



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL



OUR STUDENTS IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 4TH GRADE SING AT OUR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

SJB SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER 12.14.18

Dear SJB Families,

We had a wonderful Christmas concert on Thursday! Thank you to the students in grades K-4, students in our junior and senior bands, their teachers, Mrs. Woody and Ms. Pineda for providing a joyous evening filled with holiday favorites.

Hot Lunch Ordering Now On-Line: Please make sure you have REGISTERED for and ORDERED your child's lunch for January. Orders must be placed by December 17. Please call the office if you need a paper copy or have any questions. To order online, register [here](#).

Breakfast with Santa is on Sunday, December 16 from 10:00-12:00. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00 each. This is a festive event guaranteed to put you in the holiday spirit. Click [here](#) for more information.

Birthday Treat Reminder: Please check the Safe Snack Guide [here](#) to make sure the treat your child is bringing for his/her birthday is peanut/nut-free. Dunkin Donuts are NOT a safe choice- there are donuts with peanuts and other nuts located right next to all the other donuts in the shop.

So many of our children are growing! Please make sure uniform skirts are no more than 3 inches above the knee.

We have a great deal of fun planned next week. We start off our 4 day week with students wearing their Christmas pajamas while they enjoy freshly popped popcorn and watch a Christmas movie; we can wear Christmas colors; our first graders are performing the Christmas Story at our school mass; and we have our Christmas parties on Thursday.

Please join us on Thursday at our school mass to see the first graders perform the Christmas Story. They are doing a beautiful job!

Please be sure to read the “Events” that follow Fr. Meany’s letter. There are many dates and helpful reminders.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Blessings,

Dr. Maloney

Principal

Dear Parishioners,

Four years ago I shared this family story, I wish do so again.

Last Thursday, December 13th, marked the birth of my mom's late older sister, Auntie Kay (Katherine Beyenka Simmons). She would always remind us that her birthday was 12-13-14! At the time of her death, she lived alone, after Ed's death in the family's Sauganash, Chicago home, right off of Devon. Blessed with good health, she was still driving, shopping, and enjoying life until her death on December 19th. She had just celebrated her 91st birthday a few days before.

Auntie Kay was fun to be with and always stayed “with it” as they say. She learned to drive a car only later in life and, therefore, she would say that she had to only make right turns in order to get to her destination! She loved to bake, and at Christmastime she would bake a whole selection of Christmas cookies! In fact, she had already completed her Christmas cookies at the time of her death and they were all in tins around the dining room table. The family decided to serve them at her wake!

At Christmastime, family memories come pouring into our individual and collective consciousness. For some they are tender memories. For others they can still sting and be open wounds.

Auntie Kay was always the Meany's favorite aunt because she was there with Ed at all our family's Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmations, Marriages – Birthdays! One, two, three ... fifty, sixty...ninety, ninety one! She would always bring something, even if it was just homemade popcorn!

Once again, Christmas is a time of memories – often laden with sentimentality. Christmas is a time we remember those loved ones who have gone before us and we miss so dearly. Is it from those who love us and whom we in turn love that we find what God's love looks and feels like?

Advent blessings,

Father Mike Meany

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

Events:

Sunday, 12/16 -- Breakfast with Santa (10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the PMC)

Monday, 12/17-- Pajama Day and movie treat from P/SA

Tuesday, 12/18 -- *Cyberbullying* presentation from Officer Hernandez, of the Niles Police Department, for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders (12:05 pm - 1:15 pm in the PMC)

Wednesday, 12/19 -- Christmas Dress Down Day to support the Class of 2019 (\$1.00)

Thursday, 12/20 -- All School Mass @ 8:30 am
-- 1st Grade Nativity Story will be performed during the 8:30 mass.

Monday, 12/24 -- Christmas Eve Family Mass @ 3:00 pm
-- 1st Grade Nativity Story will be performed during the 3:00 mass.

Friday, 12/20 -- Sunday, 01/06 - Christmas Vacation/No School

Monday, 01/07 -- Classes Resume

Announcements:

Jr. Jaguars Basketball Clinic -- The SJB Jr. Jaguar Basketball Clinic is an instructional program designed to introduce our 1st – 3rd grade athletes to the basic skills of basketball in a structured, organized, and fun environment. The focus will be on teaching proper passing, shooting, ball handling, rebounding and defensive fundamentals as well as emphasizing teamwork and sportsmanship. All sessions will be conveniently held in the SJB gymnasium. Lowered baskets will be utilized to accommodate our Jr. Jaguars. To register for the Jr. Jaguars Basketball Clinic, click [here](#).

For any questions regarding this program please contact: Lou Kottke at (773) 724-0185 or loukottke@gmail.com

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 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.

