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ST. JOHN'S ACADEMY PARENT NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



Important Dates

January 3rd

School Resumes after Holiday Break

January 17th

No School - Professional Development Day

January 22nd - 23rd

Newman's Midwinter Challenge Youth 5 on 5 Basketball Tournament

January 30th

Catholic Schools Week Begins



A Word From Our Pastor

Dear Friend in Christ,

“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

John 1:5



When it is dark, we yearn for the light. That yearning is strongest this time of year. It is dark when we leave our homes in the morning and dark when we return. Dusk seems more fleeting, for it comes earlier than we wish. The mounting gloom hems us in. Traffic is tougher. The dog must be walked by flashlight. Chores wait for the weekend. We are happier indoors, where lamps and candles bring the warmth and illumination we crave.

Yet the close of the year meets a need in our souls. We are reminded that earthly things come to an end. The darkness, chill, and dampness outside prompt us to find solace within. The very rhythm of things invites us to reflect, to remember, and to pray.

When we do we find that Jesus is the light in our darkness. Even though the darkness tries, it will never overcome the light.

As we bring another challenging year to a close, we yearn deeply for the spread of Christ's light. We pray for the world, which has spent another year under the shadow of death. We pray for our families, in which the general suffering has been all-too specific and deeply felt. And we pray for our Church, the Bride of Christ, that she may be the true bearer of Christ's light.

On behalf of our entire staff at St. James Basilica and St. John's Academy, I want to thank you for supporting our mission to educate every child; body, mind, soul, and spirit. Because of your sacrifices, many children in our community are able to start a relationship with Jesus, and share their faith with their peers on a daily basis.

It is a joy for me to listen to the faith-based stories that are shared, and especially when our children encounter the Living God and share it with others.

On behalf of Mr. Trumbauer, Mrs. Fix, our staff, and myself, Fr. Pfeifer, we want to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the Good Lord reward you with health, happiness, prosperity, and peace.

Fr. Neil Pfeifer



Happy New Year! We hope that you and your family have enjoyed the long break and are as eager to resume the 2021-22 school year as we are.

The end of the year naturally leads to reflection and goal setting for the year ahead. As Christian families, the approach to this process should center on whether our habits and decisions are drawing ourselves and those around us into a deeper relationship with Christ.

In our fast-paced world it can be incredibly easy for days, weeks, and months to pass by without spending much time considering how Christ may be calling us to grow in our faith. Activities, commitments, work, and family responsibilities leave little time for anything else. In fact, the mere idea of adding one more thing can be accompanied by stress and anxiety.

As we ponder what changes can be made in our lives, it is helpful to turn to the Gospel. Luke 6:38 states "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." St. Paul states in 2 Corinthians 9:8 "Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."

From these passages we should surmise that we cannot be more generous than God. Time spent with Christ will be rewarded. Stress and anxiety dissipate, while productivity, peace and wisdom increase when we spend time with our Lord. As St. Mother Theresa stated, "The time you spend with Jesus... will deepen your union with Him and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in Heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

Along this theme, I encourage families to take advantage of the Formed program donated to the Basilica and Academy by Haut Funeral Home. There is an immense amount of programming and information available on this faith-based "Netflix-Like" platform. Formed has content suitable for all ages and is a reliable resource for nearly all faith-based topics as well as family friendly shows and movies. We are very grateful for this gift from Haut's Funeral Home and hope that you and your family will see this as a useful tool to assist your family in your spiritual journey!

Looking ahead, the remainder of the 2021-22 academic year will be exciting and busy. See below for the upcoming dates of importance for January and February:

January 3rd	School Resumes
January 17th	Professional Development Day (No school for students that day)
January 30th	Catholic Schools Week, including a visit from Bishop Folda on February 1st
February 11th	Giving Hearts Day sponsored by the SJA School Board
February 14th-15th	Parent/teacher conferences
February 18th	No School (Parent-Teacher Compensation Day)
February 21st	No School (President's Day)

Thank you for entrusting the staff at St. John's Academy with the opportunity to educate your child(ren). We are honored to have this privilege and will work tirelessly to ensure that they achieve all that they can in 2022. On behalf of everyone at the Academy we wish you and yours all the best in this new year!

