



St. Joseph School, Fullerton

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Monthly Newsletter



December, 2016 and January, 2017

GREETINGS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

“And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them...And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2:9-11

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As I write this newsletter, it is hard to believe that the holiday season is upon us. It is a wonderful time to spend with family and friends in celebrating all the gifts that God has given us. With all the shopping, sporting events, parties and other activities keeping all of us busy, I challenge each of you to take time and be mindful of what the holidays really mean and to help your children truly understand all of the wonder and joy that you bring into their lives by being present for them. Christ has given all of us the wonderful gift of our children, and at Saint Joseph we are grateful to you for sharing your gifts with us as well as your time and talents.

We look forward to sharing holiday cheer with all of you at the Band Concert, the Christmas Play, Lunch with Santa, the Christmas Liturgy and other events. These events will give us the opportunity to celebrate the holidays together as a family. Please join us in as many events that you are able, so that we can continue to grow together as a community. Mrs. Ashby and I also want to thank you again for welcoming us into your family. We truly feel blessed to be a part of such a wonderful family. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff we would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please remember to reach out to us with any needs, concerns or suggestions this year.

Blessing and Peace,

Kenneth J. Pipkin

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UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1st Annual Christmas Play

As we kick off the holidays we look forward to seeing everyone at the 1st Annual Christmas Play – “The Christmas Chronicles” on Thursday, December 15th. (Please see the attached flyer with all of the details.)

Santa’s Secret Shop

Keep your eyes closed when the children come home from school on Friday, Dec. 2nd. They may have a secret Christmas gift for you among their school supplies. HASA Santa’s Secret Workshop is held for our children to purchase gifts for their loved ones. The youngest children will be assisted with their shopping by their ‘Buddies’ in the older grades. You can help your child by preparing the lists and giving us some hints of who they need to buy for. Shopping during school hours is for students only.

Lunch with Santa

Just listen for the sound of the sleigh bells as Santa arrives for our annual HASA *Lunch with Santa* held on Saturday, Dec. 10th in the Parish Center. St. Joseph School children and CCD students are invited to a pizza or hot dog lunch, games, crafts, face painting and visit with Santa. Tickets are only available online through the school but they do sell fast. We cannot promise that tickets will be available at the door. It has been a sell out in the past.

Christmas Band Performance

To help you get in the spirit of Christmas, we welcome you and your family to our annual Christmas Band Concert. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, December 13th as our award winning School Band will perform twice - once at 1:00 for students and again at 7:00 for families and friends. We hope to see you there.

PROGRESS REPORTS

The 1st Trimester Progress Reports will be distributed on Wednesday, December 7th.

Blessing of the School

Each year, we call upon Our Lord to extend His blessing on our school as we turn the page of the calendar for the New Year. After the 8:15 Mass on Wednesday, January 4th, the celebrant, deacon, our 4th grade ‘Three Kings’, and student body will process from church to school as the year in numerals and the initials of the Three Kings (20+C+M+B+17) are written in chalk over the front door. This is a beautiful tradition that reminds us that God will protect us in a special way throughout the entire year.

Christmas Information

- The last day of school before the Christmas Break is Wednesday, December 21st. We will be celebrating mass at 8:15 in church and all parents are welcome. We will be having a noon dismissal this day. School will be closed from December 22nd – January 2nd. School will resume on January 3rd.
- Students will be able to participate in several activities during the holiday season thanks to our **Student Activities Committee (SAC)**.
 - We will be collecting items for the Women’s Care Center from December 12th – 16th. Information will be sent home regarding this collection.
 - On December 20th students are allowed to wear their favorite “Christmas Sweater” with their uniform.
 - On December 21st classes will have their Christmas parties after Mass to celebrate the holidays. Please look in your child’s folder for further information regarding their class’s festivities.
 - December 21st - students may wear Christmas Holiday clothes and Festive Gear, it is an out of uniform day

HASA Information

Please keep a look out for HASA information in the weekly blast.

TUITION ASSISTANCE/FAMILY GRANT (FINANCIAL AID)

All applications for tuition assistance/family grants are filed through the FACTS Grant and Aid Assessment website (www.factsmgt.com). Additional information and direct links can be found on our website (www.stjoeschool.org) under Admissions – Financial Assistance. Also please see the letter attached at the end of the newsletter. Deadline for all applications is February 28th. If you have any questions or need any help with the application process please contact Mrs. Biggerman at the school office (410-256-8026) on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

FACTS

Saint Joseph School will be transitioning to the use of the online tuition program called FACTS. Information regarding this program will be sent home after the New Year.

