



*The season of Advent is upon us. It may seem hard to believe, but Christmas is around the corner! The month of December will be busy as usual at Saint Joan of Arc School. The hallways are already filled with the sound of Christmas music as our students are preparing for the annual Christmas Show on Dec. 19, 2011.*

*Mrs. Matter has put together an extraordinary collection of songs! Miss Racke, our band director is hard at work getting our band students ready for their performance. Mrs. Luppe and her elves are ready for Santa's Workshop and Santa himself will make a visit to our Santa's Brunch. Of course, we are mindful of the true reason for the season.... the birth of Our Lord. Our classes will be preparing for His coming, making Advent a part of many religion classes.*

*This Advent our collection under our tree we will be collecting "Footsies for your Tootsies". St. Joan of Arc School is collecting socks of all types for men and women at our local assisted livings. Please feel free to donate "under our school tree". We will be collecting from Dec. 1-Dec. 19th. Thank you for giving "presents to our residents"!*

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Calendar of Events for St. Joan of Arc School:

*Thur. Dec. 1 - 7:30-3:00p.m. Sarris Candy pick-up*

*Fri. Dec. 2 - \$1.00 Red & Green Dress Down  
- Fish Fry lunch order or brown bag!  
- Fish Fry Caroling*

*Tues. Dec. 6 - All School Field Trip to Consol Energy  
(Free Black and Gold Day Dress Down)*

*Wed. Dec. 7 - 7:00p.m. Instrumental Band Concert @ Our Lady of Grace*

*Thur. Dec. 8 - 9:00a.m. Mass (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) Grade 4 prepares  
- Santa Workshop*

*Fri. Dec. 9 - K-8 Pajama Day! / K-1 Polar Express  
- Santa Workshop*

*Sat. Dec. 10 - Brunch w/ Santa (Gathering Place)  
- Forensics Tournament @ South Fayette*

*Mon. Dec. 12 - Interims mailed*

*Fri. Dec. 16 - 9:00 Advent Mass (Grade 7/8 prepares)*

*Mon. Dec. 19 - 1:30 Confessions  
- 7:00p.m. School Christmas Program*

*Wed. Dec. 21 - \$1.00 Christmas Dress Down for Children's Hospital*

*Thur. Dec. 22 - Free Red & Green Dress Down  
- 12:20 Dismissal*



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***Tis the season of giving! - We have gift certificates available just to name a few:***

***Dick's Sporting Goods, Toys R Us, Walmart, Kohl's along with a variety of national***

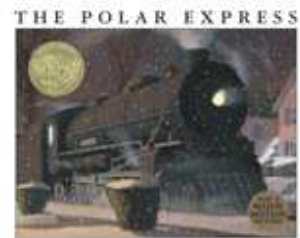
***retail chains along with many, many restaurants. Of course, the "win win" for all is purchasing Giant Eagle and stocking up on your fuel perks while helping St. Joan of Arc School. Giant Eagle and Eat' N Park gift certificates are also available daily in the school office.....so why not stop at our table near the Gathering Place or in the school office and give someone a "gift of a gift card". Thank you!***

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***Winter Retreat Raffle - We are happy to announce that we sold 222 tickets for the winter weekend raffle for a total profit of \$1110! Special thank you to Mrs. Kristen Karrenbauer and the fundraising committee for working on this endeavor. Also, thank you to a generous SJA family for sharing their winter retreat for our school's benefit. Congratulations to the Bergstresser family who will enjoy a "winter retreat" at Deep Creek in January 2012.***

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***Polar Express Day! - The Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be having "Polar Express Day" on Friday, Dec.9<sup>th</sup>. The Kindergarten and first grade will watch the movie "The Polar Express." They will also enjoy drinking hot chocolate with marshmallows! The students will be listening for the sound of the bell! This will be a "Pajama Day" for all students in grades K-8.***



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***Brunch with Santa – Come and have brunch with Santa in the Gathering Place on Saturday, Dec. 10. Brunch is from 10:00-11:00a.m. with activities such as letters to Santa, photos with Santa, Christmas tattoos, and time to shop in Santa's Workshop. Price: \$5.00 per child, \$9.00 per adult. Buffet includes: scrambled eggs, waffles, chicken drumsticks, green beans, fruit, Danish and drinks. Presale reservations were sent home with the children. Contact Mrs. Jolienne Battistone @ 724-348-7121 for further questions.***



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***“Sounds of Christmas” - The sound of Christmas Music and the true meaning of this season will fill our church on Monday, December 19<sup>h</sup> at 7:00p.m. Please plan to join us as we showcase our very talented students under the direction Mrs. Nancy Matter. We will also be picking the “Christmas Cash” winner and the “Silent Night Auction” will follow the production in the Gathering Place. Thank you to Mrs. Kerry Messner for organizing the auction.***



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***SJA Tidbits:***

***\*Thank you for donating \$94.00 to the Light of Life Rescue Mission.***

***\*Thank you for contributing to our Caring Wall. We brought in over 1,000 canned/boxed goods to needy families!***

***\*Note from Father Pribonic –***

***There will be a visit from Saint Nicholas***

***10:30 am Mass***

***Sunday, December 4, 2012***

***Saint Joan of Arc Church***

***St. Joan of Arc.....pray for us!***

***\*\*School will resume\*\****

***\*\*Tuesday, January 3, 2012\*\****