In Christ,

Jeff Trumbauer
Principal – St. John's Academy

St. John's Academy

Providing academic excellence in a Catholic environment
Inspiring lives reflective of the Gospel



January VIRTUES

WEEK OF JAN 3: LOYALTY

WEEK OF JAN 10: OBEDIENCE

WEEK OF JAN 17: PATRIOTISM

WEEK OF JAN 24: PRAYERFULNESS



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**Family Virtue Devotions
on our website!**



Save
the Date

a **GIVING HEARTS DAY** event
FEBRUARY 10

JOIN US FOR
**BURGERS
&
BINGO**

at St. John's Academy
6:00 pm Thursday, February 10th, 2022

More details to come!

BINGO!

RECESS

We are entering our coldest months. All students need a jacket, snowpants, boots, hat and mittens to participate in outdoor recess.

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St. John's Academy lost & found continues to grow. The lost & found is located in the office. Please stop by if your child is missing an item.



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Our Merry Little Jammie Party,



Miss Nikki's Kids' Kingdom

A group of children and adults are seated in a theater, holding colorful boxes, likely participating in a play or performance. The photo is framed with a red, decorative border.



With Joy & Happiness, Merry Christmas!
Miss Nikki & Mrs. Jodi

Mrs. Neville's Pre-K

Pre-Kindergarten has had a busy month! We have been learning new things, exploring our environment, praying together, and making new friends! Here are a few of the highlights from the past month:

- We investigated animals that hibernate. We wore our pajamas to school and 'hibernated' with books and flashlights in our tent.
- During center time, we did various Christmas centers such as: pattern blocks, number cards, beads/fine motor, and letter recognition.
- While learning about the Christmas, we focused on what we are really celebrating- the birth of Jesus. We read various books, and reenacted the story of Jesus' birth with our nativity set.





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BE THE MATCH

*and help FACE secure the
future of St. John's Academy!*

FACE's MISSION. FACE is the endowment fund for St. John's Academy. Our mission is to help ensure the long-term financial stability of the Academy and make it possible for all children to obtain the blessings of a Catholic Christian education. Every dollar FACE receives is preserved and invested for generations to come—the annual donation is based on investment returns.

THE NEED. Our children need what St. John's Academy offers: An excellent education in an environment of Catholic-Christian values. Enrollment in grades K-6 is at a record high, and 18 students are enrolled in St. John's inaugural 7th-grade class. Next year they will form the first 8th-grade class.

FACE's annual donation has nearly doubled in the last decade, but the number of families who need financial help is growing faster.

THE MATCH. To meet this need, Jamestown KC Council 1883 has agreed to match FACE's next \$30,000 in donations, and an anonymous donor will match up to an additional \$20,000 in donations to FACE. Our goal is to raise a total of \$100,000 in new capital.

Why you should

BE THE MATCH

You get a “double bang for your buck” in helping to ensure that future generations of children will have access to high-quality, Catholic-Christian education.

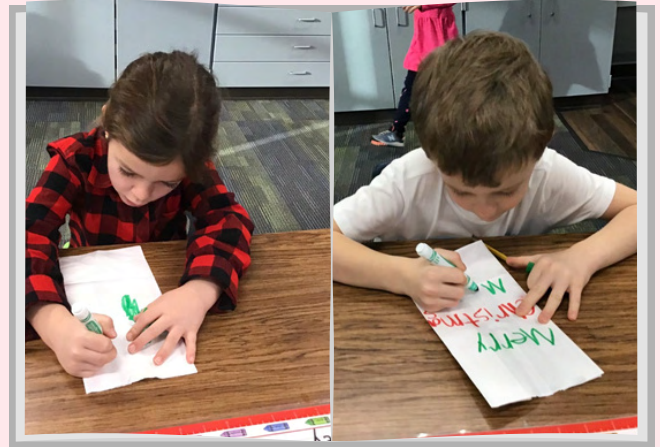
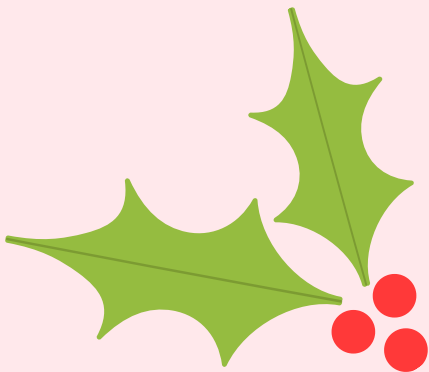
You can get substantial tax benefits by donating to FACE:

- All donations to FACE are deductible on federal and state taxes.
- People over age 70½ with a traditional IRA can avoid paying any tax on their mandatory annual minimum distribution if it is transferred directly to FACE.
- North Dakota residents of any age can get a 40% credit against their state income tax bill by donating \$5,000 or more to FACE in a calendar year. Combined with the federal charitable tax deduction, this can reduce the effective cost of your donation to FACE by 50% or more.