RE-REGISTRTION

Re-registration packets will be sent home mid-January.

School Schedule

- School **dismisses at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 21st** and **resumes on Tuesday, January, 3rd**. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Holy New Year.
- Students in Grades 4 to 8 take various mid-term exams during the weeks of January 9th and January 20th. Exams are generally ‘worth’ the same as two chapter tests but the content is cumulative from the beginning of the year. Please check with the children for their exact schedule and make every attempt to be present. Other classes and homework continue during exams weeks.
- School will be closed on Monday, January 16th in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King.
- School **dismisses at noon on Friday, January 27th** for teachers’ professional activities following student dismissal.

Father/Daughter Dance

Our Fathers’ Club is preparing to host the Father-Daughter ‘Dinner’ Dance again this year. Mark your calendar for Friday, January 27th and look for details for this social event to be held in the Parish Center from 6:30-9:00. More information will be coming home via Constant Contact. (Plans are to host a Mother/Son event, like miniature golfing, in the spring.)

LOOKING FOR HOMEWORK HELP?

Our school’s **Homework Connection (HWC)** is here to help your child with their homework! Homework Connection is an after school program which runs **Monday through Thursday from Dismissal (2:50pm) until 4:00pm, and is located in our school library. Students will be dismissed from the Library’s back door.** Students have the opportunity to learn good work habits and complete their homework with the support of a teacher. There is a fee involved. Please email Mrs. Loraditch or Mrs. Veise if you are interested in more information.

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cveise@stjoefullerton.org

OPEN HOUSE & CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK PREVIEW

Each year Catholic Schools throughout the country celebrate all that is special about Catholic Schools. This year, Catholic Schools Week begins on **Sunday, January 29th**, with our *Open House* tours of the school from 1:30 to 3:00. Prospective families are guided through the building by the faculty and student guides and invited to speak with staff. Our award winning school band will perform in the gym at 2:15. Pre-registration for new students is available that day. Please invite your families and friends to come and see what a quality education St. Joseph School can offer to them. St. Joseph School, Fullerton students score significantly higher than national and Catholic school averages on standardized tests. We were one of only 50 private schools in the nation awarded the BLUE RIBBON this year for our outstanding academic program and long list of student services! In addition, our caring faith community provides a safe and positive learning environment, where Catholic values are incorporated into all our curriculum areas. If you know someone who might be interested in our school, please have them call our school office at 410-256-8026 if they have any questions. Please help spread the good word! There is nothing more effective and powerful than word of mouth advertising!

The festivities continue on Monday with *Teacher Appreciation Day*. In the past our HASA has treated the teachers to lunch and classes have prepared something special for their teachers. On Tuesday, the school will provide a *treat at lunchtime* for students. *Visiting Day*, on Wednesday offers a chance to see our students in action during the school day. Our *CSW Mass* will take place on Wednesday, the *Catholic Challenge* will be held on Thursday, and *Student Appreciation Day* (with noon dismissal) is on Friday. (HASA Roller Skating at Skateland is scheduled from 1:00 to 3:00 that day.)

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

High School Placement Test Reminder

HSPT is this Saturday, December 3rd or next Saturday, December 10th.

Scholarships

Scholarship opportunities and programs are posted on the new bulletin board, presented to students in class and sent home on a weekly basis. Please keep a look out for all new opportunities as they become available. (FLYERS AT THE END)

Student Awareness Committee (SAC) Purple Fridays

The SAC (Student Awareness Committee) will be sponsoring PURPLE FRIDAYS for all Ravens' home games. Each week that there is a home game, students will have the opportunity to show their purple spirit. They are invited to wear a Ravens jersey, shirt, or purple shirt over their St. Joe's uniform bottom. Participants are asked to donate \$1.00. The SAC will be sending the donations to various charities decided upon by the student members. This is a great way to show purple spirit and also help those less fortunate. Go RAVENS!!!

Shield The Vulnerable Training Reminder

We are very excited to have many volunteers take part in any and all activities that we host here at St. Joseph School. We just need to make sure that anyone who wants to volunteer to work with or around children has completed the Archdiocesan Shield the Vulnerable Training. Please contact Mrs. Brooks in the school office. The process involves online training and confirmation that it is complete before you are allowed to attend and/or volunteer around the children.

