

SCHOOL NEWS



St. John the Baptist Catholic School Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar!



- Jan. 2:** School resumes
- Jan. 4:** No School Mass Today
- Jan. 13:** PTO meeting in the Library at 10:15 AM; School Open House 12:30 PM -2 PM
- Jan. 17:** Grade 1 Prayer Service at 6:15 PM
- Jan. 18:** Progress Reports
- Jan. 21:** No School, MLK day
- Jan. 26:** Battle of the Buildings at York Catholic
- Jan. 28:** Mission Day
- Jan. 29:** Money Machine Winner
- Jan. 30:** Parent visitation 9 AM -11 AM; Faith Bee; Fun Day; Roller Skating
- Jan. 31:** Parent Visitation 9 AM -11 AM; Spelling Bee; Grade 2 Prayer Service at 6:15 PM; Snowboarding
- Feb. 1:** Geography Bee; Movie Night

From the Principal's Desk...

A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Work of Christmas Begins

"When the song of the angels is stilled,
 when the star in the sky is gone,
 when the kings and princes are home,
 when the shepherds are back with the flocks,
 then the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost,
 to heal those broken in spirit,
 to feed the hungry,
 to release the oppressed,
 to rebuild the nations,
 to bring peace among all peoples,
 to make a little music with the heart...

And to radiate the Light of Christ,
 every day, in every way, in all that we do and in all that we say.
 Then the work of Christmas begins.

-- Howard Thurman, adapted



Keep Christ in Christmas Contest Winners!

The Knights of Columbus sponsors a drawing contest each year at our school. Students in each class submit a drawing of their idea of what it means to "Keep Christ in Christmas". The Knights of Columbus vote and select a winner from each class. This year the winners are: Bernadette McLain, Wyatt Trabant, Kate Benesch, Olivia Otremba, Asher Corbin, Jacob Powers, and Eddie Campbell. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all their support of our school. If you're looking for a great way to get involved in our church community, the Knights of Columbus is a wonderful group of dedicated Christian Men.



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Catholic Schools Week Celebration 2019

This year Catholic Schools Week is celebrated from January 26th to February 1st. This annual celebration offers many activities for educators, students and families.

January 26th - Mass at 4 pm at York Catholic High School followed by Battle of the Buildings. Don't miss this friendly competition with "Minute to Win It" type games between the teachers and the staff for schools of the York Deanery. A trophy is given to the winning school! Each school has been assigned a color to wear so families can brighten the gym with their school's colors while cheering on their team! A special t-shirt is available for order. Short-sleeved shirts are \$10 and long-sleeved are \$14. All orders must be placed online only at www.etownsportinggoods.net before **January 4th**. Visa, Mastercard, or Discover are accepted.

January 28th - Hat Day; Mission Day

January 29th - Money Machine from the Claire's Gourmet fund raiser. A name will be picked out of a hat for the winner of the Claire's Gourmet contest. That winner will try to grab all the money he/she can before the time is up!

January 30th - Parent visitation day 9 -11 AM (Please just sign up for one day!)

Faith Bee at 9:30 AM, Grades 4 -6

SNAPOLOGY: St. John's PTO will sponsor an assembly featuring Snapology at 1 PM. These themed programs incorporate LEGO/DUPLO blocks and are designed to inspire creativity, team work and social skills.

Roller skating night at Roll'R'Way Family Skating Center in York, 7 – 9 PM

January 31st - Parent visitation day 9 -11 AM (Please just sign up for one day!)

Spelling Bee at 9:30 AM, Grades 4 - 6

Snowboarding at Heritage Hills

February 1st - Geography Bee at 10 AM, Grades 4 - 6

Movie Night at St. John's. A concession stand will be offered along with picnic style seating for families.

Join us as you are able for our fun week!





GENEROSITY IN ACTION

Colin Heim, his parents and grandmother provided 12 Christmas dinners to those in need in our Southern York County community. This is truly the spirit of Christmas in action. Thank you, Colin and family for setting such a wonderful example of generosity.



GINGERBREAD HOUSES

The students in Mrs. O'Byrne's second grade class decorated Gingerbread houses for Christmas. Children throughout the school look forward to voting with their pennies for their favorite gingerbread house. The second grade students will count all the money and donate it to the missions. A big thanks to Mrs. Mareck for constructing the gingerbread houses and making the icing. The project is delicious and the funds raised will help others.



ROBOTICS CODING COMPETITION

On Dec. 4, two teams from St. John's competed in a robotics coding competition in Harrisburg. The teams competed against 6,500 other students in the state of Pennsylvania and only 40 teams were chosen from those students, in grades 6-8. Our team members included Kyle Scott, Madeline Murphy, Josh Baker and Jacob Kelchaw. Our teams came home with an impressive 10th and 12th place.



CHRISTMAS SWEATER CONTEST

Our teachers and staff truly got into the spirit of this time of year by dressing for an ugliest sweater contest. The children cheered on the teachers and the student council made the final decision as to who won – it was Mrs. Bodoh!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Thanks to all of you who supported our Scholastic Book Fair this year. I hope you found some wonderful treasures for your children. This Fair brought over \$800 in books for our classrooms and library!



4th GRADE RETREAT

Students from St. John's 4th grade school class and religious education class gathered on Dec. 15th along with Sr. Jane, Mrs. Mareck, Mrs. Baker and other volunteers to bake brownies to serve at the Lord's Lunch. The Lord's Lunch is a cooperative effort that serves free lunch on Saturdays at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. Kathleen Miller led us in a quiet reflection and how we can come to the Lord in any place that we might be. This retreat day was embraced with lots of energy and enthusiasm for serving others and a wonderful way to prepare for the coming of Jesus.

Registration



Registration for the next school year begins on Jan. 28th. Registrations are due by April 15th. We are expecting an influx of students for the upcoming school year, so I would suggest that you return your registrations as soon as possible. If you are interested in applying for financial aid, that application must be sent in no later than April 15th as well. There are two different scholarships that you may apply for. One

is the Neumann Foundation through the Diocese and the other one is through our school. The information for both applications can be found in your registration packet.



DECEMBER VIRTUE AWARDS

The virtue for December was generosity. This was a very hard decision for the teachers to make as we have so many very generous children. The winners this month were:

Eliana Schulz

Hunter Bodoh

Landon Myers

Henry Richardson

Kate Benesch

Maryn Evler

Kyle Scott

Congratulations and thanks for being a shining example to us!

Principal's Awards



Joey and Jacob Kelchaw for cleaning up the church after the concert.



Aiedan Geary for helping a friend come down the hill after recess.