

**December 8, 2024**



## **St. Joseph Parish School Lancer Times**

Weekly online school information by Principal Matthews

### **Important Dates to Remember**

- **Tuesday, December 10: Afternoon Extended Care Closed**
- **Wednesday, December 11: 5th-8th Grade Family Breakfast 7:30am, 1st-8th Grade Report Cards go home**
- **Thursday, December 12: Mass at 8:30, 5th Grade hosts hospitality after Mass**
- **Friday, December 13: Movie Night after school 3:15-5:00, Flannel/Pajama Day**
- **Saturday, December 14: Open Gym 9:00-10:30am**
- **Tuesday, December 17: Christmas Concert 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, December 18: All School Advent Retreat**
- **Thursday, December 19: Mass at 8:30, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon**
- **Friday, December 20: Field Trip - All School Bowling at Circle B @ 12:30, Ugly Christmas Sweater or Holiday Attire Day, Mrs. Henke's Last Day - Congrats on your retirement!**
- **Saturday, December 21: Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair**
- **December 23-January 5th: No School, Christmas Break**
- **January 6: School Resumes**

### **November Student of the Month Winners!**

#### **Congratulations!**

**Luke Jauron, 1st Grade  
Grace Iserloth, 3rd Grade  
Crosby Wieland, 7th Grade**



## The Teacher Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, December 20th

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 for your help!!

Teacher Luncheon Sign Up

**CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT**

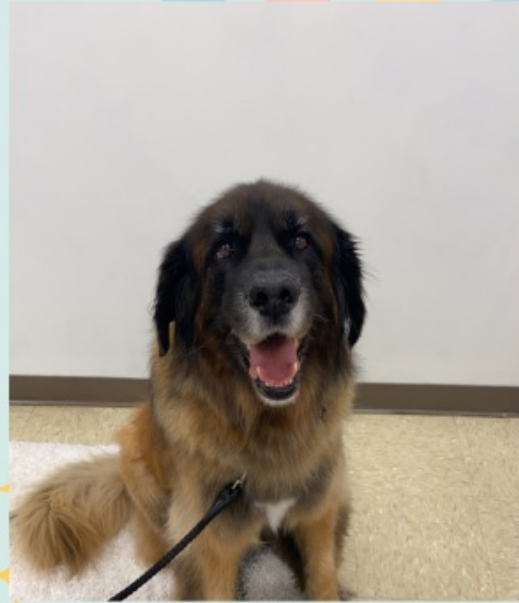
**December 17<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM**

*Please help us to celebrate after the concert  
by bringing the item listed with your last  
name. Please drop off in the office by  
December 16<sup>th</sup>.*

A-G ~ Milk (1 Gallon)  
H-N ~ Cookies (1-2 dozen)  
O-Z ~ Juice (1 bottle)

# MEET KAISER!

- Kaiser is a certified pet therapy dog through Pets Helping People.
- He is a 7 year old Leonberger.
- Kaiser works with David, a member of St. Joseph Parish.
- Kaiser loves to have students read to him and enjoys individual interactions from students!



Kaiser plans to be at St. Joseph once a week for about two hours visiting different classrooms and interacting with students!

Parents received an “opt out” form for if you do not want your student interacting with Kaiser. Please also let your student(s) teacher know of any dog allergies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email [jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:jburkhalter@stjosephgrafton.org) or [amatthews@stjosephgrafton.org](mailto:amatthews@stjosephgrafton.org)

**Click the link below to read the December Counseling Corner by School Counselor, Mrs. Burkhalter**

[December Counseling Corner](#)

**Weekly Classroom Highlights**  
By Susan Temple, K5 Teacher



Kindergarten Habitat Exploration Project Kindergarten students are currently engaged in a unit on diverse habitats. Throughout this learning journey the class has participated in a variety of educational activities, including reading literature, watching instructional videos, and completing math and English Language Arts tasks focused on different ecosystems, such as the ocean, savannah, desert, arctic, antarctic, rain forest, and forest. As a culminating project, each student is creating a detailed poster representing their selected habitat. The children are enthusiastically involved in painting their posters and incorporating plants and animals that live in their chosen habitat. Once completed, students will present their projects to the class, showcasing their understanding and creativity in portraying these unique environments.



## ~Important Information from Previous Lancer Times~

### DECEMBER EXTENDED CARE SIGN UP

Please click the link below to sign up for morning and afternoon extended care.

#### ~IMPORTANT~

Extended Care is closed Tuesday, December 10th from 3:30-6:00pm in order to allow all faculty to attend our annual Faculty Holiday Celebration.

[December Extended Care Sign Up](#)

# Join us for a Meet & Greet Breakfast!

**Calling all 5th through 8th grade families!**

~ You are cordially invited to join the 5th -  
8th grade teaching staff for a morning  
breakfast filled with community and  
conversation ~

Date: Wed. 12/11/24

Time: 7:45 am - 8:30am

Location: SJPS Church Gathering Space

*Pancakes, pastries, fruit and beverages will be  
provided for your enjoyment.*

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**School Families Are Encouraged to Sign Up!**



## ADVENT begins NOVEMBER 30 / DECEMBER 1

You are invited to light the candles of our Advent wreath as each Mass begins. Sign-up book is available in the Gathering Hall on the Resource Table.

We welcome individuals and families.

## Bakers Needed

Candy Cane Lane is seeking homemade baked good donations for our Candy Cane Lane Craft Fair & Cookie Walk on December 21st! For more information and to sign up, please click the links below.

We are looking for...

- Cookies (3-4 dozen or more)
- Brownies (2 dozen)
- Mini Muffins ( 2 dozen)
- Cake Pops (2 dozen)
- Whole Pies (do not slice)
- Whole Dessert Breads (do not slice)
- Fudge/Bark
- Vegan/Gluten Free Desserts (3 dozen)

**ALL donations should be brought to St. Joseph Parish School on December 20th between 8am & 3pm and labeled *Candy Cane Lane* and the *type of baked good you brought!***

[Click Here to Donate Baked Goods](#)

# Candy Cane Lane

## Craft Fair & Cookie Walk

### December 21st, 2024

### 9am - 2pm

# Volunteer Opportunities

Please see the link for all adult and student volunteer opportunities! -

With Gratitude, Amy Johnson (1st Grade Teacher)

[Click Here to Volunteer at the Craft Fair](#)

St. Joseph Parish School

## CALENDAR OF CASH



Want a chance to win a cash prize?  
The Calendar of Cash is back!  
BUY YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

Cash Prizes are  
\$25, \$50, or  
\$100!



### HOW IT WORKS

- Purchase tickets, from any school family, in the School Office during the week or the Parish Office on Sundays after Mass through Jan. 5th.
- Winners will be pulled on designated days between 1/6/25-3/21/25, with winners announced weekly via school Facebook page and the Parish bulletin.
- Each winning ticket is reentered for multiple chances to win!
- Winners will be mailed a check.

\*\*All ticket information must be filled out completely; incomplete tickets will be void.\*\*

BUY TICKETS BY  
JANUARY 6, 2025



[www.stjosephgrifton.org/school](http://www.stjosephgrifton.org/school)



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[2024-2025 Parent/Student Handbook](#)

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