INCLEMENT WEATHER – Hear about closings or delays on TV or Radio

This is a reminder that if St. Joseph School Fullerton is closed because of inclement weather, please listen to WBAL television or radio to learn the status of Baltimore County Public Schools. If they are closed, opening late, or dismissing early due to inclement weather or other natural disaster, we will do likewise. There will not be a separate announcement for St. Joseph School unless there is something specific and different that needs to be announced. In addition, we will not be sending a direct message to your phone or email unless Baltimore County Public School is already closed that day.

LIBRARY NEWS

- **BOOK FAIR DATES HAVE BEEN SET!**
Our Book Fair will be held February 28- March 3, 2017 during your child's regular Library class time. Parents and grandparents are welcome to join your child during their Library time. We could also use volunteers if you are free! Please contact Mrs. Beres if she hasn't reached out to you already.

CLASS NEWS

- **IND NEWSPAPER STAFF TO VISIT 7th GRADE LIBRARY STUDENTS**

Our 7th grade Library students interviewed a “real” newspaper reporter last month, and in December, the newspaper staff from IND will visit to talk to them about working on a high school newspaper. They will get the chance to see the next issue before it “goes to print”, and learn how it gets put together.

- **8TH GRADE STUDENTS TO VISIT FOX 45 TO WATCH THE MAKING OF A NEWS SHOW**

Our 8th grade Library students will get the chance to tour a television station and watch a newscast unfold on Thursday, January 12th. Permission slips have gone home, and Mrs. Beres would appreciate them returned prior to Christmas break before they get lost under the tree – Thank you!

Beginning in January, 8th grade Library student will also begin work with JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT. Mrs. Beres will lead the group through 6 classes of this outstanding financial literacy program (where students learn about credit, bank accounts, the dangers of debt, and how to budget money). This is followed up by a 4 week virtual simulation in the Computer Lab, where students are assigned an identity, career, and salary in a virtual town. They must find a place to live, a vehicle to travel with, as well as pay their bills – all while working within a budget. The program will let each student know if they’ve overspent underspent, or...been unrealistic in thinking they can live on carrots alone!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOWLER

Hot off the presses is the school’s newspaper called the HOWLER! It is attached to the Newsletter. Enjoy the articles!

NEW MASCOT

We would like to introduce you to our new mascot the “WOLF”! The WOLF was revealed on Wednesday, November 23rd at our Blue Ribbon Ceremony.



CONGRATULATIONS

SAC Canned Food Drive Contest

We would like to congratulate Mrs. Diggs, the SAC and the entire school family for winning the first annual Canned Food Drive Contest. They were able to hoist the trophy at our Blue Ribbon Assembly on November 23rd. You did a great job on collecting 3,583 items for those in need. Between the 4 schools over 10,000 items were collected.

Race for Education was a Huge Success

On a beautiful November day, our students and faculty walked, jogged and ran laps around our campus to help raise money for our school. The students enjoyed each other's company as well as the opportunity to do something good for our school. Over 6000 letters were mailed out to your family and friends, asking them to sponsor our students and staff on this day. We are proud to say over \$50,000 has been raised thus far for all of the wonderful projects we have planned for the future. We wish to thank all our parents for providing mailing labels for the sponsorship letters, helping on mailing day, and showing up on Race Day to support their children and provide help. We also thank all the parent volunteers who help Mrs. Beres and Mrs. Isom open and process all the donations. Special thanks go to Mrs. Boze, Mrs. Arnold, Mrs. Rosenberger, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Figas, as well as Mrs. Davidson. Even though the event itself has passed, donations are still coming in (and normally do through January).

Awesome Cross Country Performance at Curley

The Cross Country team completed their season on Wednesday, November 9th at the Annual Curley Cross Country Meet. We wanted to congratulate all of the students on the wonderful job they did this year. Each student represented St. Joseph School proudly.

Knights of Columbus Keep Christ In Christmas Poster Contest

Each year in art class, students in first through eighth grade participate in the Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Burggraff Council. Below are this year's contest finalists. Winners will be announced at our winter music concert in the parish center on December 15th at 1pm. Congratulations to all who participated.

