

From the Principal's Desk

Happy December! As the Advent season is upon us and we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, may we continue to keep the themes of Advent close to our hearts. Let's let the themes of hope, peace, love and joy guide all that we do!

Giving Tuesday - We are incredibly grateful to everyone who donated. If you participated, your child may be out of uniform this Friday, December 6th following our out of uniform guidelines as outlined in the handbook. Passes will not be distributed, instead homeroom teachers will have a list of these students. If you haven't donated yet and would like to, please click here to contribute by Friday.

Mass Schedule - Next week, we will attend Mass on both Monday and Wednesday. Monday is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception. Please join us if you are able to.

Coats Please - As cooler weather sets in, please ensure your child is dressed appropriately with a coat, hat, and other winter gear. We love outdoor recess, even in colder weather, and proper attire helps us continue to enjoy it.

Nativity Presentation - Save the Date! We have a special presentation of the Nativity in the church on 12/18 at 1:30pm. Some of our 8th graders will be the main characters, and all grade levels will sing a Christmas song. Students should wear their regular Wednesday uniform. This simple yet meaningful portrayal of Jesus' birth reminds us of the true meaning of Christmas. Parents are welcome to join us.

Second Sunday School Mass - Each month the Second Sunday is designated as our School Mass, and we warmly invite and encourage everyone to attend. Our students, with the help of the Liturgy Club, take active roles in these special Masses. Join us this Sunday at 10:30 am. We look forward to seeing you there!

New Announcements

Scholastic Book Fair

This annual week-long event is coming up January 27th - 30th. Please consider volunteering. It's a great way to earn hours towards Give 8! CLICK HERE to sign up.





November Winter Photo Contest Winner

Congratulations for the Bonner Family for winning the November photo contest!

Don't worry, the contest isn't over yet! Snap a photo with our school's ad at the Ice Rink at The Avenue at White Marsh for a chance to win a \$25 SJSF spirit wear gift card. Email your photo to

Wolfpackshare@stjoeschool.org for your family to be entered into this monthly drawing.

One entry per family per month. Contest runs from November - February with one winning family per month. Winners will be selected at random.

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Faculty Christmas Donation

It has been a tradition that HASA assists in organizing monetary gifts on behalf of the families of SJS for each of our faculty members. Instead of buying individual gifts for teachers, please consider making a monetary donation. Your donation will then be divided equally among all teachers and staff members. Donations will be accepted through Friday, December 13th. CLICK HERE to donate today.

Raise Right Gift Cards

Earn money off of tuition while checking Christmas gifts off of your shopping list. The next order for physical Raise Right Gift Cards is due this Sunday, December 8th.

- Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll
- Select "Join a Program"



Support St. Joseph HASA and Save on Tuition with Gift Cards!

- Go to RaiseRight.com/enroll
- Select "Join a Program"
- Enter the SJSF enrollment code: E5689DCE3L119 to create an account
- Set up your preferred payment method and start shopping! Purchase e-gift cards or physical gift cards (available for pick up in the school office).





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Sign in or join here!



Breakfast with Santa

Tickets are selling fast for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 14th from 9 am - 12 pm. Tickets are \$15/person and include a full pancake breakfast (pancakes, sausage, hashbrowns, fruit, and drinks) in addition to holiday games, crafts, raffles and more. Plus, a chance to tell Santa all of your Christmas wishes! Don't miss out on all of the holiday fun. Tickets are limited, so order yours today!

Volunteers are needed to make this event a success! To sign up, please use **THIS LINK**. Thank you for your support!

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 12/5

• Chick-fil-A Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 12/6

• Giving Tuesday Out of Uniform Day (families that previously donated)

SATURDAY, 12/7

SUNDAY, 12/8

Second Sunday School Mass at 10:30 am

MONDAY, 12/9

• Immaculate Conception Mass at 8:30 am *Holy Day of Obligation

TUESDAY, 12/10

• Subway Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

WEDNESDAY, 12/11

Dominick's Pizza Hot Lunch (Pre-orders only)

THURSDAY, 12/12

• Santa's Secret Workshop Set Up

FRIDAY, 12/13

Santa's Secret Workshop (during the school day)

Looking Ahead:

December 14th - HASA Breakfast with Santa 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

FULL-YEAR CALENDAR

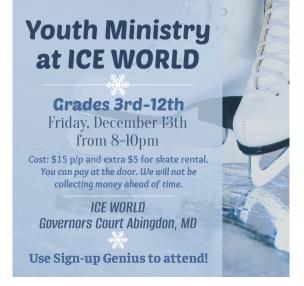
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent Begins Faith Family Fellow- ship Mass 10:30cm	2	3 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Giving Tuesday	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) HSPT at SJS for Gr.8 (They will not attend Mass)	5 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) HSPT Snow Day	6 Giving Tuesday Out of Uniform Day	7
8Immacu- late Concept -ion School Mass 10:30am	Immaculate Conception Mass 8:30am	O Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) PK to Goucher	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	12 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Santa's Secret Workshop Setup	Santa's Secret Workshop	HASA Break- fest with Santa 9-12pm
15 Appli- cation deadline for 1st round of accept- ances	16 Christmas Sweater Day Grades 2&3 to Aquarium	7 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Charus & Band Concert 1 & 7 pm Elf Ears, Christmas Hats and Headbands Day	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Nativity Presentation 1:30 in Church Christmas Socks Day	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Christmas PJ Day	20 Out of Uniform Red & Green Christmas Parties Noon Dismissal HS Applications Due	21
22	School Closed	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30 School Closed —	31	Classes Resume January 2, 2025			





Faith Family Fellowship

We look forward to seeing you this Sunday, December 8th! Join us in the Parish Center following the 8:30 am and 10:30 am Mass.



Ice Skating for Youth Ministry

Join us at Ice World in Abingdon on Friday, December 13th from 8 -10 pm! Open to students in grades 3rd-12th. \$15 per person and \$5 for skate rental. Register now **HERE** and pay at the door.



Giving Tree Project

Beginning the week of November 30th, we invite you to select a tag from one of the Christmas trees in the back of the Church to donate to a local charity. Each tag is labeled with the name of a charity and an item that they are in need of. This year donations will help a variety of charities including the Women's Care Center, St. Vincent de Paul, Village Crossroads and Missionaries of Charity.



Christmas Concert

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





2025 SJAA Bull Roast

Just 10 days left to secure Early Bird pricing for the St. Joseph Athletic Association's 2025 Bull Roast. Secure your tickets prior to December 15th for just \$55 each! Purchasing an Early Bird ticket also enters you in a raffle for a Solo Stove Pizza Oven (retail price \$470). After December 15th, tickets will go up to \$65 each. RESERVE YOUR TICKETS HERE!

Interested in sponsoring? <u>VIEW AVAILABLE</u> <u>OPTIONS HERE</u>



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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