



St. John the Baptist School Newsletter

December 4, 2009

Dear families,
Celebration of education is a celebration of growth and renewal. Opening a door to new discoveries gives everyone an eye on the world. It is not easy to learn just as it is not easy to teach. However, the underlying impetus is a profound joy in accomplishment: Knowing that one has learned and knowing that one has taught are gifts.

The staff of Saint John's is a most compassionate community of professional educators who find true joy in learning and teaching. A day never passes that someone has experienced the "ah-h-h" moment of teaching. For a teacher, there is no greater joy.

This year, the joy of teaching is being recognized and awarded to Mrs. Katie Pleus, a third grade teacher. Katie is the recipient of the Diocesan Light of Learning Award for Saint John's. "She brings fun and enthusiasm to the classroom. She inspires children to do their best and her positive attitude has such a wonderful influence. She makes every student feel special. St.

John's is lucky to have her" are some of the comments from her nomination form. Genuine joy radiates from Katie when she is with her students. Her energy, dedication, and professionalism are seen everyday as she teaches. Being a strong, faith-filled role model is the greatest gift Katie brings to her class and our school community. It is an honor and a privilege to have Mrs. Katie Pleus as part of our teaching staff. Congratulations and thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Katie, you are our Light of Learning Awardee!

Together in Christ,
Mrs. Sandor

SANTA SHOP

HASA is sponsoring a Santa Shop Dec. 8-11. Students may purchase inexpensive gifts for family and friends at the Santa Shop. Prices will range from \$1 - \$5.

PIANO RECITAL

Students receiving piano lessons from Mrs. Mosier and Mrs. Singleton will participate in a piano recital on Sunday, Dec. 13, at 2:00 in the music room. All are welcome to attend.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

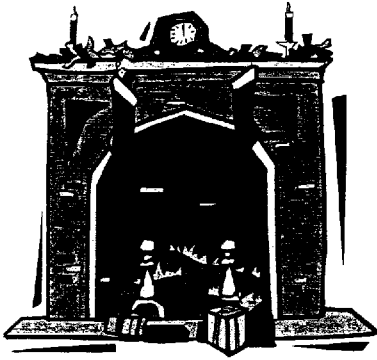
Students in grades K-8 will participate in 2 performances of our

Christmas Program this year. The first performance will be Thursday, Dec. 17, at 7 PM. For those adults unable to attend Dec. 17, we will have an encore performance on Friday, Dec. 18, at 1:30 PM. All grades will participate in the Christmas program, as well as our band. Students need to report to their classrooms at 6:30 PM on December 17. The Dec. 17 performance is a dress-up affair. Students will wear their school uniform as usual for the December 18 performance.

COSTUMES

We are in need of some costumes for our Christmas program. If anyone has any angel, shepherd, or wisemen costumes that you would be willing to let us use, please send a note into school. Mrs. Parr, our music teacher, is working on organizing everything for the program and would appreciate any help with the costumes.





CHRISTMAS BREAK

Our Christmas break will start December 19 and continue through January 3, 2010. School will resume Jan. 4, 2010.

HAIR STYLES

This is a reminder to our students that we do not allow mohawk hair styles or any extreme hairstyles. Our handbook states: Only natural color is allowed. No highlights or multi-colored styles. No extreme styles are permitted. Sideburns may not extend below the ear lobes. Boys' hair length, in the back, must be above the shirt collar.

Bangs not to extend below eyebrows.

Hair on side must not extend below middle of ear. No clothing, jewelry, or hairstyle may cause disruption to the school's learning environment.

VISION SCREENING

Jane Williams, our school nurse, will be conducting vision screenings over the next several weeks. All students in grades K, 1, 3, 5,

& 8, as well as, new students will be screened.* If your child is not in one of these grades and you would like to have him/her screened, please send a note to school.

BOXTOPS

Please keep saving the General Mills boxtops! We receive \$.10 for every boxtop. Yes, it is worth taking a few seconds to cut them out!! It adds up to a couple thousand dollars for us every year!!!

CUBMASTER

YAC is still looking for a Cubmaster. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact John Fazio, 456-9853.

SCRIP

Don't forget to purchase your Scrip Christmas gifts early!! Scrip is your one-stop shopping! Everyone enjoys getting a gift certificate to go out and pick out something for themselves!!

BEFORE CARE & DELAYS

This is a reminder that if we have a delay in the morning, WE DO NOT HAVE BEFORE SCHOOL CARE. Students can be dropped off at school at 9:50 AM for a 2 hour delay.

FASHION BOOTS

This is just a reminder that students are not allowed to wear fashion boots during the school day.

SPELLING BEE

The spelling bee for grades 6-8 will be next Friday, December 11, at 2:15 pm. This will be held in Ryder Hall.

SNOW REMOVAL

Calling all trucks with snow blades!! Saint John school and church is looking for someone to plow snow in the parking lot when necessary. If you are able to help, please contact Jim Saul at school.

BISHOP LUERS ALUMNI HONOR ROLL

Hat's off to Saint John teachers and former students of St. John! Seven of the eleven freshmen high honors students from Bishop Luers were St. John graduates! WOW!! We are so proud of you!!

