



A biweekly communication for the parents, students, and friends of Saint Joseph's Episcopal School

### Message from the Head of School, Tami Pleasanton

Greetings!

I hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing Thanksgiving break! I have enjoyed hearing some of the wonderful activities, traditions, and events that our students participated in during the celebration of Thanksgiving. It sounds like all had a wonderful time. I would like to thank everyone again for generously donating to the **Food For Families** drive in support of hunger relief in our community during the Thanksgiving season!

Santa's Workshop has been busy this week, led by our very own elf extraordinaire **Patty Jones!** I hope you enjoyed your shopping experience, as I know there were some amazing products this year. I would like to thank our **Parent Organization** for doing a great job planning and organizing wonderful events such as these for our Saint Joseph's families.

We are excited to announce the close of a successful Annual Fund campaign again this year with 100% participation! Fun was had

by all during the donors' cocktail reception at Northern Trust Bank generously provided by **Stacey Hallberg**. Thank you to **Eric and Vanessa Wilson** for chairing the campaign and to all the Grade Captains for their hard work. We also appreciate our school community for so enthusiastically supporting this important campaign for the growth and development of our school.

We look forward to the upcoming performance by our **Lower School** at their musical on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Also that evening, our **Eighth Grade** students, led by Father William, will be participating in the Angel Tree Dinner at Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church. Working together, they will be providing dinner and Christmas gifts to families in need.

As always, please feel free to call me with any questions, comments, or concerns at 561-704-7714.

Be well,  
*Tami*

### Announcements



#### AUCTION BLOG

Congratulations to all our basket winners! We know you will enjoy them for yourself or as gifts for that someone special. Our basket auction was a huge success. We want to thank our Room Parents for working so hard on the beautiful baskets...the buzz around campus was these were some of the best baskets ever! Our top earning basket this year was our **ECA**...way to go!

**A SNEAK PEAK** – How about an awesome Pirate Birthday Party? Take a voyage on a real ship, experience a battle on the high seas, and enjoy a treasure hunt! This is one of the incredible items we have secured for the **ALL SHOOK UP! AUCTION 2012**. We are busy working on many new items, in addition to those time-

honored ones we love. Got an idea or a connection to help us secure something special? Please contact us.

The **ALL SHOOK UP! AUCTION 2012** website is now up and running. Please go to <http://www.sjsauction.org> for updates and those all-important auction donation forms! There is also a link from the school website; just click on the auction logo. Remember SJES and the auction when you are out doing your holiday shopping. Get those donations in early. Lastly, we want to give a big thanks to Michelle Donahue for all her assistance with the website and the basket auction. These fundraisers literally take a village!

Until next time,  
Lori Rex and Darlene Rowley, All Shook Up! Auction 2012 Co-chairs  
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[darrowley@aol.com](mailto:darrowley@aol.com))

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#### School Pictures

Use this link to view the pictures: <http://mosaicproduction-sinc.zenfolio.com> (The password is **jag-uuar**.) Use the photo order form to purchase

school pictures. (An order form can be found on Page 8 of *Connections*, in the Main Office, or at the ECA front desk.)

Please contact Carol Cunningham directly with any questions about the ordering process: [cjcunningham@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjcunningham@bellsouth.net) or 561-543-7932. Sibling photos are taken before school and appt. times are still available.

**Winter Warm & Fuzzy!**  
**SJES is RECYCLING!**

**SJES PO & Fifth Grade**  
 Community Outreach

Now - Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at Drop Off & Pick Up

We are collecting gently used hand-me-downs of winter jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, long johns, boots, etc. The items collected will be distributed to local elementary schools in Palm Beach County whose students are less fortunate but need winter warmth. We are trying to help with children that will be going to Washington, D.C. as a part of their Safety Patrol trip. As our **Fifth Grade** also goes to Washington, D.C., this is an easy way to help give to the kids that need jackets, gloves, scarves, boots, and long johns for their similar trip. We are also hoping to help those that just need good warmth for a cold Florida day, too!

For questions, please contact Kelly DuBois at 441-0155 or Ingrid Kenemer at 441-0967.

