



MERRY CHRISTMAS

St. John the Baptist School
December 13, 2023



From the Principal's

Dear Parents,

The entire staff at St. John's wishes each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed, Happy New Year! May we experience the blessed message of the nativity now and into the new year of 2024, blessing us all with "Peace on Earth and Good Will toward All!"

Thank you for sharing your children with us at St. John's and for working with us to make our school the best that it can be. We look forward to seeing you and your children back here on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

Enjoy this beautiful holiday season!

God Bless,
Mrs. Overschmidt and Mrs. Wissmann



Dates to Remember



- Pre4 Field Trip-Wed., 12/13, at 9:30
- Christmas Concert – Gr. K-3, 12/14/23, at 6:30
- StuCo Movie Night-Polar Express-Sat., 12/16, at 6:00
- Christmas Parties- Tues., 12/19, 10:15-11:15
- Early Dismissal, Tues., 12/19-dismiss at 11:30
- End of 2nd Quarter – Tues. 12/19/23
- Christmas Break: Wed. 12/20/23-Tues. 1/2/24
- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
- Return to school: Wed. 1/3/2024
- Report Cards – Friday, 1/5/2024

Christmas Dress-Down Days

Merry Christmas from the Principal's:

Enjoy some Christmas joy and fun with Christmas dress days.

Thursday, 12/14/23: "Grinchy Green Thursday"

Wear a green shirt or any Grinch shirt or accessory.

Friday, 12/15/23: "Festive Friday"

From head to toe, deck out in all your Christmas gear.

Monday, 12/18/23: "Mad About Plaid Monday"

Wear your favorite plaid shirt.

Tuesday, 12/19/23: "Christmas Party Day"

Wear your favorite Christmas shirt and jeans.



Children of Bethlehem Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert is Thursday, December 14th. All children in kindergarten, first, second, and third grade will perform. They are doing a great job rehearsing and singing in music class preparing for this exciting performance at our school. We hope you will invite your family and friends to join us for a special night to share some Christmas joy here at St. John's.

All students are asked to wear nice pants, no jeans with a Christmas shirt/top. Girls can wear skirts or a dress. Tennis shoes are fine.

The concert starts at 6:30 p.m. Please have your child at school no later than 6:15 p.m. All grades will meet in the music room.



Advent Project

This year's advent project will benefit St. John's Helping Hands who are helping local families in need.

We will be collecting the following items during the Advent season:

Pre-School/Kindergarten: Canned Food Items

Grades 1 & 2: Boxed Food Items

Grade 3: Cleaning Products

Grade 4: Personal Care Items

Grades 5 & 6: Gas Gift Cards

Grades 7 & 8: Hat and Glove sets

Please send all items to school by Friday, December 15.

Thank you to all in advance for your most generous contributions during this Christmas season.



StuCo Movie Night

Mark your calendars for a fun night at our school. We hope you can join us for a Movie Night, showing Polar Express on Saturday, December 16. The doors will open at 5:30 and the movie will start at 6:00. The concession stand will be open with snacks and drinks available for purchase along with pizza for the evening. Hope to see you there.



Jaguar Grill

Check out our Jaguar Grill menu with hot lunches prepared and served by Mrs. Tricia Tune and Mrs. Christina Morgan. Please see the attached December menu. Encourage your child/children to try a delicious hot meal at school. These ladies are doing a fantastic job. Enter lunch money through your prepay account in FACTS. If you are having any problems seeing your balance in FACTS, please call the school office. Thank you to all for donations and for helping support our school lunch program.

Exam Schedule

Students in grades six, seven, and eight will have exams December 11 – 15. Please see the schedule below:
Mon. 12/11: English – Gr. 6/7/8 / Religion – Gr 6/8
Tues., 12/12: Soc. Stu. – Grades 6/7/8
Wed. 12/13: Reading – Grades 6/7/8
Thurs. 12/14: Science – Grades 6/7/8
Friday, 12/15: Math – Grades 6/7/8
Religion – Grade 7



SJG Jaguars

We are excited to cheer loud and proud for our SJG Basketball Jaguars at their games this season. They are practicing hard. Keep up the good work and we look forward to some exciting games.

B Boys Tournament at Spring Bluff – 1/4/2024-1/6/2024
Monday, 1/8/24, at 5:30 vs. R2 at HOME
Tues., 1/9/24, at 5:30 at Borgia

B Girls Basketball Tournament at Spring Bluff, 1/11-1/13/24

Jaguar Spirit Wear Webstore

The SJG Jaguar Spirit Wear webstore is open. Order your Jaguar attire here to wear on home game days and other special SJG days.

sjgsprit23-24.itemorder.com/shop/home

Prevent and Protect

If you would like to volunteer, go on a field trip, or attend a class party, you are required to set up your account in the Prevent and Protect online program. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has an online system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL.

Please go to:

<https://www.preventandprotectstl.org>

Enter the pass code: stlprotect



Christmas Parties

Our Christmas classroom parties will be on Tuesday, December 19, from 10:15 until 11:15. We will have an early dismissal at 11:30 on this day and After School Care will not be provided. Thank you to all our room parents for making the classroom parties a fun time for all students.

