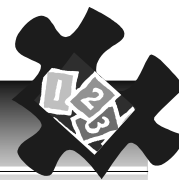




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DECEMBER 2011 - ST. JAMES SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL

Grade 3

Miranda Emme
Hayden Holliday
Mary Johnson
Victoria Johnson
Taelor Malmstrom

Grade 4

Allyson Cook, 4.0
Elizabeth Emmel, 4.0
Stephanie Ferguson
Stella LaTour

Grade 5

Lily Aamodt
Peter Foldesi, 4.0
Karly Hermanson
Lindsay Johnson, 4.0

Grade 6

Benjamin Emmel, 4.0
Ryan Lemker
Maria Ossanna
Emma Schiltz, 4.0
William Stauber

Grade 7

Paul Foldesi



Grade 8

Lauren Lemker
Michaela Ossanna
Violet Wennberg

PLAN AHEAD

School Mass 9:20 a.m.
Thursday Dec. 8th
Feast of Immaculate
Conception

Christmas Concert
Tuesday, Dec. 13
6:30 pm

Christmas Carnival
Grades PreK-5
Thursday, Dec. 15
4:00—7:00

Early Release
Dec. 16

School Spelling Bee
Dec. 20, 1:30 p.m.

**Band Concert &
Piano Recital**
Wednesday Dec 21st
2:30 pm

Christmas Break
Dec. 23—Jan. 2

Martin Luther King Day
School NOT in session
Jan. 16

Staff In-Service
School NOT in session
Jan. 20

Early Release
Jan. 27

Diocesan Spelling Bee
January 30th
Queen of Peace School,
Cloquet

Catholic Schools Week
Jan. 29-Feb 4, 2011

Pasty Sale and Wreath Sale - Great Successes !!

For our Fall 2011 Pasty Sale, St. James School families and parishioners put in many long, but rewarding hours assembling, cooking, and selling pasties.

We are planning another Pasty sale on February 10-11, 2012.



Each year we make the famous, wonderful and tasty St. James pasties. The two day total of over **3450** pasties was a remarkable result of great teamwork.

This pasty sale earned **over \$5,500 profit** for St. James school and parish!

The annual Wreath sale netted \$2,022 in profit on 273 wreaths sold.

God bless all the wonderful people who helped to make these fundraisers a huge success!



Here Comes the Carnival!

Our Annual School Carnival traditionally takes place on the Friday evening of Catholic Schools Week, February 3, 2012.

This fun family day is a popular social event as well as a school fundraiser. To make it successful, we need many hands and brains on the job. If you can help in the following ways, please contact the school office. **A Catholic Schools Week and Carnival Planning Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,**

November 29th at 4:15 p.m.

Help needed:

- Solicitation of food donations
- Game planning — we're looking for new ideas
- Possible theme ideas
- Setting up on Fri, Feb. 3
- Working games at the carnival
- Clean Up afterward
- Silent Auction and Carnival planning before Christmas



MERIT ROLL

Grade 3

Michael Foldesi
Cole Gimpel
Noah Paulson
Catie McNeilly

Emily Lemker
Felisha Mann
Gillian Mann
Caden Potter
Isabelle Stauber
Nelson Wennberg



Grade 4

Anne Marie Kidd
Hunter Miner

Grade 6

Gracie Anderson
Lili Augustine
Vincent Kolenda
Rachelle Moser
Joseph Pionk

Grade 7

Dylan Anderson
Basia Leahy

Grade 8

Mariah Collins
Alex Fritzingler
Sydney Martwig
Chloe Page

MacArthur/St. James Youth Ski Lessons

Cross Country ski lessons are available again this year, for students from ages 5 to 14, at Spirit Mountain Nordic Center. A flyer was sent home on November 23rd with registration information. On Sunday January 8, 2012 there will be late registration and fitting of boots and skis at the Nordic Center. The ski lessons begin on January 15th and run for six weeks. Questions? Please call Mary Jane Sorenson at 626-2532.

Uniform Closet

Our St. James School uniform closet is well stocked. This is a great resource and available to all families regardless of income. Take what you need, give back when you can. Ask at the office for more information.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY COMMITTEE

CELEBRATING ADVENT

Q: Why is it important for Catholic families to observe & celebrate the liturgical season of Advent:

A: Advent is not "pre-Christmas". It's a separate, distinct and important liturgical season that deserves the same attention and reverence as Lent. It is a penitential season where we have another opportunity to reflect & reconcile. We do this within the context of waiting for the birth of Jesus, who is not yet our Christ. We also contemplate the vast meaning of Mary's "yes". This is particularly important today, given our general cultural resistance to obedience.

