



ST. JOHN BREBEUF SCHOOL



FIRST GRADE CLASSES ENACT THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST

SJB SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER 12.20.18

Dear SJB Families,

SJB first grade students enacted the Nativity Story on Thursday morning at mass. They gave a moving performance for our school community. Thank you to Ms. Maltese and Mrs. Ries for your hard work with the boys and girls! Please join us at our Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 3:00 to see the performance.

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

Our Christmas Break starts with NO SCHOOL on Friday, December 21 and students return on Monday, January 7. When we return after Christmas break, we will begin our preparations for Catholic Schools Week. We will keep you informed about the fun activities and events leading up to the week. Our Open House is on January 27. We start with Family Mass at 9:00 and the Open House at our school runs following Mass until 12:00.

Please be sure to read the Calendar of Events that follow Fr. Meany's letter. There are many dates and helpful reminders.

Have a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Blessings,

Dr. Maloney

Principal

Dear Parishioners,

I know that for so many of you, Christmastime is difficult. I'll pray for you and your family, especially for those who have lost a loved one in the past year or so. I'll pray especially for those who feel that their loved one died before they had the chance to take care of some unfinished business. It seems that there is often one more thing that needs to be said or forgiven?

While on my eight-day silent retreat this past November, I became acutely aware of all my blessings, especially the love of family and friends, some who have gone to their eternal reward. Take some time to give thanks and rejoice in the small, simple blessings of life, often manifested through your family and friends.

May God Bless you and your families to in this time of remembering, healing, and celebration of the love of God manifested through family and friends – living and dead. Please pray for the dead and know that they pray for you, too, especially at Christmas.

I'm grateful for the Parish Staff and all those in leadership roles. I could not serve you without their help and support. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Since the costs of our various ministries are not covered through any outside fees and assessments, we rely solely on gifts from parishioners and friends to support our pastoral work and our many ministries. Remember you and I really never own the parish, we merely take care of it for the next generation. Would you please consider a special gift at Christmas by making an additional donation to St. John Brebeuf Parish? Thank you for all your past support!

May God Bless you during these Advent Days,
Father Mike Meany

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

Events:

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
-- School Advisory Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Room 2

Tuesday, 01/08 -- Chipotle Bite Club (5:00 pm - 9:00 pm)

Wednesday, 01/09 -- P/SA General Meeting @ 7:00 pm in Room 2

Thursday, 01/10 -- Mid-Trimester (PowerSchool Disabled)
-- 8:30 All-School Mass in the church

Friday, 01/11 -- Spirit Wear Day

Sunday, 01/13 -- Scout Mass @ 9:00 am in the church

Tuesday, 01/15 -- Progress Reports sent home

Wednesday, 01/16 -- Dress in Neon Colors for \$1.00

Thursday, 01/17 -- 8:30 am All-School Mass in the church
-- Pizza Day
-- Parent/Teacher Conferences (**by teacher request only**)
(3:15 pm - 5:45 pm)

Friday, 01/18 -- 12:00 pm Dismissal
-- Parent/Teacher Conferences (**by teacher request only**)
(1:00 pm - 4:00 pm)
-- 8th Grade Graduation Pictures

Saturday, 01/19 -- SJB Science Spectacular including Jim Nessi's Cold Blooded Creatures, sponsored by the School Advisory Board

Monday, 01/24 -- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Announcements:

SAVE THE DATE -- The School Advisory Board is hosting SJB Science Spectacular including Jim Nessi's *Cold Blooded Creatures* and experiment demo's by American Science and Surplus. All ages will enjoy this amazing night Saturday, January 19th. Mark your calendars now!

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.

