

December 2, 2021

ST. JOHN VIANNEY SCHOOL

SJV WEEKLY

Up to Date with SJV...

WEEK AT A GLANCE...

Now thru Dec. 10th	Toys for Tots Collection continues
Dress Down Dec. 3rd	Frosty Theme Wear "white day" (white sjv shirts could work. Also hat & Scarf)
Tues., Dec. 7	Fruitcake Fling 3 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 8	Mass 9:00 a.m.
Thurs. Dec 9 & Fri. Dec. 10	Secret Santa Shop
Fri., Dec. 10	Trivia—FB Live 3 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Dec. 15	Christmas Program 2 times 2:00 p.m. (*this will be recorded) & a show at 6:30 p.m.
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SJV Secret Santa Shop 2021

Secret Santa Shop is back. Thank you for taking the time to volunteer! The shop will be located behind the gym bleachers, each item is \$1.50.



Please choose the time that works best for you. We are limited to 4-5 volunteers at a time, so please be sure to signup. Thank you!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A48AAAE2BABFA7-sjvsecret>

Mass this week will be
Wednesday, Dec. 8th at
9:00 a.m. for Immaculate
Conception Holy Day.



Advent—Week #1



Secret Santa next week
Thursday and Friday
12/9 & 12/10.



Envelopes were sent
home this week with
your student.

Christmas Break 12/20/21—1/3/22

At St. John Vianney Catholic School, we educate compassionate, knowledgeable students to follow the path of Jesus Christ.



Self-Control
Honesty
Inspire
Never Quit
Exemplify Christ

From the principal...

Advent Blessings to you and your family! You'll notice lots of color and lights in the main office if you get a chance to come in. Thank you, Mrs. Durkee, for helping us celebrate the season with such joy!



Thank you to all who responded to a survey in last week's newsletter ... about the newsletter! All respondents found the weekly newsletter information useful, if at times, a bit much to sift through. We received incredibly helpful suggestions that we will begin to incorporate into our communication, including finding ways to make it easier to read on a cell phone. Thank you to all who took the time to respond. If you have ideas to share, please send them along. We always want to improve.

Update on the Christmas Program - No big changes from the last newsletter. Here are the highlights:

- We will video the 2PM performance (not livestream)
- If Covid cases are rising, we will limit the afternoon audience to only students and cancel the evening performance.
- Masks required for all performers and audience members
- To accommodate distancing, we will have breaks between performances to allow families to come and go, if needed.
- Uncomfortable about your child participating? We absolutely understand and the program is designed to allow for a flexible number of performers.
- Changes are possible right up until 12/15.
- Wednesday, 12/15 will be a "dress up" day for grades K-4. Sunday best/church clothes are encouraged. (Jeans that are dark and appear pressed are acceptable.)
- Details about a Spring Program for grades 5-8 to follow.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and flexibility.

Holiday Cheer at SJV - In addition to our Friday dress down theme days and our very important Toys for Tots collection:

- We will once again share on Facebook Live our popular trivia contests on Fridays - at 3 p.m.
- A couple of new holiday events this year is a Fruitcake Fling to be held on the football field at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, 12/7. Parents and friends are encouraged to cheer on your child/your child's classmate (and possibly a teacher or two?) as they send a fruitcake soaring. A boy and girl in each grade will compete and the starting line will be adjusted by grade. Why? Fruitcake is always funny.
- Also, we will have a Gingerbread Person Hunt on Monday, 12/6 in addition to our Feast of St. Nicholas annual celebration.
- And add in an indoor snowball toss on Monday, 12/13 (no audience but we will post pictures) and our Christmas Concert on 12/15 and classroom celebrations on 12/17 and we have a December to remember!

Santa came earlier than expected to deliver our new desks! Stay tuned for the big reveal and the blessing of the desks. We have a few models on display in front of the office -- different heights for different grades and students have had fun trying each one, Cinderella-style. They are excited to get them into classrooms, and so are we! More details to follow.

I hear the House Program has an idea in mind for a principal challenge if we meet our Toys for Tots goal of 260 toys. I don't know what that is yet, but I'm excited to take on a challenge!

And last but certainly not least, **THANK YOU to all who donated** to renovate our Science Lab and create a Maker's Space as part of #GivingTuesday. We raised \$1690 and were awarded \$1,000 in grants for being one of the earliest donations and the organization in the diocese with the third highest number of gifts throughout the day. That means we are \$2690 closer to creating amazing spaces that will nurture curiosity, creativity, scientific exploration, and student-directed learning. Merry Christmas!

