrament provides an opportunity for families to discuss the concept of forgiveness and how important that is to a healthy relationship with one another and with God. Thanks to Father Ravi for making this time each month for our students.

Classrooms are planning Christmas parties for next week, and we dismiss on Friday (full day of school) for two weeks of vacation. Please note that we return on Monday, January 2nd, even though this is the Federal Holiday. This allows us to get in 178 days before Memorial Day.

Yours in Christ,

Marcia Diamond
Principal