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St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

WEEKLY CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

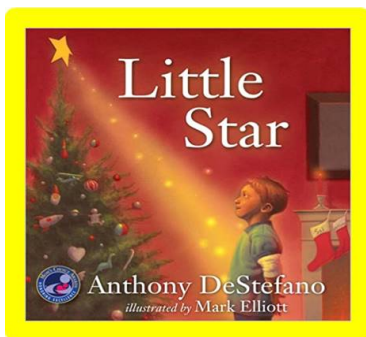
By: Krystal Hayes
Spanish Teacher

¡Hola!

What a great start to my first year at St. Joseph Parish School, students, staff, and parents alike have made me feel very welcome so, muchas gracias. This year we have started off with some great cultural traditions. In septiembre students learned about contributions from Notable Hispanics and how they have impacted our world. In some of the younger classes, students were exposed to different kinds of foods that we would not have if it wasn't for the Spanish. In octubre students learned about Dia de los Muertos and why it is such a celebration of life. Students in 4th grade created an in-class ofrenda(altar) to honor those that had passed away in their lives. Students in other grades helped to set the scene in the classroom with the creation of papel picado and marigold flowers, among other decorations. In noviembre we had great discussions and art projects about what we give thanks for. Students in all grades learned vocabulary to be able to say a few things they are thankful for. This month we will be learning about the traditions of Las Posadas and Our Lady of Guadalupe and Christmas vocabulary. Students will learn about Christmas traditions from around the Spanish-speaking world. I can't believe that it is almost 2022! Blessings to all of you have a ¡Felíz Navidad y Prospero Año!



Mrs. Bartelt's December Book Recommendations

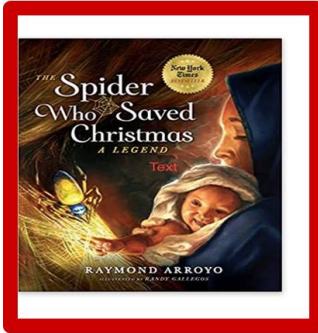


Little Star Written by Anthony DeStefano Illustrated by Mark Elliott

In this beautiful Christmas tale, the stars hear that a king will be born that night and compete to see who can shine the brightest. But when the stars see a poor family crowded closely together in a shabby stable with animals, they think that can't be a king! That is except for Little Star, the smallest and loneliest star in the sky, who recognizes the baby Jesus. He serves our Lord in an extraordinary way and understands His special message of love. This story connects the star atop our Christmas trees with the true meaning of Christmas. This book would make a wonderful Christmas gift for children.

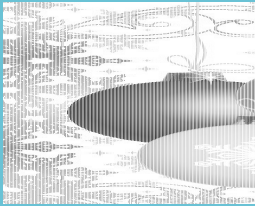
The Spider Who Saved Christmas By Raymond Arroyo Illustrated by Randy Gallego

The Spider Who Saved Christmas is another



enchanting Christmas tale that provides hope and light in our darkened world. It involves, Nephila, a cave-dwelling spider who protects the Holy Family at a pivotal point when threatened by soldiers. This tale also spins the origin of tinsel which is a traditional decoration gracing our Christmas trees. The illustrations are beautiful and the text is written in such a way that it lends itself as music for our ears. This book is sure to warm hearts and become a precious keepsake in your home.

Merry Cristmas and Blessed New Year! -Mrs. Mary Bartelt



Teacher Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 21st

Please help our wonderful teachers celebrate the Christmas season by treating them to a fantastic, relaxing meal. Sign up below to bring them something good to eat or treat them to a recess-free lunch period. Please provide enough food to help us feed around 25 staff members.

Thank you!

-Home & School Teacher Appreciation Committee

Sign up [HERE](#) to help!



LAST CHANCE TO ORDER SCRIP CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS!

Order by 12/15/21 to ensure delivery by the 21st.

Gift Cards make excellent gifts! An order form went home with your child on Friday. Order today!

SPECIAL OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

- Monday, Dec. 20: Spirit Wear Day
- Tuesday, Dec. 21: Red/Green/ Holiday Clothing
- Wednesday, Dec. 22: Pajama Day and/or Ugly Christmas Sweater

Important Dates to Remember

- Tuesday, December 14: No after school Extended Care
- Wednesday, December 15: Christmas Concert 6:30 pm
- Thursday, December 16: Prayer Service at 9:30
- Friday, December 17: Movie Night 3:15-5:00 pm, hosted by 8th-Grade
- December 18th & 19th: Parish Director, Brenda Cline's Farewell Weekend at the Masses
- Tuesday, December 21: All School Bowling
- December 23rd-January 2nd: No School, Christmas Break
- January 3: School Resumes, Epiphany Blessing - Carols around the tree 2:30
- Thursday, January 6: Mass at 9:30
- Tuesday, January 11: Grafton High School Here to talk to 8th-graders
- Thursday, January 13: Mass at 9:30
- Monday, January 17: No School, Teacher Inservice

~IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS LANCER TIMES~



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

*SGPS 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
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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](#)

December Extended Care Sign Up

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATE

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**BACK
TO
THE 80'S**
SPRING AUCTION



**SATURDAY APRIL 30, 2022
ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL**

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

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

**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.

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.

[MEAL TRAIN](#)

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

2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbook

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