Kindergarten

December has been a time of preparation for the kindergarteners:

- Christmas gifts for mom and dad
- Christmas cards for our Prayer Partners
- Christmas card for the seminarian we keep in our prayers
- Singing for the Christmas program
- Singing Christmas carols with the whole school
- Preparing our hearts for the birth of Jesus



First Grade

December was a busy month for the first graders. We practiced the virtue of Generosity by coloring Christmas pictures for the residents of Eventide. They asked for 150 and we completed 150+ for them in only 2 weeks!! Our hearts are full of love. January is around the corner which means it's Fairy Tale Time! We can't wait for all the once upon a time's and happily ever after's!





Library



Thanks to all the families who have donated books for the SJA Library from the giving tree. I will leave the giving tree up through the end of Epiphany. I wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

-Miss Hournbuckle



Student Council

As we prepared for the Christmas season, the middle schoolers talked a great deal about all that we have to be thankful for and how we are called to help others. We are blessed to spend our days where we can not only learn God's Word but also put it into practice.

Romans 12:6-8

"Then since the gifts that we have differ according to the grace that was given to each of us: if it is a gift of prophecy, we should prophesy as much as our faith tells us; if it is a gift of practical service, let us devote ourselves to serving; if it is teaching, to teaching; if it is encouraging, to encouraging. When you give, you should give generously from the heart; if you are put in charge, you must be conscientious; if you do works of mercy, let it be because you enjoy doing them."

In connection to this, the student council hosted a food drive to support the Community Action Food Pantry. In order to spur on donors, the council had a Hat Day where students were allowed to wear a hat if they donated an item. The student council members were amazed at the support that our school gave to this project. Mrs. Yatski's room was full of donations! Can towers were built; boxed macaroni and cheese walls went up. Council members had to take a cart to collect the donations from the classrooms for the Hat Day alone! The donations were tabulated, and we are proud to announce that 570 items will be donated to the Food Pantry.

Thank you to all who donated!
Have a Merry Christmas!!

SJA Student Council 2021-22
Kaitlyn Monson, Bella Woiwoide,
Adisyn Yunck, Lilyana Schulz,
Joe Trumbauer



Second Grade

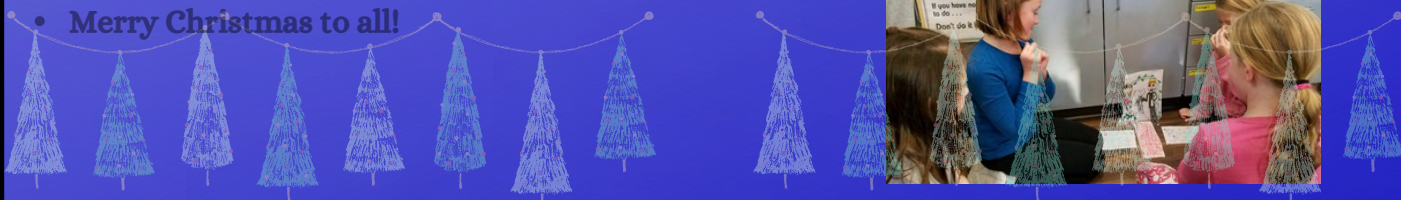
2nd grade has been busy but blissful! We learned how to read and make a chocolate chip cookie recipe, label a line segment, and distinguish the associative property in math. We have analyzed various properties of materials, explored a living things habitat in science and traveled to various countries exploring how they celebrate Christmas in social studies. We were anxiously waiting to partake in our first Reconciliation this month and are so grateful to finally receive this special Sacrament. We continue to practice the virtues throughout the day to build our character and relationship with the Lord.