1st – 2nd Grade

Morgan Villarba
Camryn Fiorucci
Jazlyn Piliotas

3rd – 5th Grade

Mackenzie Dain
William Pipkin
Ryan Trimble

6th – 8th Grade

Mariella Smith
Tristan Sapack
Ana Maria Frujinoiu

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Bowser for her help in making this a successful Knights' Council and school activity. The winners will be forwarded to the Maryland State Council for State judging. Trophies, certificates, and a check will be presented to the winners, hopefully, before the School's Annual Christmas Concert.

THANKS TO...

Mr. D'Adamo, Mrs. Sosnowski and Mr. Ripley who worked with our runners all during **Cross Country** this fall. They conducted practices and attended races at several area schools to support our children in this after school activity. We greatly appreciate your time spent with the students and congratulations on a great season!

Thanks to School Board member **Dr. Marvin Tan and the Filipino Community** for the beautiful Blue Ribbon sign hanging out front of the school. Your thoughtfulness and support of the school is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Blue Ribbon ceremony. The Archbishop Curley Drum Line really made the event wonderful.

BONUS PROGRAMS

During the year, through the efforts of the Home and School Association, funds are raised using a variety of bonus programs. Some of these programs are on-going; others have a beginning and ending point. But in all cases they raise money for our school by points you accrue through purchasing their products. We continue to do the following programs with great success and encourage you to send in your Campbell Labels and Boxtops for Education!!

Programs include:

Boxtops for Education

Giant

Campbells – We received \$500 in Visa gifts cards

***Coca Cola – We received a check for \$42.43 this week from your efforts.
Every dollar counts.***

HOLIDAY SHOW

Saint Joseph School is very excited to be able to help share the holidays with our entire school family with the 1st Annual Christmas Show on Thursday, December 15th. The name of the show is the “**Christmas Chronicles**”. All students will be playing a part in the show either as actors or singers. Each student is expected to participate. Below are all of the important details that you will need for this great event.

Christmas Show: The Christmas Chronicles

Location: Saint Joseph Church

Date: Thursday, December 15th

Matinee Performance: 1:00 p.m. – (Doors will open at 12:30) (All Pre-K will not perform in the matinee performance due their schedule.)

Evening Performance: 7:00 p.m. – (Students should arrive at school starting at 6:30 entering through the front door of school and going directly to homeroom. Safeties will assist with younger grades. All students will be in their homerooms when they are not performing. Doors to the church will open at 6:30 as well.

Tickets: Each family will receive three tickets for the matinee and three tickets for the evening performance. The tickets will go home with students on Friday, December 2nd. (Pre-K students will receive six tickets for the evening performance due to the fact that they will not be performing during the Matinee show.) (Due to limited space in the church there will not be any extra tickets available.)

Attire:

- **Matinee:** The actors will be in full costume. All other students will be in their dress school uniform that day. (No P.E. clothes this day)
- **Evening:** Actors will be in full costume. Stage crew will be in all black. All other students are asked to dress in their Christmas Sunday best.

Dismissal: We will follow normal dismissal procedures after the matinee performance. After the evening show all students will be in their homerooms at the end of the performance. We are asking that one parent/guardian go the student’s homeroom to pick up their child. Pre-K will arrive and dismiss from their normal location.





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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Here at St. Joseph School financial aid has been available to eligible parishioners of St. Joseph Church. This year the Archdiocese of Baltimore will also provide some financial aid to other needy families whose children attend Catholic Schools.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment will be conducting the financial need analysis for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and also St. Joseph School for the upcoming school year. Families applying for financial aid will need to complete an application and submit the necessary supporting documentation to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by February 28, 2017. Applicants must apply online at <https://online.factsmgmt.com>. Once an online application has been completed, the following information will need to be sent to FACTS to complete the application process:

- Copies of your most recent Federal tax forms including all supporting tax schedules.
- Copies of your W-2 forms for both applicant and co-applicant.
- Copies of supporting documentation for Social Security Income, Welfare, Child support, Food Stamps, Workers' Compensation, and TANF.

All supporting documentation can be uploaded in pdf format online. Documentation can also be faxed to 1-866-315-9264 or mailed to the address below. Please be sure to include the applicant ID on all faxed or mailed correspondence.

FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment
P.O. Box 82524
Lincoln, NE 68501-2524

If you have questions or concerns about the application process, you may speak with a FACTS Customer Care Representative at 1-866-441-4637.