Christmas Mass Times:

4th Sunday of Advent:

Sun. 12/24: 7:00/8:30/10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve, Sun., 12/24: 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: Mon., 12/25: Midnight, 7:00/9:00



Christmas Break

We will dismiss at 11:30 on Tuesday, December 19. School will be closed for the Christmas holiday from Wednesday, December 20 through Tuesday, January 2. We will return to school on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

We hope that each of you and your beautiful families have a blessed and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Advent Workshop:

All are invited to the Advent workshop at St. John's on Saturday, December 16th. From 8:30 to 11:00 a.m. Contact Rita Voss with questions or to sign-up at 636-219-8385. See the attached flyer for more details.

Polar Plunge 2024

Come out to celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Baptism on Saturday, 1/6/2024, at 10:00 at Veterans Memorial Park in Union. See the attached flyer for more information. Send in your donations for Mrs. Schmelz to see her take the plunge!



Advent Prayer

"Dear God our Father, as we light the third candle on our Advent Wreath this Sunday, we pray that our main focus is preparing our hearts and minds for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice in this hope of Christmas. We pray that we will see and hear Your voice clearly this Advent. Help us to stay close to You and trust that You have a specific plan for us. We know that You are always with us and we thank You for Your guidance, Your strength, Your peace, and Your love. Amen."

Prayer for Ms. Smith

"Dear Lord, please bless and bring comfort, healing, and peace to all those in our school family who are in need of your tender love and healing, especially Ms. Smith and her family.

Dear Lord, You are the source of all healing and hope. We pray together and ask you to bring healing and comfort to our principal, Ms. Smith. Restore her health and fill her with your strength, peace, and joy. We pray that You will surround her with your love and protection. May we all pray together for Ms. Smith as she continues her treatment and healing journey. We pray that the Lord will hold her close during this time. Amen."







Missourian Season's Greeting Contest

St. John's first and second grade students are participating in this year's Missourian Season's Greeting contest. In art class, each of the students made a black and white Christmas drawing for the contest. The drawings, if chosen/sponsored, will be published in the December 23rd issue of the Missourian. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each grade. The deadline to call for your sponsorship is December 15th. Their phone number is 636-390-3010.



St. John the Baptist School
 "Prepare Our Hearts for the Coming of Jesus, Who Brings Joy, Peace, and Hope to our World"
December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<i>Joy to the world</i> 			
3 Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 5:30 - 7:30 Children's Bible Study KC Christmas Party	4 8:00 All School Mass Grade 1 Plan Mass 5:30 Home Bball Games vs IC	5 Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass; Jimmy John's Dine-to-Donate 4-7:00pm; 5:30pm Ladies Sodality Christmas Party; 6:00 Away Bball Games vs St Gertrude	6 8:00 All School Mass Grade 1 Plan Mass PSR 6:30 - 7:45pm	7 Vigil of the Immaculate Conception/5:30pm Mass; Apple Fest in Parish Center	1 2:30 Athletic Pep Assembly Dartball Set-Up	2 Dartball Tournament 5:30pm Mass
10 Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30	11 8:00 All School Mass Grade 8 Plan Mass 5:30 Away Bball Games vs OLL	12 Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass; Gr. 5 DARE Field Trip; Faculty Mtg 3:15pm	13 8:00 All School Mass Grade 8 Plan Mass; 9:30 PK Dollar Tree Field Trip PSR 6:30 - 7:45pm	14	15 December/June Birthday Jeans Day 6:30pm Men's Sodality Christmas Party	16 Advent Workshop 8:30 - 11:00am StuCo Movie Night 5:30 Doors Open 6:00 Movie starts; 5:30pm Mass
17 Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 5:30 - 7:30 Children's Bible Study WCU Christmas Party	18 8:00 All School Mass Grade 7 Plan Mass Christmas Mass 8:00p Parish Council	19 Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass; Christmas Parties 10:15 - 11:15am Dismiss 11:30 Christmas Break End of 2 nd Quarter	20 No School Christmas Break	21 No School Christmas Break First Day of Winter	22 No School Christmas Break	23
24 Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 Christmas Eve 4:00pm	25 Christmas Midnight, 7:00am & 9:00am Mass 	26 Adoration 7:00pm Communion Service/Mass No School Christmas Break	27 No School Christmas Break	28 No School Christmas Break	29 No School Christmas Break	30
31 Sunday Mass 7:00 / 8:30 / 10:30 New Year's Eve						5:30pm Mass

DECEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4 Tacos Corn Fruit	5 Waffles Sausage Fruit	6 Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Fruit	7 Chicken Patty w/Bun Carrots Fruit	8 Cheeseburger Fries Fruit	2
10	11 Chick Nuggets Mac & cheese Fruit	12 Spaghetti Green Beans Fruit	13 Chicken Quesadilla Corn Fruit	14 Toasted Ravioli Carrots Fruit	No Lunch	9
17	18 Teriyaki Chicken Rice & Veg Fruit	19 No Lunch	20 Christmas Break	21	22	16
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	23
31	31 New Year's Eve					30

Desserts on Friday!

