



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL



FR. SAMBORSKI USES CROWNS DURING HIS HOMILY AT FAMILY MASS

SJB SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER 11.30.18

Dear SJB Families,

We had a great turnout of school families at our monthly Family Mass last Sunday.

Thank you to Fr. Samborski for a poignant homily that connected so profoundly with the children!

Our Christmas choral and band concert will be held on December 13. We will have the K-4th graders singing Christmas songs and our band students will perform following the

singing. I am grateful that our new music teacher, Ms. Pineda, is so willing to quickly put together the choral program after being here only a few weeks! I am also excited about our band program performing at our school this year.

Our Bite Club will happen on Tuesday at Dear Franks. You don't have to cook dinner and proceeds go to benefit our students through the P/SA!

We are accepting donations to the Christmas Teachers' Fund until December 7th. Please know that your donations are greatly appreciated, and each dollar goes directly to the teachers.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Blessings,

Dr. Maloney

Principal

Dear Parishioners,

We are called to be in solidarity with those in poverty. As Most Reverend David P. Talley, Chairman of the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Campaign for Human Development says, "Our faith teaches us that we are called to walk with our brothers and sisters who find themselves on the margins of society and to empower them to bring about change in their communities."

Even though we live in a safe suburb with good schools where most of our neighbors can more than meet their budgets, our parish is not immune to poverty. Even those next to us in our homes or in the pews on Sundays may be barely scraping by, living paycheck to paycheck. The loss of a job, an illness, an accident or addiction, or a mixture of life's troubles can begin simply and have devastating financial consequences for individuals

and families. Even with savings in the bank, within a few weeks lives can crumble. If we look outside our parish to the poverty in the larger Chicago area, the problems related to poverty can be almost overwhelming.

Our parish does much to alleviate the suffering of the poor in our community.

- Through St. Vincent de Paul, our parish volunteers reach out and provide meaningful concrete assistance as well as connections to resources. They will soon begin gathering gifts for needy families, and we can all participate in this program so that children have gifts to open on Christmas morning.
- Our volunteers with Uncle Pete's help feed the homeless and hungry throughout the area, providing a whopping 4,975 sack dinners during 2018.
- The blankets gathered through "Wrapped in God's Love" are going out to those who are sick and in need of comfort.
- Through our sharing parish, missionary, and Archdiocese collections, all those who give financially help provide support to the ministries and programs that are important safety nets for those who are struggling.

Our second collection next weekend is to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. There are over 43 million people in the United States living in poverty. This collection supports programs to empower local communities to address the challenges they face. In addition, 25 percent of funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects.

By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a hand out. Please be generous as you give through your parish envelope or through GiveCentral.

Father Mike Meany

To view this week's parish bulletin, which contains the annual report, please click here:
<http://www.sjbrebeuf.org/bulletins>

Dear SJB Families,

We are able to extend the deadline for contributions to the Teachers Fund to December 7th. Cash donations or checks can be turned into the office until then. Checks can be made payable to St. John Brebeuf with Teachers Fund in the memo. Please consider contributing to this Fund that acknowledges the dedication of our staff. Your generosity assures that every staff member is gifted at Christmastime. Wishing you and your families many blessings this holiday season.

Sincerely,

The SJB School Advisory Board

Events:

Monday, 12/03-- Honor Roll Spirit Wear Day
-- School Advisory Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Room 2

Tuesday, 12/04 -- Dear Franks Bite Club (5:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, 12/05 -- School Reconciliation (11:00 & 1:00)
-- P/SA General Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Room 2

Thursday, 12/06 -- All School Mass @ 8:30
-- Junior Jaguars Program for 2 & 3 year old children (8:30 - 9:30)

Friday, 12/07 -- Spirit Wear Day

Announcements:

Join the Booster Club -- An email went out inviting all families to join the SJB Athletic Board Booster Club. Please consider joining!

Do you have a child who is 2 or 3 years old? Our Jumping Jaguars program for young children will begin soon. This year the program will be on Thursdays from 8:30-9:30 am in the school. Please share the news with your friends and neighbors!

From SJB Youth Ministry – ATTENTION 7th AND 8th GRADERS:

Any 7th or 8th graders interested in joining the SJB Youth Ministry, please contact our Youth Ministry Office at (847) 966-9815.

Loyola Academy Ramblerettes

The Loyola Academy Ramblerettes are hosting by popular demand -- Santa's Dance Workshop. Now is your chance for your daughter to dance with the Ramblerettes! 3rd - 8th grade area girls are invited for the fun, Tuesday, December 11, 2018! Check in begins at 4:00! Questions about the event or Ramblerettes, please contact Cindy McLean at cmclean@loy.org or at 847-920-2454 for more information. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