All applications must be made online. Information about the online application and links will be available on the SJS website. Saint Joseph families will also need to complete a summary form which will be available from Mrs. Biggerman in the school office (410-256-8026) or online on the website. All forms and applications must be completed and submitted by February 28, 2017 for financial aid to be considered.

Sincerely,

Rev. Jesse Bolger
Pastor

The Knott Scholarship Funds announce the availability of full tuition scholarships for the 2017/2018 academic year. These scholarships are for four years, beginning in 5th grade or in 9th grade, and are awarded based on exceptional academic achievement.

Catholic students currently in grades 4 or 8 living in Baltimore City, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford or Howard County may apply.



Scholarships may be used to attend a Catholic elementary school or a Catholic high school located in these geographic areas of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

**All application materials are due on April 7, 2017.
Please see the website for additional details.**

Complete qualification requirements and application forms can be found on the web at www.knottscholar.org.

Scholarship Program

The Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus in partnership with the Knights of Columbus Insurance Advisors is the sponsor of several High School Scholarships for its members and for Catholic students in general. Below is a brief summary of these scholarships and information regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

The Frederick M. Gossman Memorial High School Scholarship

Designed to assist those Brother Knights holding membership in councils within the jurisdiction of Maryland in paying tuition for their sons and daughters at accredited Catholic High Schools; three grants of \$1,500.00 per year, for up to four years, will be awarded. Awards will be made on the basis of academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need. The children of deceased members are also eligible, provided the member was in good standing at the time of death.

The William J. O'Brien Jr., Memorial Catholic High School Scholarship

Three grants of \$1,500.00 per year for up to four years will be awarded. This program is open to any **Catholic student** who is a resident of the State of Maryland to include children and grandchildren of a member of a Knights of Columbus council within the jurisdiction of Maryland. Applicants must have been officially accepted at or must be students at accredited Catholic High Schools. Applications will be judged on academic excellence, personal qualifications, and financial need.

Application period is from October 1, 2016 to February 1, 2017. All applications must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than February 1, 2017.



SJS HOWLER

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Comedy

by: Diana Zelaya

Having a bad day? Well, I have some jokes for you! We'll start off with Question & Answers...

Q: What do birds say on Halloween?

A: Trick or TWEET!!!!

Q: What do you call a cow without legs?

A: Ground Beef!!!!!!

Q: Where do waitresses with one leg work?

A: IHOP!!!!!!

Q: How many stars does a Mexican restaurant get?

A: ONLY JUAN!!!!!!

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Horoscope forecast:

Sagittarius

is about truth in freedom.

That is that sagittarius represents freedom, exploration, adventure, optimistic, and opportunity for growth and expansion in everything. So be optimistic on everything like every idea is a good idea. - Dark Shades



St. Joe's Turns Blue

By: Joshua Joseph

Six public and four private schools in Maryland were named Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education this year. This year our school, St. Joseph School Fullerton, was one of the schools that won the prestigious blue ribbon award for excellence. The blue ribbon program is a United States government program created by the Secretary of Education Terrell H. Bellin in 1982 to reward schools that have achieved high levels of performance or made significant improvements. We, at St. Joseph School, are honored to be presented this award this year. Mr. Pipkin and Mrs. Ashby celebrated this wonderful achievement with our school family on the 28th of September, and November 23rd, in the St. Joseph's Parish center. In fact, on those days all the faculty and staff members wore a blue attire to commemorate the event. We were recognized for this accomplishment at an awards ceremony in Washington D.C. in November. This is a remarkable achievement testifying the excellence not only shown by our students and parents, but also our diligent teachers.

Recess Dilemma

By: Ann Onymous

Many students at our school value their recess more than any other moment of their day. However, most of the student body would have to agree that while this time may be fun, it has some weak areas as well. For starters, there is a lack of equipment in the majority of the recess bags. When the students get outside and begin playing, there is normally a fight over which grade gets what equipment out of the bag. Most middle school students also disagree over the gender and grade separation rules out at recess. Fourth and fifth graders are allowed to play with the opposite gender **AND** the other grade, so why can't the middle school? Recess might have some minor issues and we hope to get them fixed in the near future.

GO CUBBIES!

