



SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST  
CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY

# The Good News from SJB...

## Principal's Weekly Letter

### Mark Your Calendar

#### H.S.A. Meeting

December 16, 2017  
8:15am - ES Board Room

#### Christmas Break

Friday, December 23, 2016 -  
Tuesday, January 3, 2017

#### Start of Third Quarter

January 4

#### Feast of the Epiphany Mass with SJBMS

January 6 - 9:00am  
Formal Uniform



In tomorrow's reading from the prophet Isaiah, we hear the words of John the Baptist, who cried out, "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God." John began public ministry around 30 AD, and was known for attracting large crowds across the province of Judaea and around the Jordan River. When Jesus came to him to be baptized, John recognized him and said, "It is I who need baptism from you." Jesus told John to baptize Him anyway, which he did, whereupon the heavens opened, and the Spirit of God was seen like a dove. The voice of God spoke, saying, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." Like John the Baptist who was preparing the way for Jesus, Advent is a time to prepare our hearts.

Thank you to Ms. Pernich for preparing the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders for the wonderful Christmas programs. The schedule for the rest of this week is as follows:

- Thursday December 15: PreKindergarten Programs: AM - 10:15am & PM - 2:15pm (SJB Church)  
4th and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades will present "On Our Way To Bethlehem"  
Program begins at 7:00pm; Students should arrive by 6:45pm (Doors will open at 6:30pm) (JDCHS Auditorium)

***Dress requirements: Christmas Best (Like Sunday best - this is a special occasion!)  
No jeans or tennis shoes, if possible.***

- Friday, December 16: 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Nativity Plays  
2A (Miss Hogan): 9:45am & 1:15pm  
2B: (Mrs. Schlehuber): 9:00am & 12:30pm  
2C (Mrs. Molloy): 10:30am & 2:00pm (JDCHS Little Theater)



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## Principal's Weekly Letter (cont.)

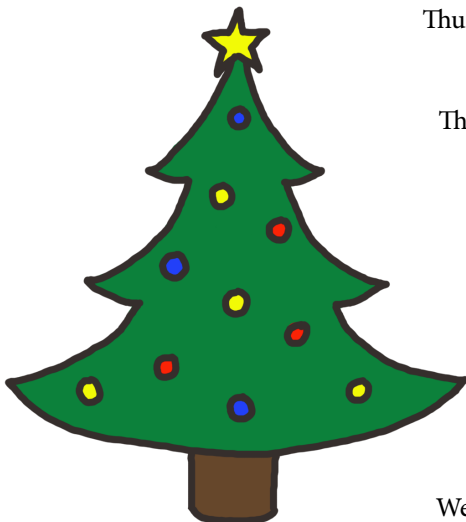
Thank you for your continued participation in Saint John the Baptist Elementary's *Reverse Advent Calendar!* Last Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> Graders delivered over 400 nonperishable food items to Saint John the Baptist Parish. Many families will benefit from your generosity!

The end of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter is next Thursday, December 22. Christmas Break begins with a 12:45pm dismissal and school resumes on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. Please note that Saint John the Baptist Elementary's office will be closed during break, so please ensure that your son/daughter brings all of his/her winter weather clothing, etc. home on Thursday.

In Gratitude,

Nikki Ward, Principal

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE



### PREKINDERGARTEN

Thursday, December 15 at 10:15am & 2:15am in the SJB Church

### FOURTH & FIFTH GRADE

Thursday, December 15 at 7:00pm in the JDCHS Auditorium  
Doors open at 6:30

### SECOND GRADE NATIVITY PLAY

Friday, December 16 in the JDCHS Little Theater

2A (Miss Hogan): 9:45am & 1:15pm  
2B: (Mrs. Schlehuber): 9:00am & 12:30pm  
2C (Mrs. Molloy): 10:30am & 2:00pm

### KINDERGARTEN POLAR EXPRESS

Wednesday, December 21 at 11:45am in the Elementary Gym

For evening performances, doors open at 6:30. Students must arrive by 6:45. For daytime performances, seating will begin 15 minutes prior.



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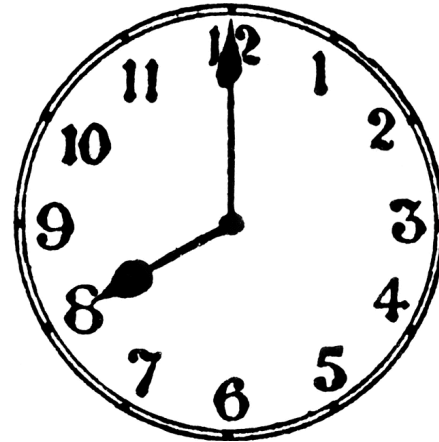


We have many, many, many, jackets, coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts and uniforms in the Lost and Found under the stairs by the front entrance. We even have some snow boots! PLEASE come to see if anything belongs to your student. (Some of the items have names on them, some do not.)

On Thursday, December 22 any items remaining will be donated.



**Join us Friday, December 16 at 8:15  
in the Elementary Conference  
Room for our next H.S.A meeting**



We are nearing the end of the quarter and many students are arriving late to school. Tuesday, December 14 we had over 50 students tardy! Some are lingering in the halls outside their lockers, chatting and not reporting to class ready to learn before the bell. Some are jumping out of their cars one minute before the bell or after! This is not enough time to get unpacked and ready for the school day. Many valuable minutes of learning are missed when students have to report to the office to get a tardy slip. Perhaps a New Year's resolution for the family would be to wake up earlier and arrive before the 7:50 am bell!

Let's see fewer students tardy in 2017!



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