

From the Principal's Desk

Merry Christmas, and what a wonderful fun week we have had so far! An inspiring school Mass last Sunday kicked off this fantastic week, and it was great seeing so many of you there! From our Christmas accessories to the festive winter concert yesterday and Mass this morning where we celebrated our Keep Christ in Christmas Contest Winners (see below), we have a lot of Christmas spirit on campus.

Remember that tomorrow, Thursday 12/14, students can wear their Christmas pajamas. Please make sure the pajamas are school-appropriate. No slippers or crocs are allowed, and if your child has PE, they MUST be in their sneakers. Friday, 12/15 are the class parties in the morning, followed by a NOON dismissal.

We hope you all have a wonderful break filled with family and the celebration of the birth of Jesus at the center of all that you do! We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year when we **return to school on January 2nd**. Wolfpack Weekly emails will take a short hiatus over Christmas break. The next issue will be sent on January 3rd.

Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest Winners:

Grade K-2 Division:

1st place: Jackson Rineman2nd place: Hazel Matkowski3rd place: Alivia Farmer

Grade 3-5 Division:

1st place: Daphne Mendoza2nd place: Cole Sauer3rd place: Saylor Phillips

Grade 6-8 Division:

1st place: Freya Mojica2nd place: Sara Villanueva3rd place: Sofia Shepard

Christmas Mass Times at St. Joseph Church:

Christmas Eve: 3pm, 5pm, 7pm, 9pm Christmas Day: 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:30pm

January Reminders:

- The second round of hot lunch will begin when we return on Tuesday 1/2/24.
- We will recognize our Honor Roll Students after our school Mass on 1/3/2024.
- The 6th Grade Parent Meeting for NorthBay is on 1/4/24 at 8am in the Parish Center. We hope that at least one parent from each family can attend.

New Announcements

Build-a-Wolfie Event - January 26

Join us for our first-ever Build-a-Wolfie event on Friday, January 26. It's the Wolfpack version of Build-a-Bear! Enjoy a fun night of building your own stuffed wolfie and making ice cream sundaes. Unable to attend? You can still purchase a wolfie kit to make at home. Register here by December 22nd.

Lessons and Carols - December 17

You're invited to a Classical Music Sunday special event for Advent, Lessons, and Carols on Sunday, December 17 following the 12:30 Mass. Enjoy light refreshments in the Parish Center with the music beginning at 2:30pm in the Church. All are welcome!

Catholic School of Rock Winter Term - December 26-30

Offered to Youth 17 and under and Adults 18+ from December 26-30. Cost is \$125, Youth from 9am-12pm, Adults 7-9pm. Classes include instruction (instrumental, vocal, theory, songwriting) as well as rehearsal coaching by professional musicians. The week will conclude with a concert open to the public on Saturday evening; bring a dessert to share! **Register here**.

Important Dates

THURSDAY, 12/14

- Wear Christmas Pajamas
- Chick-fil-a Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 12/15

- Half Day (PreK dismisses 11:35, K at 11:45, Grades 1-8 at 12:00)
- Festive Out-of-Uniform Day
- Class Christmas Parties
- High School Applications Due for 8th Graders

MONDAY, 12/18 - MONDAY, 1/1

• School Closed for Christmas Break

TUESDAY, 1/2

- Students Return to School
- Pizza Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Little Mermaid Jr. Tickets on Sale

WEDNESDAY, 1/3

- Subway Lunch (pre-orders only)
- Honor Roll Students Acknowledged during Mass 8:30am

THURSDAY, 1/4

- 6th Grade Parents' NorthBay Meeting 8am
- Chick-fil-a Lunch (pre-orders only)

FRIDAY, 1/5

• Out-of-Uniform Day for Giving Tuesday (passes were distributed to qualifying students)

SAVE THE DATES

1/11: Drama Club Presents The Little Mermaid Jr.

1/12: Half Day 1/15: School Closed

FULL YEAR CALENDAR

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1st Grade to Towson University for Nutcracker Ballet 2nd & 3rd Grades to Science Center	2
3 Advent Begins Faith, Family, Fellow- ship Mass 10:30am	Report Cards emailed	5 2nd Grade Reindeer Sweatshirt Making Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	6 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only) Parent Access Opens	7 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Santa's Secret Workshop Setup	8 Immaculate Conception Santa's Secret Workshop Winter Wonderland Setup	HASA Winter Wonder land
School Mass 10:30am	II	12 Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) Winter Concert 1:00 & 7:00pm	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	Noon Dismissal Christmas Parties Out of Uniform Red & Green SJS Applications Due HS Applications Due	16
17	School Closed Return 1/2/24	Id	20	21	22	23
24 31	25 School Closed _ Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	School Closed	2 Students Return Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only) 2nd Session Begins	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	NorthBay Parent Meeting 8:00am PC Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	5 Giving Tuesday out of uniform day for those who donated and have passes.	6
7 Epiphany Faith, Family, Fellow- ship Mass 10:30am	8 Winter MAP Testing Begins	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only) Charm City Players Little Mermaid Performance 7:30pm	Noon Dismissal Jump Rope for Heart Kickoff PK-5 9:00am PC	13
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21	22	Pizza Lunch (Pre-order only)	24 Subway Lunch (Pre-order only)	25 Interims Home Email 3-8 Hard Copy Pre-K-2 Chick-Fil-A lunch (Pre-order only)	26 HASA: Build a Wolfie	27
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AOB Snow Day Policy:

Below is the AOB policy if there are closures due to snow or inclement weather. Remember, we follow BCPS for all closures, delays, and early dismissals due to inclement weather.

- First Day Closure CLOSED for a true snow day
 Second Day Closure CLOSED for a true snow day
 Third Day Closure CLOSED for a true snow day
 Fourth Day Closure ASYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY, which means work for students will be posted via SeeSaw or Google Classroom for students to do on their own at home. Fifth Day Closure – ASYNCHRONOUS VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY, which means work for
- students will be posted via SeeSaw or Google Classroom for students to do on their own at home. Sixth Day Closure If closed for six or more days, then we will ADD INSTRUCTIONAL DAY(S) to the school calendar - date(s) TBD.

Club Corner

Save the Date for The Little Mermaid Jr.

The Drama club will perform Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr. on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00pm. Tickets will go on sale on January 2nd. More details coming soon.

Wolfpack Athletics



It's going to be the best parents' night out all year!

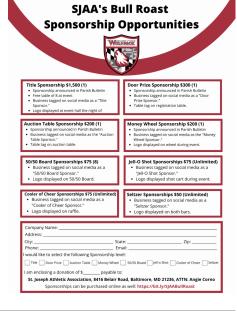
SJAA Bullroast tickets are \$65 per person and include all-you-can-eat pit beef, pit ham and pit turkey, shrimp cocktail, OPEN BAR, and more.

Saturday, February 3 at Columbus Gardens (across from SJS)

Support a great cause... all proceeds benefit the SJAA sports programs. There will be a liquor wheel, money wheel, 50/50 boards, raffles, and door prizes.

We have several sponsorship opportunities available starting at \$50. View sponsorships here.







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