

FALCON NEWS

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Dear St. Joseph Families,

This is the last edition of the Falcon News of 2024. Christmas is right around the corner. Yes, you read that correctly. Christmas break is upon us. With this in mind, I would like o take a moment to express my gratitude for a number things from this semester. First, I feel that our students are the absolute best around. If you want to experience kindness, compassion, dedication to academics, and overall goodness, spend a day with these kiddos. Their goodness is the result, I pray, of an effective partnership between home and school. I speak especially for my 3 children who are students here. Each one of them is in a different experience on our campus- K-Village, Elementary, and Middle School. As a parent, I am grateful for the love given to them and the love they can share as part of this community. I say thank you to our teachers for fostering and facilitating such an environment in the classroom. Flawless? No. Ever moving towards Christ in this journey? It is more than obvious.

Thank you to our parent organizations such PTO and Dads Club. Not only do you provide an atmosphere of fellowship that allows for our families to develop the same sense of belonging experienced by out students, but you serve the community in so many ways. I know everyone had a wonderful time at events such as Falcon Fest and Pancakes with Santa. The services provided through our parent organizations has allowed for us to prepare for the upgrade of our playground coming in this new year. What a blessing each of you are to this Falcon Family. I am happy to have the opportunity to serve this community as principal, a role I do not take lightly. God has blessed my family and me because each of you plays a part in our lives. I pray that the kindness shared throughout the school year remains with you throughout Advent and into the Christmas season. St. Joseph, pray for us.



SJS ANNUAL FUND

UPCOMING EVENTS! NO LCP TUTORING THIS WEEK!

<u>TUE, 12/17</u> 8:15 KVillage Christmas Program 9:15 Elementary Christmas Program 10:15 Middle School Christmas Program

<u>WED, 12/18</u> 8:15 School Mass followed by Student of the Year Announcments

<u>THU, 12/19</u> SPIRIT SHIRT DAY! Teacher Caroling

FRI, 12/20 POLAR EXPRESS DAYstudents wear pajamas to school

I/2 day dismissed at noonI2:30 All students picked up

IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A FALCON!

VIRTUE OF HUMILITY DEFINITION

Awareness that all our gifts come from God and appreciation for the gifts of others

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, You said, "Learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29). You are God, yet You became little out of love for me. I desire to become little for love of You. Help me to be honest about my strengths and weaknesses.

LOOKS LIKE

Smiling at your mom after she cooks dinner

SOUNDS LIKE

Thank you, mom, for this delicious dinner.



ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

When Bernadette was a young girl living in Lourdes, France, she saw a vision of Our Lady. "I am the Immaculate Conception," Mary said to her. Although Bernadette did not know what that meant, she did all that Our Lady asked her to do. A chapel was built, and Lourdes is now a place of pilgrimage and healing for the sick. Bernadette became a nun and did not tell people about the visions. She showed great humility by never seeking fame or recognition, even though Our Lady had chosen her to be God's messenger.

St. Joseph Christmas Programs Tuesday, December 17th in the SJS GYM

K-VILLAGE CHRISTMAS @ 8:15 AM IST-5TH GRADE @ 9:15 AM

> 6TH-8TH GRADE @ 10:15 AM

ALL GRADES SHOULD WEAR CHRISTMAS ATTIRE (JEANS OKAY/NO TACKY CHRISTMAS SWEATERS OR GRAPHIC TEES)

POLAR EXPRESS DAY

Friday, December 20th Wear school-appropriate pajamas Cookies & Hot Chocolate Dismissal at 12:00 noon All students picked up by 12:30 PM NO AFTERCARE!

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