Q: For families with no Advent traditions, what are some simple ways to begin?

A: The easiest way to begin is with the Advent Wreath, especially because it's a home-based tradition

that everyone can see practiced in the church as well. The Advent Calendar is also easy to incorporate. Find a calendar that has doors that open to scripture or religious art. You may also do the Jesse Tree, which is a bit more labor intensive.

Q: What are some other ways?

A: Fill your home with sights, scents and sounds (and moments of silence). Candles and music, such as "O come, O come, Emmanuel" are nice touches. You can also have the 3 Kings from your nativity set travel throughout the house during Advent, until they reach the crèche. Refrain from putting baby Jesus in the Crèche until Christmas morning.

Q: What are some recommendations for parents who would like to emphasize the spiritual celebration of the season over the materialistic?

A: This is a major challenge for parents today. The key is for the parents to understand the meaning of Advent themselves. Parents should also reestablish their authority in their own domestic church as they implement new ideas to celebrate this holy season.

You may wish to visit our local CATHOLIC CUSTOMS store for resources to celebrate Advent in your own home.



BOOK FAIR NEWS!

This year's Fall Book-Fair coincided with Grandparents' Day . The Book-Fair's new home in the Columbus room worked very well. Thank you to everyone who purchased books and gifts at the fair!

Total Scholastic Dollar Profit: \$1,596

All the profits go toward books for our school classrooms and library!



Wreath Sale a success!

Our Annual Wreath Sale had 273 wreaths sold with \$2,022.15 raised for the school!



Our profit from General Mills Boxtops for Education so far this year is:
\$892.00 !

Thank you to everyone and please keep clipping and sending in those boxtops!

** TELL YOUR FRIENDS **

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

is recommended during the year your child is three.

The Duluth Public Schools offers **free** screenings throughout the school year at the Barnes Early Childhood Center.

Call 336-8816 to schedule an appointment.



CATHOLIC IDENTITY COMMITTEE

For Unto Us A Child Is Born!

During Advent, our St. James community will be collecting items for the Lake Superior Life Care Center. This pro-life organization provides services to help mothers with crisis pregnancies. LSLCC offers counseling, parenting classes, "Learn to Earn Program", and doctor's services.

Items needed are: matching sets-layettes for the newborn, new and "next to new" clothing (all sizes), blankets, bibs, wipes, diapers, bottles, small stuffed animals, formula, and gift cards (Wal-Mart, Target, etc.)

There will be bassinets at the front and back of the church to drop off your donations.

***Questions?— call Peggy Haugen at 628-2411.
Thank you!



Middle School happenings:

- The 3rd annual Middle School Poetry Slam was held on Nov. 22nd. All students did a great job. Congratulations to the two winners selected by the judges:

1st place - Michaela Ossanna of 8th grade

2nd place - Basia Leahy of 7th grade

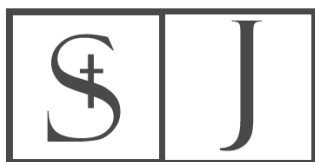
- In November, middle school students carried out service-learning projects at Northern Lakes Second Harvest Food Bank and at St. Eligius Care Center.

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Specialists

The St. James Catholic School Christmas program is Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

This year's theme is "Christmas Star". The program interweaves music with the retelling of Scriptural events, from the time of waiting and preparing, to the Annunciation to Mary, through the journey to Bethlehem, and the visit of the shepherds and wise men. All our students will delight you with their singing and instrumental accompaniment. Come and celebrate with us the good news of Christ's birth.

Be sure to join us!

Music Notes

MUSIC TEACHERS, Sr. Dorene King & Mrs. Jenna Mattson



SCRIP UPDATE



It's Christmas shopping time! Scrip certificates make quick and easy gifts for family, friends, and co-workers — and they come in a wide variety of vendors and amounts. We have scrip for almost every store imaginable. Be sure to let us know your needs and get your order in early!

School Family Profits from SCRIP Sales since September:

- Over \$5,975 in Total Sales
- Every purchase counts!
- Try this no cost way to support the school!

Miscellaneous Announcements

- Refreshments will be served after the Christmas Program on December 13th. Please donate a plate of cookies or bars if you can.
- The next DACS Board meeting takes place on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6:30.