**Twenty-Four**  
 by Kathy Reese

The object of the game 24 is to mathematically arrive at 24 using only four given numbers. The students can add, subtract, multiply, and divide. They must use all four numbers, but use each only once. The **Sixth and Seventh Graders** are challenged, but successful. Can you make 24 using the numbers 11, 10, 6, and 8? This particular one has stumped us for a while now!

Answer:  $(11-8) \times (10-6) = 24$

**It's a Mystery!**  
 by Audrey MacPhee

Are they detectives, imposters, missing persons, clones, spies, burglars, undercover agents, or lawyers? Can you identify the mystery character each student is portraying? Students in **Fourth Grade** enjoyed reading mystery books and wrote detailed book reports about their stories. Enter the mystery world of **Fourth Grade** and learn about the mysterious people, the eavesdropping, the court cases, the tragedies, trials, and the secret identities. Which mystery catches your attention? Speak to a **Fourth Grader** to get a sneak preview of these stories. They **WILL NOT** tell you the ending! **YOU** must read the stories. See Mrs. Williams, our school librarian, to check out these books soon!



**Cell Organelles**  
 by Andrew Wideroff

The **Eighth Grade** recently completed a project on cell organelles. Organelles are specialized bodies within a cell that perform specific functions. Students had a great time presenting their organelles to the class. Each presentation was complete with a poster board, and some groups even created a PowerPoint display. It's fascinating to see how these tiny structures have such advanced behaviors!



**Annual Fund Society Event**  
**A Soaring Success!**

There was great reason to celebrate on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> as we closed out the 2011-2012 Annual Fund Campaign with a festive and spirited Paella Party for our Annual Fund Society Members. Those who donated at the Leadership Circle level and above shared an evening of friendship, all with the common goal of supporting Saint Joseph's Episcopal School. Our thanks and appreciation to all who invested in the Annual Fund for the benefit of the children of St. Joe's School.

We would also like to recognize the winning class of the Kids Change Drive. Congratulations to **Sixth Grade** who

had a total amount of \$137.50! The entire class will receive lunch from Jersey Mike's Subs!!! Thanks to all who helped make this year's campaign such a wonderful success.



Annual Fund Society Members **Darlene Rowley, Deanna Patrick, Jaime Veccia, Eric and Vanessa Wilson, Brian Veccia, and David Rowley** spend quality time with Tami Pleasanton at the Paella Party.

**Christmas in April**  
 by Becky Cleveland

It was the day before Thanksgiving break and all through the school, the **Middle School** students were singing elf tunes. Elves and Turkeys??? This seems a strange mix, but it all became clear. The sounds we heard were from the singing auditions for the Spring Production, "The Elves and the Shoemaker". What a pleasure it was to hear all the talented SJES students! The play is cast and scripts are home for study. Rehearsals begin after Christmas break, and the show will be performed on Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the wintery set designed gym/theater. Prepare yourself for a Christmas-type show in the mid-April heat. Isn't it great to celebrate Christmas all year?



**Union Forces Regroup After Defeat By Confederates**  
 by Dennis Hill

The **Eighth Grade** learned how the Union forces suffered defeat in Virginia due to overconfidence in their superior number of fighting men. Later in the war, the Union forces stopped the South's invasion of Maryland and then advanced down the Mississippi River to divide the Confederate forces.

**SJES Builds Character:**

**gratitude** | 'grateɪ(t)yōd |  
 noun

1. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness.



## Which Do You Prefer?

by Kyle Aubrey

**Fifth Graders** have finished their second novel study on Fred Gipson's *Old Yeller*. We have thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Travis as he learns valuable life lessons after bonding with Old Yeller, a dog he at first did not even want. As a culminating activity, we watched the movie during class and discussed the many similarities and differences between the novel and movie. For their book report, students will compare and contrast the two versions and also choose which version they preferred most. I'm very anxious to see which piece of work is chosen as the favorite!

## Things Are Busy in JK!

by Abby Nevad and Tracey DeFrances

The **Junior Kindergarten** is mastering patterning in Math, as well as writing and sounding out the letter "L" in Language. In Science, we continued learning about the season of fall, went on a nature hunt, and did our very own leaf rubbings this week. We continue learning the letters of the week in sign language and have begun learning some new Christmas signs, as well. In Spanish, we began adding "rojo" scoops of ice cream to our "café" cones. We plan to add a scoop of colored ice cream a week in order for the class to learn the colors of the rainbow in Spanish. Lastly, the class has really been enjoying the daily "sing-offs" in the classroom when practicing for the Christmas Musical.