By: Ella Smith

Look familiar? This was a headline from the movie "Back to the Future 2", which took place in the year 2015, one year ago, when the cubs won the World Series. Now, one year later, they actually did win! The score of game 6, the deciding game, was 4-3 against the Cleveland Indians. Their total wins were 103, and total losses were 58. Their percentages of winnings were 64%. Last year, they came in third last year, and in 2014 they came in fifth. The funny thing is that they've done so well the past few years, but everyone jokes about how they do badly.

Ask Ann
by: Ann Onymous

Dear Fellow Students,

Confused? Worried? Well, you stumbled across the right newspaper column for you. I will give you advice on how to get through any type of hardship you might be encountering. Please submit your questions or concerns in the box on the window sill by the office. Remember not to give your real name away!

Yours truly,
Ann Onymous

Dr.Strange
by: Joshua Joseph

Dr. Strange is a great movie if you like action, adventure and magic. It is a bit gory for a PG-13 movie. Yes, it is **PG-13** movie, so if you are young and planning to watch this movie, be ready and ask your parents. It is a very good movie, and I think you should watch it because it has nice pleasant parts at the beginning and it has the action and magic at the middle to the end. Benedict Cumberbatch played Dr. Strange. He also played in *Sherlock* and *Star trek into the Darkness*. It has a 7.3/10 rating around the release date. It has 210 fresh tomato (*which means it is good*), 23 rotten tomato (*which means it is bad*) around the release date as well. Overall it has a 90% fresh tomato. I hope you can watch this movie. You won't be disappointed.

Fun Facts
By: Joshua Joseph

Did you know that our school's mascot is The Wolf?

Did you know that A Blue whale's heart is the size of a VW Beetle and that you could swim through some of its arteries?

Did you know that the sun is 400x further from the earth than the moon, but the moon is 400x smaller than the sun?

Did you know that Horseshoe crabs have eyes on their tails?

Did you know a banana is actually a berry? A strawberry isn't

Did you know that Cookie Monster's real name is Sid?

**Archdiocese of
Baltimore Youth Soccer**

by: Ben Murray and Sean Gallagher

In the Under-14 boys last game against St. Joseph Cockeyville, Thomas Hausler, was the wall of the team but was also awarded a yellow card by the referee. Aiden Ament scored two goals and Luke Harry scored one. Ben Murray had a really bad foul in the box however did not get a card. Number 25 on Cockeyville's team missed the penalty. Jacob Brown came out, hesitated, and got chipped by #25 were one of the goals. The other goal by Cockeyville was a cross. Jake bounced it in the air. Ben tried to clear it but accidentally hit it with his shin-guard. That cross also came before the penalty. It went straight to the middle and went to Cockeyville and they scored. The St. Joseph Fullerton team survived the St. Joseph Cockeyville 3-2 was the final score.

One St. Joseph under 10 team sadly lost. 3-1 in their last game to Cathedral. Andrew Murray scored for St. Joe. They were down a player with no subs! So it was 7v8 and Cathedral had plenty of subs. Hopefully they will have subs next time and our players are all hydrated.

Students of St. Joseph School please contact Benjamin Murray of 7A if you want to have a paragraph of your St. Joseph sport game on the sports page of the Newspaper. Don't worry about sharing your game summary because I would be glad to commentate your game. Also don't forget the basketball is starting up so have a fun time playing basketball!

Christmas Fun Facts

by: Sean and Brendan Gallagher

~Norwegian scientists have hypothesized that Rudolph's red nose is probably the result of a parasitic infection of his respiratory system

~Each year there are approximately 20,000 "rent-a-Santas" across the United States. "Rent-a-Santas" usually undergo seasonal training on how to maintain a jolly attitude under pressure from the public. They also receive practical advice, such as not accepting money from parents while children are looking and avoiding garlic, onions, or beans for lunch

~The "true love" mentioned in the song "Twelve Days of Christmas" does not refer to a romantic couple, but a Catholic Church's code for God. The person who receives the gifts represents someone who has accepted that code. For example, the "partridge in a pear tree" represents Christ. The "two turtledoves" represent the Old and New Testaments.

~ The traditional three colors of Christmas are green, red, and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth; red symbolizes the blood of Christ, and gold represents light as well as wealth and royalty

~In A.D. 350, Pope Julius I, bishop of Rome, proclaimed December 25 the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.

~Alabama was the first state in the United States to officially recognize Christmas in 1836.

~Christmas wasn't declared an official holiday in the United States until June 26, 1870

~Oklahoma was the last United States state to declare Christmas a legal holiday, in 1907.

