



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL



*JR. ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MEMBERS SHARE HOLIDAY CHEER AT THE WELLSHIRE*

## **SJB SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER 12.7.18**

Dear SJB Families,

This is the season of giving and sharing acts of kindness with others! Our Jr. St. Vincent De Paul members brought holiday cheer to the residents of The Wellshire on Tuesday. The residents had a wonderful time and greatly appreciated the carols. Each day, our students participate in advent acts of kindness. Today, we fed the wild life outside. Ask your child about this.

Our Christmas choral and band concert will be held on December 13 starting at 7:00. We will have the K-4th graders singing Christmas songs and our band students will perform following the singing. Please note the outfits that the teachers are requesting for the performances.

Our Bite Club will happen on Tuesday, December 11 at Dear Franks. You don't have to cook dinner and proceeds go to benefit our students through the P/SA!

We are excited to give the children the opportunity to shop for holiday gifts for their families at our Santa's Secret Shop! Your child's class has a scheduled time to shop. Please ask your child's teacher if you are unsure. Additionally, we need more volunteers to help. If you have any time to help on Monday (set up), Tuesday and Wednesday (help students shop, wrap, supervies) and Thursday (pack up), please email Margie Graf at [graf416@sbcglobal.net](mailto:graf416@sbcglobal.net).

Thank you for keeping our parking lot safe before and after school. If you have a grandparent or other person picking up or dropping off your child, please inform them about the timelines regarding our parking lot.

Our 8th grade girls and boys basketball teams are having their final home games and the traditional Rose ceremony. Please join us at 2:00pm for the girls game and 8:00pm for the boys game!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Blessings,

*Dr. Maloney*

Principal

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Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is a time of giving, a great opportunity to renew your commitment to St. John Brebeuf Parish and enjoy another year of faith, community and service, and support a cause you care about.

St. John Brebeuf teaches the faith, giving clear moral guidelines to children, teens, and adults, develops the bonds of community in a fractured world, and gives hands-on, real, life-saving support to those on the margins within our community and beyond -- touching people who are in desperate physical, emotional, or spiritual poverty.

***Donate today!***

Your gift at Christmas will make a significant impact. This year, nearly 2,800 people prayerfully worship at St. John Brebeuf each Sunday, the largest number of attendees in Catholic churches in Niles, Park Ridge, Northbrook, and Glenview. Our school, the only Archdiocesan Catholic School in Niles and Morton Grove, supports families and gives their children the tools to live faith-filled, holy lives. Our parish welcomes people from around the world, an example that while coming from different places we are one in Christ -- there is no East or West at SJB. I'm sure you will agree that even though from time to time we have had our differences, like all families, we love and respect one another. We strive to welcome the newcomer.

But, we have more work to do: as we all know, some have become inactive, hurt, disillusioned, or just too busy. Please join me and other parishioners this Christmas to be a voice of hope and reconciliation. Together we'll help more people of good will become once more alive with the peace that comes from Christ. Together, the young and old alike will find solace in their faith and enjoy the many benefits of being a member of this local church, St. John Brebeuf Parish.

***You are invited...***

Our concert series and especially our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Do-It-Yourself Handel's Messiah on Tuesday,

December 10, is one event that is extra-special at this time of the year at our parish. Thank you for your support of our music ministry and Marek Rachelski, our Music Director. You are part of something extraordinary: live classical concerts dating back to the earliest days of the parish when the Niles Symphony Orchestra was born with Father Stanley Rudcki as its first director. All this excellence is right here, in the heart of Niles. Please come and enjoy this concert.

Music has the power to unite us, as one look at the concert goes attest. Catholics – parishioners from all over the northwest side -- city and suburbs, non-Catholics, too, young, and the young at heart.

With Gratitude,

Father Mike Meany, the priests, deacons and staff of St. John Brebeuf

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

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**Events:**

**Saturday, 12/08** -- Final 8th Grade Basketball home games with Rose Ceremony  
(Girl's game @ 2:00 pm; Boy's game @ 8:00pm)

**Sunday, 12/09**-- 9:00 am Scout Mass

**Tuesday, 12/11** -- [Santa's Secret Workshop](#) (Volunteers needed) (8:30 am- 3:30 pm)  
-- [Dear Frank's Bite Club](#) (11:00 am - 9:00 pm)

**Wednesday, 12/12** -- [Santa's Secret Workshop](#) (Volunteers needed) (8:30am- 3:30 pm)

**Thursday, 12/13** -- All School Mass @ 8:30  
-- [Santa's Secret Shop](#) for those who were absent on Tues. or Weds.  
-- [Hot Dog Day](#) (orders are due by 12/10)  
**(no late orders will be accepted)**  
-- Christmas Concert (1:30 preview; 7:00 pm performance)

## **Announcements:**

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

### **From SJB Youth Ministry – ATTENTION 7<sup>th</sup> AND 8<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:**

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

### **Hot Lunch Update**

For January's Hot Lunch, please register AND order online. If unable, please stop by the school office for a paper copy of the order form. Click [here](#) for more information.

### **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](mailto:cmclean@loy.org) or at 847-920-2454 for more information. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

