

# From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to our Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest winners, who were recognized at Mass today! A heartfelt thank you to all the students who participated - their incredible artwork truly captured the true meaning of Christmas. You can view the winning posters on display outside the Church!

Today's Nativity Presentation was also a beautiful and heartwarming experience, bringing our students together to reflect on the Birth of Jesus. Wishing everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year!

#### **Reminders:**

**Thursday, December 19th:** *Christmas PJ Day -* Pajamas must be school appropriate (no nightgowns or slippers).

**Friday, December 20th**: **HALF DAY**: *Out of Uniform - Red & Green Day -* Celebrate in Christmas colors. *It must be school-appropriate*. Christmas Parties and **EARLY DISMISSAL** (following the half-day dismissal schedule). High School Applications are due for our 8th graders.

#### December 23rd - January 1st: School Closed for Christmas Break

**Thursday, January 2nd:** Students Return from Christmas Break. JANUARY Safety Patrol begins. \*No hot lunch, so please pack lunch.

Tuesday, January 7th: Hot Lunch for T2 Begins

Monday, January 6th - 17th: MAP Testing for Grades 2-8

**Thursday, January 9th:** NorthBay Meeting at 8am in the Parish Center for All 6th Grade Parents \*We ask that at least one parent attends.

Monday, January 13th: Mid-Year Exams Begin

#### **New Announcements**

# Pura Vida Bracelets Are Available for Pickup! Thursday, December 19th 2:20-3:00PM

**Outside of Parish Center** 



#### Pura Vida Bracelets Are In.

For those who ordered Pura Vida bracelets, they will be available for pickup at the HASA table outside of the Parish Center tomorrow, **Thursday**, **December 19**, between 2:20 and 3 p.m.

If you cannot pick it up on Thursday, bracelets will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope on Friday. The SJS Puravida bracelets can be worn on spiritwear days.

#### **ICYMI**



# **Calling All Hot Lunch Volunteers:**

Help keep our hot lunch program running in T2: volunteers needed January - March!!

This program wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing volunteers. If you're available on a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, we'd love to have your help. Sign up to volunteer here!



# **Paint Night**

Registration is open for Paint Night on Friday, January 10th, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Each paint kit is \$27 and includes a pre-drawn Maryland-themed 8x10 canvas and all painting materials. Each participant will be guided through step-by-step instructions to create your own masterpiece. Desserts and drinks will be available for purchase at this event. Secure your tickets HERE!

# **Important Dates**

#### THURSDAY, 1/2

- Students Return to School
- JANUARY Safety Patrol begins
- NO HOT LUNCH TODAY Please pack a lunch

#### FRIDAY, 1/3

Classroom door decorating winner dress down day

#### MONDAY, 1/6

- Epiphany
- Middle School MAP Testing Begins

#### TUESDAY, 1/7

- T2 Hot Lunch Begins
- Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Middle School MAP Testing

#### WEDNESDAY, 1/8

- Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- Middle School MAP Testing

#### THURSDAY, 1/9

- Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)
- NorthBay Parent Meeting for All 6th Grade Families at 8 a.m. in the PC

#### FRIDAY, 1/10

- Kids' Heart Challenge kicks off at 9 a.m.
- HASA Paint Night at 6 p.m.

#### **Looking Ahead:**

January 12th - Second Sunday School Mass

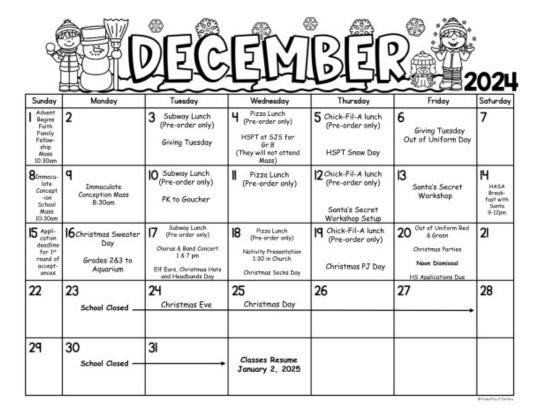
**January 17th - Half Day** 

January 20th - School Closed

February 3rd - HASA Ice Skating Night at the Ice Rink at The Avenue at White Marsh

**2024-2025 Key Dates** 

#### **FULL-YEAR CALENDAR**





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Happy New Year School Closed Solemnity of Mary	2 Student's Return NO HOT LUNCH All Students must bring a lunch to school	3 Door Decorating Winner Out of uniform	4
5	6 MS MAP Testing	7 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	8 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	<b>q</b> Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	10 Kids Heart Challenge Kickoff Gr. PreK-5 @9am	1
	Epiphany		Happy Gram Info Out	NorthBay Parent Meeting 8am	HASA Paint Night 6pm	
School Mass 10:30am	MAP Testing Grs. 2-5	14 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	16 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Noon Dismissal Spirit Wear Day	18
	Mid Year Exams <u>Begin</u> for MS		Hot Spot Raffle Begins			
			Happy Gram Orders Due			
19	School Closed	21 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	22 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	23Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	24	25
		Mid Year Exams Gr. 4,5 & MS		Interims Sent Home	MAP Makeup Testing Ends	
26 CSW& Book Fair	27	28 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)  Mass and Parent	30 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	31 Happy Grams Home Noon Dismissal	
	Teacher Appreciation Day with	HASA Snack for Students	Visitation 8:30–11:30am Hot Spot Raffle Ends	Catholic Challenge 1pm	Student Appreciation Day	

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#### **Christmas Concert**

Join us! Sunday, December 22nd in the Parish Hall at 1:30 pm. Please bring a dessert to share.



## **Advent Confession Schedule**

Please see schedule for dates & times for confession during this Advent season.



# Celebrate the Joy of Christmas: Join Us for Mass!

# **Wolfpack Athletics**

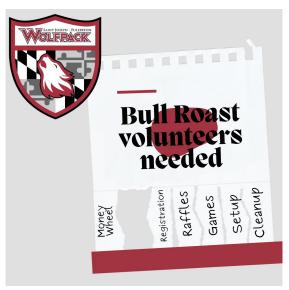


#### SJAA Bull Roast- Saturday, Feb 1st

Get your tickets for the '25 SJAA Bull Roast! Tickets are \$65 each and include all-you-can-eat pit beef, ham and turkey, shrimp cocktail, open bar, and more. RESERVE YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Would you be interested in sponsoring? VIEW AVAILABLE OPTIONS HERE





## We Need Your Help

SJAA is looking for volunteers like you to make the event a success! Help with registration, raffles, games, wheels, set up and clean up. CLICK **HERE** to volunteer!

#### **SJAA Meetings**

All are welcome to attend the SJAA Monthly Meetings. Dates include 12/19, 1/23, 2/20, 3/27, and 5/12 at 8pm in the Parish Center Rooms 2&3. To attend via Zoom, email Mike McGuire.

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