Gratefully,

Linda Olejnik, Principal



When—Nov 22nd—Dec. 10th

***School Goal 260 Toys (our total as of Thursday 12/2—106!) One more week to reach our goal.**

***Bring new, unwrapped toys to drop-off or pick up lines.**

***Members of MS Houses will be collecting each morning in the drop off and afternoon pick up lines**

***Watch WZZM morning news to get updates on how many toys collected.**



SANTA'S SECRET SHOP IS RETURNING THIS YEAR!

Mark your calendars for December 9 & 10.

Shopping envelopes coming soon.
(preschool through 5th grade)

(Each student can purchase up to 6 items in order to make sure that our elves have enough supplies. Each gift is \$1.50.)



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A roll of Christmas wrapping paper, bows, ribbons or gift bags to the office and receive a candy cane and be included on Santa's "Nice" list!

SJV Spirit Store



The SJV Spirit Store is a great place for Christmas ideas! If you would like to order, please contact Mrs. Werkema at llwerkema@gmail.com



Financial Aid Applications for 2022-2023 Now Available Online

Financial Aid Applications are now being accepted at Blackbaud Financial Aid Management (formally known as Smart Aid)

The benefits of a Catholic education are well documented and we at SJV are constantly striving to keep this opportunity affordable. We encourage you to apply if you need financial assistance. Use this link to apply: [Financial Aid Management \(blackbaud.school\)](https://blackbaud.school/).

Specific instructions can be found here:

<https://stjohnvianney.net/school/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2014/12/12005-22-23-Parent-Instructions.pdf> or on our website under School Communications and important documents and forms; then 2022-2023 Smart Aid Parent Instructions.

School Pick-up Line

Although we need helpers to sign up everyday, we especially need helpers for morning slots and afternoons on Tuesday.



Our end of the day pick-up line is running smoothly, but we could still use your help to make sure that students are picked up in a safe and timely manner. This is a fun and easy way to help here at SJV. Please sign up for a shift on the [Sign-Up Genius](#).

SJV ALUM EXCELLING AT CC & WC

1st Quarter



West Catholic

Grace Koster from SJV School
Alina Acosta from SJV Parish

Catholic Central

9th

Brady Bronson
Genevieve Cook
Victoria Korte
Dawson Morrissey
Ace Natte
Jason Nguyen
Lilly Nguyen
Jayden Tran

10th

Ian Duthler
Brady Gilchrist
Julian Mitchell
David Sepulveda

11th

Melanie Alvarado
Caleb Cook
Alyssa Coppock
Madeline Crites
Amelia Deibis
Samantha Dick
Mary Finkler
Ian Jokerst
Madeline Korte
Annelise Lee
Rayne Maitner
Sydney Schoenborn
Nicholas Warmolts
Connor Wortman

12th

Liam Durkin
Charles Kehoe
Madeline Kehoe
Lindsey Morrissey
Raymond Nguyen
Lucia Perez
Roger Vorel
Andrew Wermuth



Scrip is an easy and safe way to complete your holiday shopping. Scrip cards make great gifts! There are hundreds of merchants to choose from such as Amazon, Meijer, Target, Kohl's, Tanger Outlets, Visa and many restaurants.

Holiday Scrip Schedule



Scrip will be closed on Thanksgiving.



Orders in by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 13
will be ready on Thursday, December 16 (3-4 p.m.)
or Sunday, December 19 (9:30 – 10:30 a.m.)
This is your final pick-up before Christmas.

Scrip will be closed December 20 – January 2.

Orders in by 8:30 a.m. on Monday, January 3 will
be ready on Thursday, January 6 or Sunday,
January 9.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



GRACEAC

Grand Rapids Area Catholic Elementary Athletic Council



Welcome to the 2021-2022 Ski Season!

This document will outline the schedule and expectations for the upcoming season.

Purpose: The Catholic United Ski Team will be coached by various members of the CC and WC HS coaching staff. Scott Inman, Head Coach for the CC/WC high school team will be coordinating the schedule for the CU Ski Team. The ski team staff is committed to helping each student-athlete maximize their potential. We firmly believe that a combination of faith, dedication, skill, and life experiences will allow each student to become better people as the season progresses. The coaches certainly foster the competitive spirit with our athletes, yet we also realize that a well rounded person will be successful in all aspects of life. We tailor our program around this philosophy. We understand that our middle school student-athletes are just beginning their alpine ski racing journey, and will strive to keep things fun, yet competitive. This is the age where we can foster a lifelong love for the sport of skiing.