## Wowed by Boca Museum of Art

by Jacqueline Jacobs

The **Seventh Graders** got to experience the whimsical sculptures of Columbian artist, Federico Uribe. They were all inspired by this artist's use of common everyday objects like thousands of shoes laces, colored pencils, books, etc. that were combined to construct a walk-through environment full of animals and trees. They also viewed an exhibit about southern folk art and got to see an actual "ugly jug" that relates to the ceramics project that is now in progress. To watch a mini-documentary about Federico Uribe and to learn more about the museum, please visit <http://www.bocamuseum.org/index.php?submenu=exhib-current&src=gendocs&ref=Current%20Exhibitions&category=Exhibitions>.



## I Made a Wish for You Today

by Mrs. Fellowes and Mrs. Neal

We will be celebrating Jesus' birthday this month. If you could go back in time, what would you bring Him? In **First Grade**, we are spending some time thinking about that question, as well as what we wish for the members in our families. Thinking past a new car or the new Star Wars Lego set, what would we really want for each other? **First Grade** is taking a few moments each day to put our loved ones first and what they would want: maybe a new friend, more understanding, or to know Jesus more.



## Chaplain's Corner

### Do Parents Demonstrate "Courage"?

The last issue of *Connections* prior to our Thanksgiving break carried again a small blue box entitled **SJES Builds Character**. The key word was **courage**, a noun with a definition of "the ability to do something that frightens you" and "strength in the face of pain or grief." The question is how do we as parents teach and demonstrate courage for our children? How are we revealing personal fears and pain with our demonstrations of positive attitudes, hope, and comfort? After all, this is what we, as Christians, uphold as we adhere to the grace of God in Christ who overcame all things, even death, to bring us true and everlasting life! Scripture teaches us from the onset of the Genesis Creation narrative that this broken world is not lost and has not been abandoned by God. Life is

not a bed of roses! Courage is showing that it is God alone who is in control, not us, and that God alone will see us through all things. The repetitive message of this season of Advent in preparation of Christmas proclaims over and over: "Do not be afraid ... do not fear!" Look at the characters of Elizabeth, Zechariah, Joseph, and Mary. Their stories portray angelic messengers and dreams telling them in the difficulties of their living, "Do not fear." God is present, and God will guide them each step of the way. We, too, can know and teach the realities of life in such a way that says, "Yes, stuff happens, but goodness will win, and God will carry us through as we trust and have faith in his love for us." Courage is the gift that comes at Christmas. May that be your gift to receive and unwrap this Christmastime. It is yours and yours to share. Be of good courage!

May Christ's blessings be with you!  
Father William+

## Lessons from Aesop

by Sebastian Fox

The **Sixth Grade** recently completed a section on Aesop's fables in which they learned the value of revisiting seemingly simple stories to find deeper meaning. They were surprised to discover that many of the stories they were told as children are, in fact, credited to Aesop, a Greek slave who passed down his stories through oral tradition thousands of years ago. Perhaps the most valuable aspect of this section was the discussion of morals. From common phrases such as *One good turn deserves another* and *Nature over nurture*, everyone can learn an important lesson from Aesop.

## Working with Triangles

by Zachary Bradshaw



In **Geometry**, there are some things that might be confusing. Mrs. Pleasanton not only explains these things clearly, but she also finds fun ways to learn them. For example, recently, we learned about different terms in triangles. Mrs. Pleasanton gave us all paper triangles and sat down with us to teach the lesson. We folded the triangles and drew lines to represent different things, such as medians, centroids, and perpendicular bisectors. Mrs. Pleasanton teaches her class and makes it fun. I look forward to **Geometry** everyday!



A young **JK** student at our school recently celebrated his 5th birthday with a “green” themed party. Decorations, games, activities, and party favors were all centered around the concept of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. When asked how the “green” birthday party was, this young boy responded with, “AWESOME!!!”

