

December 5, 2021



## St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

By: Andy Smith  
Music & PE Teacher

This year, the Middle School Teachers, in collaboration with Principal Matthews, are trying out a new class called "Middle School Electives". Teachers set curriculum that is outside the traditional subjects we find in the classroom. This year, Andy Smith decided to take something he loves as much as music and gym, and bring in many different kinds of Board Games to teach students. They learned about abstract games (think Chess, but there are SO MANY OTHERS!), deduction games, push-your-luck games, dexterity games (see some of the pictures), and several cards games as well. This class is also being offered during the 2nd Trimester, and Mr. Smith is excited to bring even more games in to try with the students!

If you're looking for game suggestions (especially with the holidays coming up) feel free to send Andy a message at [music@stjosephgrifton.org](mailto:music@stjosephgrifton.org)!



**Relevant Radio**

Starting December 1 through



December 25, Relevant Radio is offering an audio program of The Christmas Carol, performed by the Merry Beggars. A new audio segment is dropped every day of the Advent Season.

[Check it out HERE](#)

**Please welcome Riley Nizansky to our K3 Class! Her first day was November 15th. Welcome to our SJPS Family, Riley!**

**We wish the Mohanbabu Family best wishes as they move to Kansas. The K4 class and the faculty of SJPS will miss Ananya very much!**



### **Marcus Movie Fundraiser**

**Please return your Marcus Movie Fundraiser order by December 10th. All money raised goes into the Home and School Fund to be used for student activities throughout the year.**

**Please Return your Movie Night Form and Payment By Thursday, December 16th**

*SJPS 8th grade  
class presents:*

# Christmas Movie Night

**Date:** Friday, Dec. 17th

**Movie time:** 3:15 – 5:00pm

(pick up at 5pm – main school office doors)

**Place:** Classrooms K5, 6, 7, 8

**Price:** \$5.00/student

(includes a bag of popcorn and soda)

*All monies raised go towards 8th grade class trip*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Elf (PG)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The Santa Clause (PG)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

The Grinch, 2018 (PG)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Arthur Christmas (G)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ check here if your child needs to go to Extended Care after the movie



## Catholic Financial Life Give Back Contest

**Nominate your favorite St. Joseph  
Parish School Teacher by January**

**7th for the Catholic Financial Life Give Back Contest. The 3  
winning teachers receive a \$500 cash prize and \$4,000 for their  
school. The best gift you can give a teacher is your appreciation  
for all they do!**

**Click [HERE](#) to Nominate**

## Important Dates to Remember

- **Monday, December 6: School Advisory Committee Meeting  
6:30 pm**
- **Wednesday, December 8: Mass 12:00, report cards go home**
- **Thursday, December 9: Rosary led by 4th-grade 9:30**
- **Tuesday, December 14: No after school Extended Care**
- **Wednesday, December 15: Christmas Concert 6:30 pm**
- **Thursday, December 16: Prayer Service**
- **Friday, December 17: Movie Night 3:15-5:00 pm, hosted by  
8th-Grade**
- **Tuesday, December 21: All School Bowling**

- December 23rd-January 2nd: No School, Christmas Break
- January 3: School Resumes

**~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~**

**December Extended Care  
Sign Up**

**SIGN UP HERE**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Join Us for Mass!**  
**St. Joseph Parish Holiday Worship Schedule**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**  
**The Immaculate Conception of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Noon Mass**  
**6:00 p.m. Mass**

**(Christmas Tree Decorating & Blessing to follow.)**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
**Christmas Vigil**  
**3:30 p.m. Carol Service**  
**4:00 p.m. Mass**

**Mass During the Night**  
**10:15 p.m. Carol Service**  
**10:30 p.m. Mass**



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
**Christmas Day**  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
**Solemnity of Mary**  
**Mass of Anticipation Only**  
**4:00 pm. Mass**

**SATURDAY/SUNDAY, JANUARY 1/2**  
**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**4:00 p.m. Mass of Anticipation**  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses**

**Holiday Greetings, St Joseph Parish School Families!**

I hope this note finds you and your entire family healthy and happy! I, Mr. Smith, and the students are all VERY excited to be bringing you an IN-PERSON Christmas concert in a few short weeks, on Wednesday, December 15th, at 6:30 pm in our beautiful worship space. In order for us to be comfortable putting on our BEST show for you, we have a few things that will be different from concerts of the past. We appreciate, in advance, your willingness to work together with us, the students, and staff of St Joseph Parish School, so we can all do our best to be safe, comfortable, and joyful during this Advent and Christmas Season.

- We are requesting that each family please limit attendance at the evening performance to two grown-ups. This will allow us to attempt at least a little bit of social distancing in our large worship space.
- To accommodate large families, especially grandparents who wish to see their grandkids perform, we are inviting guests to the FINAL DRESS REHEARSAL which will be Wednesday afternoon, December 15th, beginning at 1 pm in the Church.
- Masks are encouraged for audience members and while students are sitting close to each other in the pews. Student Performers may choose whether they wish to wear a mask while performing.
- Our students from 3K and 4K will be performing first, as they usually do. After their performance, we usually encourage families to stay for the rest of the concert. This year, after your student is done with their portion of the concert, we are open to your deciding to depart for home. Obviously, if you have other children in older grade levels, you are welcome to stay! 3K and 4K children will be seated with you after they finish performing.
- The evening performance will be both live-streamed to the Parish Youtube Channel, as well as recorded.

- No hospitality will be served after the concert this year.

These steps were chosen in hopes that ALL of our St Joseph families can have a safe, healthy holiday season. As our concert falls close to the time folks will be getting together to celebrate Jesus' birth, we want us all to get to join in that celebration. Thank you for taking these steps to show how we can LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

Sincerely,

Mr. Andy Smith

## ADVENT OUTREACH

Sponsored by K4 & 8th Grade

Bring your new, unwrapped toys to school between now and December 10th.



**We are still missing 40  
volunteer commitment forms  
from our school family.**

**Volunteers are vital to the success of St. Joseph Parish School! We ask that every family donates a minimum of 10 hours of service to the school to help us reach our mission of "Teaching, Learning, Leading and Serving as the Hands of Christ."**

**Please carefully read through the volunteer opportunities form below and choose the areas you wish to be part of this school year.**

**If you have any questions about any of our volunteer opportunities, please contact the school office.**

**Volunteer Form**



### **Free Scoop Chairs**

**If you would like a free Scoop Chair for your child please notify the school office. They are light, cute, and sturdy rocker chairs for kids below 50 pounds. We have a large donation of chairs in red and blue. First come first serve.**



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### **Meal Train for Fischer Family**

**One of our St. Joseph Parish School family members, Amy Fischer, mother of Alexa in our middle school, was diagnosed with cancer in October. Please click the link below to read the update and learn how you can help. Please keep Amy and her family in your prayers.**



*Please support the*

LOVE ONE ANOTHER Catholic Campaign  
for ST JOSEPH PARISH

## COVID-19 GUIDELINES

Please see the links below for the COVID-19 Illness Flowchart, Health Screening Checklist, When to Stay Home Guidelines, & Health Department Quarantine Guidelines.

We appreciate your support in:

- Promptly notifying the school when your child is sick.
- Promptly notifying the school when your child or a family member is diagnosed with COVID-19.
- Promptly notifying the school when your child is deemed a close contact outside the school setting.
- Continuing to keep your child home from school when they are sick.

Health Screening  
Checklist

Illness Flowchart

When to Stay Home  
Guidelines

Health Department Quarantine Guidelines

Donate to our Annual  
Fund

SCRIP ORDER FORM

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Visit our Website

Parish Bulletin Look-up

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