Third Grade

Can you believe we are close to 2022? Here is a peek at all the activities we have enjoyed this past month and what we look forward to in the New Year:

- Reading about John Midas... a little boy that has the "Chocolate Touch." A wonderful message about how we can practice our virtue of gratitude in our daily life about what we have, not what we want to have.
- Advent lessons that help us carry out Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in our daily lives.
- Recording our hit single, "Christmas Meal Prayer!" (Now playing on Mrs. G's YouTube channel)
- We will be officially starting our Sacramental Preparations in the New Year!
- Merry Christmas to all!





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Fourth Grade

December has been a fast and fun month for our Fourth Graders. We finished the novel *Matilda* and watched the movie in our class! We researched and learned about the Christmas story through scripture which truly prepared us for the Birth of our King. Our seating arrangement was in the shape of an Advent Wreath and each week we "lit" our Advent candle pods. Everything about this Christmas season has been magical. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Fifth Grade

Merry Christmas From 5th Grade!



Middle School

Merry Christmas From The St. John's Academy Middle School!



You may have heard the saying "Out of the mouths of babes" which refers to the adorable things little ones come up with that also have a degree of wisdom. At SJA we can now say, "Out of the mouths of middle schoolers." And let me tell you, our students, when God is present in their entire school day and they work at developing a personal relationship with Him, are profound! As we prepared our hearts for Christmas this December, the 6th and 7th graders wrote an essay for the Knights of Columbus Essay Contest answering the question "What does it mean to me to keep Christ in Christmas?" These essays will be posted in the Basilica; we hope you get a chance to read a few of these. You will be amazed at the example and guidance we can receive "out of the mouths of middle schoolers."

During the month of December, the students also made beautiful cards for nursing home residents and filled a gift box with "Gifts for Jesus." The students know that "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40 They wrote down acts of kindness they did during Advent knowing that the intent of their actions was to live out the Words of God that we hear through the Bible.

Our middle school is a blessing, and our middle school students are an inspiration!



Jan-Feb Breakfast 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
10 Breakfast Pizza Cereal & Fruit	11 Cheese Stick Cereal & Fruit	12 Breakfast Taco Wrap Cereal & Fruit	13 Cereal Bar Cereal & Fruit	14 French Toast Cereal & Fruit
17 No School	18 Cereal Bar Cereal & Fruit	19 Pancake Wraps Cereal & Fruit	20 Popart Cereal & Fruit	21 Caramel Roll Cereal & Fruit
24 Breakfast Sandwich Cereal & Fruit	25 Pancakes Sausage Cereal & Fruit	26 Yogurt Cereal & Fruit	27 Cinnamon Toast Cereal & Fruit	28 Doughnut Cereal & Fruit
31 Breakfast Pizza Cereal & Fruit	Feb 1 French Toast Cereal & Fruit	2 Sunseeds Cereal & Fruit	3 Cheese Stick Cereal & Fruit	4 Muffin Cereal & Fruit

SJA Cafeteria

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Breakfast

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Breakfast Served

From 7:45-8:15

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Jan-Feb Lunch 2022

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
SJA Cafeteria 215 5th St SE Jamestown, ND 58401 Phone: 701-252-3397 ext 31 E-mail: Gerald- ine.Oretta@k12.nd.us				
10 Hamburgers Baked Beans	11 Scalloped Potato & Ham Dinner Roll	12 Sloppy Joe Corn	13 Pepperoni Pizza	14 Macaroni & Cheese Bread Stick
17 No School	18 Tator Tot Casserole Green Beans	19 Pulled Pork On a Bun Peas	20 Mexi/Beef Casserole Bread Sticks	21 Cheese Pizza Roasted Chic peas
24 Corn Dogs Potato Wedges	25 Spaghetti Bread Sticks	26 Sweet & Sour Chicken Veggie Fried Rice	27 MeatBalls/Gravy Mashed Potato Roll	28 Pizza Sticks Spaghetti Sauce
31 Hot Dogs Baked Beans	Feb 1 Chili Bread Stick	2 Taco/Bag Salsa	3 Turkey/Gravy Mashed Potato Roll	4 Fish Sticks Tarter Sauce French Fries

Lunch Prices:

Students-

Guests-\$3.60

Extra Milk-\$.50

A cold sandwich will be offered as a second option every day.

Salad Bar is offered K-7

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