**MONDAY
WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY**
 Chef Salad
 Bread Stick
 Fruit

TUESDAY
 Ham & Cheese
 w/Pretzel Bun
 Chips
 Fruit

THURSDAY
 Turkey, Ham
 & Cheese
 Sub
 Chip
 Fruit

Jaguar Grill

Christmas Dress-down Days

Students can wear jeans each day as long as they participate in the daily activity

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DECEMBER

Mistle-Toes Monday

Wear your favorite
Christmas socks

12

DECEMBER

Tree-Topper Tuesday

Wear your favorite Christmas
hat or headband

13

DECEMBER

Winter Wonderland Wednesday

Wear a shirt with snowflakes,
snowmen, or something white or silver

14

DECEMBER

Grinchy Green Thursday

Wear a green shirt or any
Grinch shirt or accessory

15

DECEMBER

Festive Friday

Deck out in all your
Christmas clothes

18

DECEMBER

**Mad about Plaid
Monday**

Wear your favorite
plaid shirt

19

DECEMBER

**Christmas
Party Day**

Christmas
shirts
and jeans



Stuco Movie Night Featuring Polar Express

Saturday, Dec. 16

Doors open at 5:30p.m.

Movie Starts at 6p.m.

Concessions Available

Admission: \$5 per family

Parents **must** stay

*Love and Share the
gift of Jesus*

ADVENT WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, DEC. 16TH

HELP OUR
FAMILY FIND
THEIR
WAY BACK
HOME

St. John the Baptist Parish Center

5579 Gildehaus Rd,
Villa Ridge, MO 63089

8:30-11:00 am

Contact: Rita Voss for details and to
sign-up

636-219-8385 or rita.voss48@gmail.com

Coffee and pastries provided

Topics:

- Confession
- The veil
- Statues
- Purgatory
- Calling Priest "Father"
- Real presence of the Eucharist
- Sacred music vs. contemporary music
- Blessed Mother Mary
- Interpreting scripture
- Repetitive Prayer & the Rosary

2023 Missourian Newspaper Season's Greeting Contest

St. John's first and second grade students are participating in this year's Missourian Season's Greeting contest. (The contest is only open to first and second graders due to the large amount of schools in our area.) In art class, each of the students made a black and white Christmas drawing for the contest. The drawings, if chosen/sponsored, will be published in the December 23rd issue of *The Missourian*. First, second, and third prizes will be awarded in each grade.

Parents, grandparents, and businesses have an opportunity to sponsor a drawing to be published by calling *The Missourian*. You can sponsor a specific child's drawing or any of the first or second graders drawings.

The deadline to call for your sponsorship is December 15th.
Their phone number is 636-390-3010.

Thank you!

Margaret Durbin - Art Teacher



2023 Whitetail Extravaganza!

Benefitting Friends of SJBG

Grand Prize - \$5,000 value

Sportsman Bow Condo Enclosed with 4x4 timber elevation

9000 BTU Buddy Heater

2 – Guide Gear Big Boy (500 lb capacity) Comfort Swivel blind chair with armrests



Weatherby Vanguard .308 w/

Burris Fullfield II scope

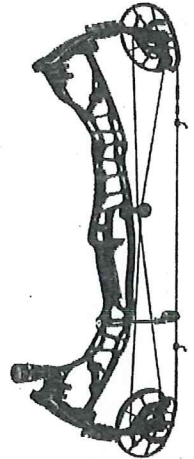


Choice of:

Hoyt VTM31 w/sights, rest, stabilizer, 6 arrows

Or

Tenpoint Titan Crossbow Fully Loaded



Runner Up Prize - \$1,500 value

Remaining Bow Grand Prize didn't select

Bolderton 18' 2-man ladder stand with Grizzly Grip



Third Place Prize - \$140 Value

Tidewe 270 Degree see through hunting blind



Drawing on December 24th 2023

For Tickets Contact: Andrew Patke (314) 609-5781 or

Tricia Tune on Facebook or

“Friends of St. John the Baptist - Gildehaus” Facebook page



Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100

Friends of SJBG is a 501(C)(3). All proceeds benefit SJBG School.

Thank you to our generous sponsors!



Polar Plunge 1.6.2024

**“Make straight the way
of the Lord”**

John 1:23



**Sign up to take the plunge
&/or vote for the person(s)
you want to see plunge.**

- 1. Jill Schmelz**
- 2. Deacon Keith Henderson**
- 3. Leslie Lause**
- 4. Rachel Reagan-Purschke**

**Come out to celebrate the Feast
of Jesus' Baptism**

Registration: 10am

Plunge: 10:30-11:00 am

Ages: 10-up

Pre-register:

www.christplunge.com

\$25 donation (includes t-shirt)

\$10 donation (plunge only)

t-shirts: \$25

Location:

Veterans Memorial Park

600 Progress Pkwy

Union, MO

Hosted by: St. John the Baptist Church-Villa Ridge

Western Catholic Union Branch #268

All proceeds: Feed My Sheep Project