Green initiatives have come a long way in our society. Just five short years ago, it was unlikely you would have heard about a child hosting a birthday party with a “green” theme; however, today, Living Green has become a way of life in our community, homes, and schools. At St. Joe’s, we are striving to teach our students to think about their green actions within every facet of their young lives, from turning off the lights when they leave the room to planting a garden at home or in their neighborhoods with family and friends. Living Green is simple, but it needs dedication, commitment, and encouragement from both home and school influences to truly make a positive impact on our students.

One way St. Joe’s School and families can partner together is through creating a Low/No Waste Lunch Program. If you walk through our campus during lunch time on any given day, you may be surprised to see how much trash is thrown away. Let’s work together to teach students to reduce their

trash and establish better portion control options during school lunch. Here are some helpful hints from <http://www.reuseit.com> to encourage this behavior:

1. Reusable Lunch Bags: replace the brown bag with something safe and sustainable. Reusable bags are better looking and better for the environment.
2. Food Containers: Wastefreelunches.org estimates that eliminating disposable packaging and single-serving items can save families \$250 a year. Buy in bulk and use reusable containers to portion out your lunch. Encourage portions that are realistic to reduce food waste.
3. Snack and Sandwich Bags: Sierra Club estimates that families spend \$85 on disposable plastic baggies. Save money and resources with reusable bags and wraps.
4. Utensils and More: napkins, utensils, and even straws! Why throw it away when you can use it again and again?
5. Reusable Bottles: Americans spend about \$16 billion annually on bottled water; that’s 38 billion plastic bottles in our landfills. Break the wasteful cycle by bringing your own bottle.

Let’s take action and focus on these steps to reduce waste during lunch. On Live Green Tuesday this December 13<sup>th</sup>, we’ll celebrate this concept by asking students to commit to a Low/No Waste Lunch Day. If your child brings his/her lunch to school, please encourage or help him/her make his/her lunch using the above steps as a guideline. And don’t forget...students may wear their Live Green t-shirts to school with P.E. shorts and on Live Green Tuesdays!!



### La Colección de Primavera

by Mayra I. Arroyo

It is Fashion Week at Saint Joseph’s! The **Fourth Grade** fashion designers have presented their “Colecciones de Primavera” (Spring Collections). These extraordinary projects are showing in the Whitney Media Center for you to take pleasure in. Congrats to the entire class for all their hard work!

### Library Storyland

by Jennifer Williams

The holiday book section is buzzing with the excited voices of children. They all want to share their favorite story for this festive season. We are truly blessed to be able to read and tell about the real meaning of Christmas. I am encouraged when I hear that books are an item on the wish lists of our students. Dream Snow by Eric Carle is a great family favorite for our little ones. O. Henry’s The Gift of the Magi and Charles Dickens’ A Christmas Carol appeal to our older students during this season of hope, joy, peace, and love.



### Getting Ready for the Holidays

by Mrs. Nevad and Mrs. Smith

It’s beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the **PK** classroom. We hit the ground running after our Thanksgiving break with lots of special keepsake Christmas crafts. We welcome you to stop by to see our awesome work. In addition to our crafts, we have been learning about the meaning of Christmas. **PK** was surprised to learn that it wasn’t all about Santa and the presents. We shared the story of Jesus’ birth, made an Advent chain to count down the days until Jesus’ birthday, and set up a manger scene together. As we get caught up in our preparations for the holiday, may we all remember the true spirit of Christmas!



### Writer’s Craft

by Christine Beck

**Third Grade** has been learning the art of writing! After having completed a detailed research report, students are now writing an opinion essay, using words to paint a picture in the minds of the reader. After studying examples, mapping opinions, reasons, and details, conducting self-assessments and getting feedback from friends and parents, students will craft their final reports! The class is excited to see how their final paragraphs take shape and become a finished report that’s unique to them. Students are using strong reasons and specific details to explain such things as, “Ice Cream is the Best Dessert,” “*When Vacations Attack is a Fantastic T.V. Show,*” and “Reading is a Wonderful Hobby.”


