



AS WE PREPARE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST, TAKE A LOOK AT HOW OUR SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE!

RAVEN REVIEW



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Celebrating Advent at St. Joseph

For this edition of the "Principal's Corner" I would like to highlight the ways we will be celebrating the Advent Season!

1. **Advent Wreaths** – Each of our classrooms will begin their religion classes during Advent by lighting the appropriate Advent candle, saying the weekly Advent prayer, and singing "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"
2. **Advent Guest** – Baby Jesus will be brought from classroom to classroom as a "Guest" visitor to their rooms throughout Advent. Each time Baby Jesus is taken to a new classroom, the students will sing throughout the halls!
3. **Jesse Tree** – Starting Monday at Mass, students will begin hanging ornaments on the Jesse Tree. The ornaments represent the people and events leading up to the birth of Jesus.
4. **St. Nicholas** – The Feast Day of St. Nicholas is December 6th. He typically brings goodies to our students' shoes on that day...stay tuned for photos.
5. **"The Star" Movie** –As our Christmas celebration, our school will be taking a field trip to the movies to watch the Christmas story unfold in the eyes of a donkey!
6. **2nd Grade Class Mass** – 2nd grade will help us celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th.
7. **Reverse Advent Calendar** – The birth of Christ is a gift to the world...during our Advent season our students will conduct a service project in which they will give a gift each day to those in need. See flyer attached.



Weekly Menu (Dec 4 - 8)

Monday – Breaded Chicken Patty
 Tuesday – Sack Lunch (Funeral)
 Wednesday – Tacos
 Thursday – Chicken Noodle Soup
 Friday – No School



Saturday, December 2nd – Lighted Christmas Parade at 5:30pm

Friday, December 8th – No School



November IXL Challenge Results!

Here are the results of this month’s IXL Principal’s Challenge! Each month the top students from each grade will be rewarded for mastering the most skills on IXL Math. Our hope is that each grade level will increase their problems attempted and skills mastered every month! As a school, our learning goal is to increase our math proficiency scores and IXL is a platform that will help us reach those goals. Students have utilized IXL in their classrooms, computer class, and most importantly, at home over the month of October.

To use IXL at home go to:

<https://www.ixl.com/signin/stjsbeatrice>. Usernames are firstinitiallastname (ahaake) and password is: ravens.

You may also use the IXL app. Using the app you must put @stjsbeatrice behind their username.



NAME	GRADE	PROBLEMS ATTEMPTED	SKILLS MASTERED
Ethan Barnard	PreK 3	569	60
Giovanni Armstrong	PreK 4	877	47
Logan Barnard	K	986	67
Aubrie Fanning	K	1,055	52
Madelyn Barnard	1 ST	1.029	92
Jagger Clabaugh	1 ST	512	19
Jasmin Alvarez	2 ND	316	9
Beau Beavers	2 ND	321	21
Evan Mertz	3 rd	506	14
Carter Mertz	3 rd	119	18
Andrew Jacobsen	4 TH	266	19



CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND CANDY SALE

As we start planning for Christmas and doing our Christmas baking, look ahead and plan for the annual Christmas Cookie and Candy Sale. This fundraiser will be held the weekend of December 9th and 10th. We have been very successful in the past and have raised money for our annual operating expenses to include: classroom activities, teacher gifts, extracurricular school functions, First Communion/Confirmation/Christmas reception, Catholic Schools Week, and end of the year activities. We are hoping to raise money to help with other events in our school!

We cannot do this alone, we need your help!!! The School Family Association is asking that each family bring 2 dozen homemade holiday cookies and 2 dozen homemade candies to be sold. Please send cookies and candy that are festive!!

Please DO NOT send prepackaged items.

All items can be brought to school on Friday, December 8th or Saturday, December 9th from 9-12pm, and left in the Parish Center kitchen.

The sale will be Saturday and Sunday following all Masses. Tell your friends, family and neighbors to come and purchase their holiday goodies!!

The School Family Association would like to express their appreciation for the success of this fundraiser in the past and their hope is for a successful sale this year.

Thanks again,
School Family Association

