

## JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS

**Christmas Wishes**—The SJS Faculty & Staff extends wishes for a happy and holy Christmas season. Enjoy time with family and friends. May the spirit of this holy season remain with us during the coming year.

**Family Mass**—The Grade 3 Family Mass is being celebrated **Sunday, January 15**, at 9:30 Mass. All families are invited to join us for this celebration.

**First Reconciliation**—The 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders are to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation **Thursday, January 26, at 7:00**, in Church. Please keep these children in your prayers as they come to learn about the loving forgiveness of Jesus.

**Athletic Update** - The next meeting is **Thursday, January 19**, at 6:30 PM. The coach or a representative from each team is expected to attend these monthly meetings. Sports Pictures, **Saturday, January 21**, and Super Bingo, **Sunday, February 12**, are the top agenda items that evening.

**Interim Reports** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester Interim Reports are going to be communicated to you via the Power School Parent Portal on **Wednesday, January 11**. Your child's grade in each subject as of that date is the interim grade. Parents are reminded to check their child's grades which are updated at least every other Monday. Please contact your child's teacher with any questions or clarifications.

**Tuition Raffle** - December marked the third month of the tuition raffle, which is offered to St. Jane School Families. 20 families participated this month: 3 families purchased one ticket, 8 families purchased two tickets, 6 families purchased four tickets, 1 family purchased five tickets, 1 family purchased six tickets, and 1 family purchased ten tickets. The tuition raffle brought in \$256.50 this month. Anthony Martin (Grade 8) is December's Winner. Please consider participating in this raffle during January as a way to earn fundraising credit. January's winner will be announced in next month's newsletter.

**Catholic Schools Week - Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge, And Service**--The annual observance of Catholic Schools Week begins **Sunday, January 29**, at the 9:30 Mass, followed by an Open House in our school. Activities and events are in the planning stages. Once school resumes, these plans will be solidified.

**Safety Concerns**—Given the fact that the winter weather is soon to be upon us, it is important to review some safety procedures for arrival and dismissal times. Please be aware that 52<sup>nd</sup> Street is now one-way going west at arrival and dismissal. Drivers are expected to observe the signs as posted on the barricades during these times. Cars should never be driven along the east side of the building or in the alley behind school in order to drop-off/pick-up a child at the East Door. Usually the hoses are up preventing drivers from using that space as a driveway, but following a snowstorm they have either been moved to allow the area to be plowed or are buried in the snow. Please respect these directives to insure the safety of the children who enter at the East Door.

In inclement weather, students may be dropped off at the South Door and enter the building there. The traffic pattern which allows this to work the best is for cars to enter the South Lot via Austin and proceed to the South Door and exit at McVicker. Since parking spaces are usually limited due to snow mounds, there is no need to park the car. Just pull up and drop your child at the door. Patrol people are there until 8:05.

Your compliance with these procedures insures the safety of our students.

**SANTA'S SECRET WORKSHOP**—Thanks to Mary Kay Ambrose and her elves for a successful Santa's Secret Workshop. This event netted a profit of \$3,190.26. A wonderful selection of gifts and bakery items was provided and the raffle was well-received by students of all ages and contributed nicely to the profit. Santa's Secret Workshop Raffle Winners are:

Chicago Wolves Package—**Donatella Raphael-McElroy**, Instax Mini 70 Camera—**Corinne Pinto**, Play Doh Town—**Ava Silva**, Thunderbolts Family Pack—**Morgan Brennan**, Sky Viper Hover Racer—**Alyssa Hubbs**, Flying High Birthday Party—**Julian Onate**, Flying High Month of Classes—**Alyssa Salgado**, and Hatchimal Draggie—**Samantha Jamro**.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY CLARIFICATION**—Parents are required to report their child's absence to the office by 9:00 A.M. When the child returns to school following an absence, he/she must bring a note from the parent or guardian. The note must contain the following information:

- 1) Date of the note,
- 2) Name of the student,
- 3) Date(s) of the absence,
- 4) Reason for the absence, and
- 5) Signature of parent or guardian

Both the telephone call the morning of the absence and the written absentee note are required. Please comply with this policy as it insures the safety of the children.