

December Newsletter

The Pride of Saint Jerome

We do not change God's Message
The Message changes us!

There was a woman who was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable, and after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on the shelves, she finally made it to the elevator with her two children.

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season; overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, pressure to taste all the food and treats, pressure to get the perfect gift for all the people on our shopping list, pressure to make certain we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened and there was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two children in with her and all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the car everyone heard a quiet, calm voice respond, "Don't worry we already crucified him." For the rest of the trip down the elevator it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Saint Jerome School, we wish you a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th. It is important to make time this year to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Spend at least five minutes a day in prayer, attend some of the Advent services and activities, let the light of Christmas shine in you and in your family.

Student of the Month

The November students of the month are being recognized for their Charity. Congratulations to the following students.

Rm. 17	Victor Nguyen
Rm. 23	Brendan Vena
Rm. 19	Ayden Wallace
Rm. 20	Mya Applebaum
Rm. 28	Emily Keith
Rm. 29	Thomas Nice
Rm. 32	Olivia Czapla
Rm. 27	Jeanna Kendra
Rm. 30	Sienna Thrasher
Rm. 13	Elizabeth Kolakowski
Rm. 14	Hailey Whitlock
Rm. 10	Alex Coates
Rm. 15	Rohan McGuckin
Rm. 3	Philip Butkovic
Rm. 5	Michael Mensch
Rm. 2	Ruben Aguilar
Rm. 7	Riley Butkovic

Report Card Information

Report cards will be distributed on Wednesday, December 7th. We ask that you return them to school by Tuesday, December 13th. Parent-teacher conferences for grades K to 8 are scheduled for Thursday evening December 15th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM and Friday, December 16th from 9:00 to 12:00 Noon. There will be no school for the students on Friday, December 16th.

Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony for those students being recognized for their achievements will be on Friday, December 9th at 10:30 AM for grades 1-8. Honor Cards for grades 4-8 and Academic Excellence awards for grades 1-3 will be distributed at that time.

Up-Coming Events

- December 8th is the feast of the Immaculate Conception. We honor Mary as the Mother of God who was free from original sin. The children will attend Mass at 10:00 AM.
- December 12th is a Faculty In-Service Day – No School for students.
- December 13th is Santa's Workshop. Students will visit Santa's Workshop in the hall and they can purchase some gifts for their family. Please do not send them to school with too much money.
- December 14th is our annual Christmas Show. The evening show for families will be at 7:00 PM in church.
- December 15th Evening Report Card Conferences 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- December 16th Daytime Conferences 9:00 – 12:00 Noon
- December 27th is the Home and School Skating Party at the Skate Zone from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. This is a free event for all members.

BOOK FAIR

Scholastic Book Fair will be held 1/29/17 to 2/2/17. Top quality children's books will be available for purchase at our annual school book fair. Be on the lookout for more information in January.

Science Fair Announcements

Congratulations to the students in grades 6,7, and 8 who participated in the Science Fair on November 9th.

The students could participate either as individuals, pairs, or groups. A special Congratulations to the following students who were awarded ribbons:

Grade 8

1st Place: Angela Sorbello, Payton Pugh, Emma Schultz, and Mikayla Murphy

Honorable Mention: Julia Stewart, Caitlin Warburton, and Joe Richardson

Grade 7

1st Place: Dan Antonetti and Michael Mensch

2nd Place: Michael Carolan and Brendan Leneghan

3rd Place: Gavin Heisler and Tyler Guensch

Honorable Mention: Alex Sros and Kyle Holdofsky

Grade 6

1st Place: Samantha Leprozo

2nd Place: Ashlyn Dietz and Sophia Landino

3rd Place: Rohan McGuckin

Honorable Mention: Ryan Dorofy and Brendan Jackson

Chaperones

The Office of Catholic Education requires all chaperones to have the same clearances and training as any volunteer or employee. You need to obtain a Police Check and Child Abuse Clearance. You must also attend the Safe Environment Training and do the Mandated Reporter training online. When you have completed the necessary paper work and classes, please send it in to the rectory or school.

My Students Progress

Every parent who gave us an email address should have received a password from My Students Progress. The password may have gone to your spam folder or you may have deleted it because of the sender name. The sender said "Message Center Password Request" If you are still having problems, please let Mrs. Bacanskas know.

Morning Drop Off

Although the child care center has closed, the entrance to the parking lot on Holme Avenue may not be used to drop off children. This is very dangerous. We have had several children almost hit because drivers enter the driveway and then turn around to exit while children are walking.

Car Line

I realize that waiting in car line can be time consuming, but it is still the safest way to dismiss the children. If you are getting your children from either the Welsh Road or Holme Avenue lines, the teachers have no way of knowing that the children are leaving with someone who is authorized to take them. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CYO Soccer

We had over eighty children play soccer this fall on six St. Jerome soccer teams. It was a terrific season! Our Varsity and JV teams all made the playoffs. The Boys Cadet team was undefeated. Our players sharpened their soccer skills, engaged in friendly competition, and had a lot of fun. Special thanks to our volunteer coaches, parents, and players for a great season. See you next fall!