



*St. Joseph Catholic School
Educating the mind, body and spirit since 1894
Elementary Weekly Bulletin
December 10 – December 14, 2018*

*St. Joseph Catholic School was established to provide a Christian Environment for students, staff and faculty alike that promotes both excellence in education and a spiritual faith formation. As a pastoral instrument of the Church, we intend to respond to the needs of the whole person and to support the spiritual, intellectual, physical and social development of each student. It is also our intention to challenge the students to work to the best of their abilities and to live as Christian examples of faith to one another and to the extended community. We will strive to explore and initiate innovations in education and our faith which will prepare the students to take their place as leaders in a changing and challenging society. *St. Joseph Mission Statement**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS WEEK:

THANK YOU PTO AND PARENTS!! – BIG thank you to all of our parents who volunteered their time and service to helping with the Christmas store and substituting for our teachers so that they could benefit the Gift of Time! The success of the Santa Store and the happiness of our teachers would not be possible without your dedication!

Spelling Bee – The school wide spelling bee will be Thursday, December 13th at 1:15pm in the MPR.
3rd grade: Jerusha Arosh and Lily Nguyen
4th grade: Gabe Norde
5th grade: Joseph Starnes and Mayci Noak

ITBS Scores (Kindergarten – 5th grades) – We will be sending home your child's ITBS scores this week. The ITBS is a normative assessment which refers to the process of comparing one test taker to his or her peers. We are testing the students and evaluating their scores in comparison to the nation, not just their classmates. As an administrator, and I am sure you would agree as a parent, I want our students to be compared to a large pool of students from around the nation rather than just a class of 10 to 15 individuals.

At St. Joseph, we utilize the ITBS as a normative assessment for diagnostic purposes. That is why we choose to administer the exam in the fall rather than spring. From the test results, the teachers identify the student strengths and weaknesses and address these needs accordingly. As administrators, we look at the results for strengths and weaknesses in the curriculum as a whole and determine how to address those needs. This opportunity allows us to address the areas of need in the middle of the school year, rather than at the end.

It has always been our school policy that the student scores are sent home to the parents so that they can work with the teachers to address the identified student needs. As I have stated early, the administration looks more closely at the class percentages to assist with identifying the strengths and weaknesses in the curriculum as a whole.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 18th – Christmas Class Parties

***December 19th – Last day of school before Christmas holiday: NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE and DISMISSAL is at 3:15pm**

December 20th through January 4th – Christmas Holiday (NO SCHOOL)

January 7th – Return to School from Christmas Holiday

REMINDERS:

Stopit

Students can download the free Stopit app from the “App Store” or “Google Play” and type in the **school access code:** sjcseagles.

FISH Program - Winter sports are upon us at the secondary campus and it is another great opportunity to obtain FISHours!

[At this link](#) you can find our volunteer sign-up sheets for the Junior High and High School Basketball seasons. With over 30 game days, 90+ games, and three spots per game on the horizon, the saying "many hands make light work" could not ring more true.

If you are interested in working the clock, but may not feel confident about the controls, please reach out to Coach Bergkamp mbergkamp@stjosephbcs.org and he will set up a time to teach you.

To submit your hours, email fish@stjosephbcs.org, and in the body of the email please include a concise description along with the number of hours volunteered.

Remember, in order for hours to be applied towards your balance, the hours must be used in service of St. Joseph Catholic School.

Daily Schedule

Monday, December 10

- Uniform –non dress uniform
- JH Girls Basketball vs. Brazos Christian – White @ 4pm and Gold @ 5pm
- JH Boys Basketball vs. Brazos Christian – White 6pm and Gold @ 7pm

Tuesday, December 11 (MASS)

- Uniform – dress uniform
- 3rd grade field trip to Bush Library
- 4th grade Poetry Tea
- HS Girls Basketball vs. Waco Live Oak – JV @ 5pm
- HS Girls Basketball vs. Central Texas Christian School – Varsity @ 6pm
- HS Boys Basketball @ North Zulch – JV @ 5:15pm and Varsity @ 7:45pm

Wednesday, December 12

- Uniform – non dress uniform
- Elementary Choirs to sign at Generations @ 10:25am

Thursday, December 13 (MASS)

- Uniform – dress uniform
- Spelling Bee – 1:15pm in MPR
- JH Girls Basketball @ Brenham First Baptist – Purple @ 5pm
- JH Boys Basketball @ Brenham First Baptist – Purple @ 6pm
- HS Boys Basketball vs. Aggieland Homeschool – JV @ 4pm
- HS Boys Basketball vs. School of the Woods – Varsity @ 6:30pm
- HS Soccer vs. Waco Vanguard – Varsity @ 6pm

Friday, December 14

- Uniform – non dress uniform
- HS Boys Basketball vs. Aggieland Homeschool – JV @ 6pm
- HS Boys vs. Methodist Children’s Home – Varsity @ 7:15pm

Lunch Menu for the Week:

Monday – Jason’s Deli, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Tuesday – Double Dave’s, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Wednesday – Chick fil A, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Thursday – Buppy’s crispy tacos, fixings, rice, and banana pudding, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

Friday – Buppy’s cheese pizza, fruit, and dessert, baked potato, salad, or PB&J

If you have any questions pertaining to the handbook or the weekly bulletin, please email or call me anytime.

Blessings,

Jim Rike

Please remember St. Joseph Catholic School in your prayers, your service, and your gifts. Call us for the many ways you can support Catholic Education now and in the future.

St. Joseph – Pray for us!