Skier responsibilities:

- Be ready for practice. Should be ready and on snow prior to scheduled training time.
- Be prepared for race days. Inspection for races starts one hour prior to race, and closes 30 minutes prior to race. Be respectful of fellow teammates, coaches, other competitors, COVID protocols.
- Maintain good academic standing.

Parent responsibilities:

- Provide transportation to/from races and training.
- Support your child.
- Communicate with coaches - follow 24 hour rule
- Volunteer for race day work assignments
 - Varsity races require work positions per Team

Schedule:

Starting on January 1, we will have specific training times:

- Thursdays @ Cannonsburg, time 6:30 - 8:30 pm
- Saturdays @ Cannonsburg, 9:30 - 11:00 am, starting January 15. January 7, we will run from 12:00 - 2:00 pm, as there is a high school race at Cannonsburg earlier that day.
- Tentative training at Caberfae on Saturday January 29
- TeamSnap will be utilized for all team communication, scheduling, etc.

Required equipment:

- Skis/bindings
- Poles
- Boots
- Helmets
- Goggles
- Appropriate outerwear

- Season Pass/Lift tickets

Registration:

Catholic United ski is open to 6th-8th grade boys and girls. All team members must register through TeamSnap [using the following link](https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/293913). (https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/293913)

CU ski player fee is \$250 per participant, which will be paid during TeamSnap registration. This fee covers training space, equipment, athlete lift tickets for away events, personalized race bib.

Coach Info:

Team Coordinator:

Scott Inman, 616-293-2870, skiing@GRWestcatholic.org; skiing@GRCatholiccentral.org

Senior Coaches:

Shelly Funk

Dan Fredricks

Assistant Coaches:

Cory Hagerman

Christine DeVries

Samantha Inman

Dave Trudgeon

Maddie Fagan

Lauren King

Parent Meeting:

We will be hosting a parent meeting night on Thursday, December 2 from 6:00-7:00 pm at Cathedral Square. Anyone interested in learning more about the program is also welcome to attend. The meeting will take place on the second floor in room D/E at Cathedral Square.

Please note that all school rules apply, regardless of the venue at which our team is participating.

Physicals are REQUIRED prior to any involvement with the ski team (Conditioning included).

[GRACEAC WINTER II SPORTS REGISTRATION](https://www.graceac.com/) <https://www.graceac.com/>

In addition to girls basketball, We are in the process of finalizing registration for the first ever Catholic United ski team! Registration for CU ski will use a separate link, as parents will need to pay the \$250 per player registration fee through TeamSnap.

Please note the following dates for girls basketball:

Monday, December 6: Deadline to submit girls basketball teams. Minimum of seven players needed to register a team.

Monday, January 3: Girls basketball practices may begin (start of winter II season).

Saturday, January 15: Girls basketball regular season begins.

Saturday, March 5: Girls basketball postseason tournament finals.

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Parents, please remember to send your student to school with a reusable water bottle. This would help us reduce the amount of disposable cups we go through.

Thank You!

Join us for the first-ever Catholic Central...



Morning with Santa!

Come and enjoy...

Santa
Cookie Decorating
Carols
Pin-the-Nose-on-Rudolph
Ornament-Making
Christmas Cheer
and Much More!

Saturday, December 11th | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Catholic Central High School Student Center



WEST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

- On a West Catholic Shadow Day, 8th-grade students are paired with a West Catholic student to experience a day in their life. By sitting in on a few classes, eating in the lunchroom and meeting WC students, your child will see what they will experience during their time at West.

8th Grade Shadow Day

Monday, Dec 6th

[Click here to learn more and sign up](#)

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Winter/Spring 2022 Semester Dates:

- Tuesday, February 8, 9:45-1:20 p.m. (Mass; St. Josephine of Bakhita week)
- Monday, February 14, 9-11:55 a.m.
- Monday, March 7, 9-11:55 a.m.
- Friday, March 18, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Basketball Boys & Girls Youth Camps

Starting December 18th (soon!)

K-4th grade

<https://www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/athletics.cfm>

Youth Cheer Camp

Over Christmas Break (soon!)

K-8 Grade

Spend time sharing, tumbling, jumping, and invitation to attend a competitive cheer invitational after attending cheer camp!

<https://www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/athletics.cfm>

Middle School Esports League

5th-8th graders

Jan. 26—Mar 9

<https://www.grwestcatholicprograms.org/athletics.cfm>