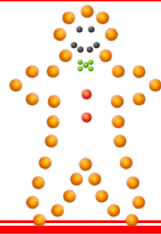


DECEMBER 12, 2018



St. John the Baptist

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Gross's Classroom Newsletter

Brr! It's Cold Outside

With the temperatures dropping, it's time for students to start wearing winter clothes outside for recess. For their protection, hats, gloves/mittens, boots, and winter coats will help against the winter elements. Currently, students are going out with just their SJB zip-up on. Please help remind them that dressing warm is for their safety.

Advent Focus

Adopt-A-Family

The adopt-a-family project was a huge success. Thank you to all the who participated. A family's Christmas has been made a little brighter because of your generosity.

Advent Book

A daily morning advent reflection has replaced our faith journal for the season of advent. Each morning students spend time on a daily advent reflection.

Advent Wreath

An all school advent wreath prayer service took place the first week of advent. Each Monday after, we have a short prayer with the lighting of the next candle.

Reconciliation

Students received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week as part of our advent season. Priests from around the local area provided assistance with this.

Daily Ornament for Jesse Tree (garland)

Every class designed an ornament for the Jesse Tree. Each day a different class hangs their ornament and shares a short reading during morning announcements.

Prayer Service

Next week the students will participate in a short prayer service to conclude our season together.

Music Class Update

Following Christmas break, students will no longer have a music period in their schedule. The time will be allocated for additional core curriculum time and study skills instruction. This is a schedule change that has been planned since the start of the school year. Fifth grade is an ideal time to introduce and develop strong study skill habits that will provide the foundation for a successful middle school experience next year. In middle school all students have the opportunity to choose between band or choir as a fine arts elective. Students currently in fifth grade band will continue with band instruction and it will not interfere with the additional core curriculum time and study skills instruction.

Christmas Program

The school Christmas Program is tomorrow, December 13. Two times are offered to view the program. There is one show at 9:00am and a second show at 6:00pm. All are welcome. Encourage other family members and friends to come and share this experience.



Reminders to Parents

- Christmas Program (9:00am & 6:00pm) 12/13
- Bayport Caroling @ SJB 12/18
- Mass 12/19
- Closing Advent Ceremony 12/21