



FALCON NEWS

PRINCIPAL, CLAYTON COBB

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, KATHERINE SUCKLE

Dear St. Joseph Families,

They say that this time between the Thanksgiving and Christmas are quite the holiday grind. In between our visits with our families, shopping, dinners, parties, we feel anxious and stressed because there is so much to do and so little time to do it in. In the midst of all of this, we are expected to keep up with life as usual. Life as usual should never become a secondary matter. It is in the average day-to-day life of the family that we can find the reasons to celebrate these holidays. Maybe that is why the season of Advent was created.

Truth be told, our top priorities should remain focusing on the four reflections of Advent- hope, peace, joy, and love. If what we are doing, does not lead us to live out virtues in such a manner, we should really discern why we are being so consumed by them. It may be time to reflect on what is truly the priority.

To that point, children are the ones who become most distracted by the holiday season. Christmas will come. Family will be there. Still, take time to focus on the priorities of the day-to-day. We will soon be approaching the end of the nine weeks. Did a project turn out poorly due to a tacky sweater party? Did grades slip due to out-of-town shopping trips?

Remind the kiddos to slow down. Advent is a journey. Think of ways to keep the focus on what we are called to do rather than what is fun or what we might miss out on. Let us serve Christ our king.

St. Joseph, pray for us.



UPCOMING EVENTS!

TUE, 11/28

3:05-4:15 LCP TUTORING

WED, 11/29

8:15 SCHOOL MASS FOLLOWED BY
CHRISTIAN WITNESS AWARDS

3:05-5PM BOYS BASKETBALL PRACTICE

3:05PM 4H CLUB MEETING

THU, 11/30

3:05-4:15 LCP TUTORING

4:30-6:30PM BOYS BASKETBALL PRACTICE

FRI, 12/1

SPIRIT SHIRT DAY

SAT, 12/2

5PM-8PM ST. NICK'S FEAST

FRI, 12/8

8:15 MASS FOR HOLY DAY

SAT, 12/9

8AM-11AM PANCAKES WITH SANTA

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!



DEAR ST. NICK:

ST. JOSEPH FAMILIES IT IS TIME FOR OUR
50+ YEAR TRADITION OF LIVING OUT THE
VIRTUE OF CHARITY DURING ADVENT.

LET US COME TOGETHER AS ONE FAMILY
TO SHARE THE SPIRIT OF ST. NICHOLAS.

SJS MINI VINNIES WILL BE ANNOUNCING
EACH GRADE'S FAMILY WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 29TH IN THE GRADE LEVELS'
GROUPME.

LOVE, THE MINI VINNIES ST. NICK ELVES



DADS' CLUB CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Wednesday, December 6th

5:30 PM

Petroleum Club of Shreveport

On Travis Street

15th Floor



PICK A DATE to DONATE

WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIP.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 30,000!

2023 Family Fundraiser Calendar

HOW THE FUNDRAISER WORKS:

- Each SJS family strives to complete one full calendar (\$465.00).
- You can accept cash, checks made to SJS, or use the QR code.

COLLECT AND EARN BACK:

- When a family raises a certain level of funds, each child in the family gets that level's prize.
- When a family completes a full calendar, the family gets one entry for the Grand Prize!
- Yes! A family can fill out more than one calendar, each child will get the level prizes again, and each additional full calendar is one more entry for the Grand Prize.

PRIZE LEVELS:

- **Level ONE:** raise \$75-\$174 and win a \$10 amazon gift card
- **Level TWO:** raise \$175-\$274 and win a \$20 amazon gift card
- **Level THREE:** raise \$275-\$374 and win a \$30 amazon gift card
- **Level FOUR:** raise \$375-\$464 and win a \$40 amazon gift card
- **FULL Calendar:** raise \$465 or more and win a \$75 amazon gift card and one entry into the Grand Prize

GRAND PRIZE:

- Three families will receive a \$500 amazon gift card; one from KVillage, one from Elementary, and one from Middle School.

HOW CAN EVERYONE WIN???

- When we meet or beat our goal we will have a school wide party with ice cream and popcorn and a blessing of our updated playground!! Hope to see you there!

DATES:

- Envelopes must be turned in November 30th.
- Live drawing for Grand Prize will be held December 13th.
- Gift cards will be ready for pick up / sent home December 13th.

TIPS:

- Share a digital version of the calendar (find on falcon news and the PTO FB page) on your social media and text/email all of your family and friends.
- Make a video of your child sharing how excited they are for new items to play on with their school friends.
- Mark the name of the donor on the date on the calendar and keep all of your money in the same envelope.





ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

VBS RESCHEDULED WITH A TWIST

NATIVITY *nights*

FRIDAYS IN DECEMBER

5:00 - 8:00 PM

FRIDAY, DEC. 1ST

FRIDAY, DEC. 8TH

FRIDAY, DEC. 15TH

FRIDAY, DEC. 22ND

ACTIVITIES

GAMES

CRAFTS

FOOD

FAITH



St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting "Nativity Nights" Friday nights in December during the advent season to engage kindergarten through 5th graders in the faith. During this busy season, we encourage parents to go on a date night, get last minute shopping completed, or just relax! Nativity Nights will include dinner, games, activities, and crafts to involve each child in the true meaning of the season. AND our St. Joseph Youth Group will be offering gift wrapping! Drop your gifts with us and our elves will have them beautifully wrapped and ready at pick-up.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



or visit www.stjosephchurch.net/event-details/nativity-nights

HOW TO TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT SEXUALITY

*Open to parents of children of ALL ages!
Parents of St. Joseph Catholic School 7th & 8th graders
are strongly encouraged to attend!*

**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 7TH
7:00PM**

Join us as we dive into topics like:

- The gift of the body
- The purpose & dignity of human sexuality
- Age-appropriate defense against pornography
- Communication techniques + guidelines
- Christian considerations on friendship, sexual attraction, & gender
- How parents can remain the primary educators



Presenter:
Brian Butler

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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH



Saturday, December 2nd

**5-8
PM**

St. Nick, Inflatables, Hot
Cocoa & Cookies, Gumbo
Competition and More!

Please RSVP for this FREE event

**Details & Gumbo
Cook-Off Sign-Up at**
[stjosephchurch.net/upcoming events](http://stjosephchurch.net/upcoming%20events)