**PO  
Link**
**Parent Organization ... making a difference**
**Getting the Most Out  
of Our School**

by Rosalind Murray-Port

In a recent *New York Times* article, the topic was about parents putting the burden of education improvements just on teachers. We all know that parents focused on their children's education can make a huge improvement. I somehow knew this and spent years working on school improvement projects, school advisory boards, and attendance boundaries all on my own time long before parenthood. I wanted to understand how children learn and why public education wasn't working in this country. Everyone wants to blame the teachers, but that seems like a giant excuse. Parents are the first teachers, so how could school ruin the learning process? At SJES, we have a good partnership between parents, teachers, and administration. In most cases, parents understand what their responsibility is in the learning process. However, even at private schools, the teachers need your help. It is not good enough to drop off the children and think your job is done: "I have paid the tuition." Here are a few pointers to get the most out of your educational investment:

1. Turn off the TV.
2. Turn off the video games, iPads, Internet, and electronic toys.
3. Make sure homework and school projects are completed.
4. Read to your child; even older children enjoy a good story.
5. Show your child examples of delayed gratification.
6. Don't make excuses for bad behavior.
7. Get help if you need it. The school is full of resources.
8. Children need free play; encourage it.
9. Establish household rules. We even sign a contract during the school year and another one in the summer.
10. Spend time with and talk to your child.

I don't have all the answers, and some days you will find me with eyes brimming with tears, eyes brimming in resignation, or eyes brimming with pride. Nevertheless, rest assured in this, I will never give up on my child, and this school, this special place, is here to support every parent if you meet them halfway. Let's stop putting the burden of education improvements just on teachers. Parents play a huge role in classroom success. <http://nyti.ms/rsptkR>

**Staff Denim Day in December**

Once again, the Faculty & Staff enjoyed a comfortable day dressed in our favorite denim to support SJES Annual Fund. We are happy to report that we raised another

\$135.00 making our total for October, November, and December \$435.00! As the cold weather approaches, the staff and faculty will appreciate even more the opportunity to stay warm and comfortable.

**Hop, Skip, and Jump  
with the Blossoms**

by Miss Dolores and Mary Aperavich

Children love to play pretend and move around a lot at the **ECA**. After reading our book titled Brown Bear, Brown Bear, the Blossoms hopped, skipped, and jumped toward the playground and lined up side-by-side for a race. When Miss Dolores called out "go", the children began to run. Whenever Miss Dolores called out an animal, the children moved as that animal: hopping like a frog, jumping like a cat, crawling on all fours like a bear, etc.

Beyond just healthy eating, adequate sleep, and proper hygiene, young children also need plenty of exercise to keep their bodies and minds healthy and happy. Daily physical activity is necessary for building strong bones and muscles as well as strengthening hearts and lungs. Exercise also helps young children to develop good social skills, such as sharing, communicating and empathizing.


**A Trip to the Zoo**

by Stephanie Ream

**Kindergarten** took a field trip to the zoo. We attended a class about animal habitat, which is what we are learning about in Science, so now we are real experts. We had so many great questions for our zoo teacher. We got to see a lizard, tarantula, and an opossum close up and even got to touch a snake at the end of our class. We agreed that our favorite thing was seeing the three baby tigers. They were so cute wrestling with each other!


**Season of Giving**

by Jane Gerlich

In the spirit of giving, **Second Grade** has begun their Angel Tree project. First, the class adopts two angels from the Angel Tree - one boy and one girl. Then, each student does chores at home to earn money to purchase gifts for our two Angels. Students get excited about their earnings and enjoy sharing stories with each other about what they did to earn their money. Once the contributions are totaled, the shopping begins. They also make cards, which include personal messages. The students take great pride in this project, and it always starts our holiday season off with warm hearts.

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# Look No Further!

*Saint Joseph's Episcopal School*

## OPEN HOUSE

**Monday, January 16, 2012**

Main Campus (Pre-K through 8th Grade) 8:00AM – 11:00AM

Early Childhood Academy (1-3 years) 11:00AM – 12:00PM



RSVP to 561-732-2045 or  
admissions@sjsonline.org

### The Advent Wreath

by Father William Stomski

Both the **Kindergartners** and the **Fourth Graders**, with our first week back from Thanksgiving break and this first week of Advent, have heard about the use of an Advent wreath. It is also being seen and used every day we gather for chapel. With these days of shortened light and greater darkness, the symbol of light becomes important. Jesus is the Light of the world, and we use these days prior to December 24<sup>th</sup> to prepare of the coming of that Light. Each week, an additional candle is “lit” (colored in) to mark the growing amount of light as Christ comes closer to his arrival on Christmas Eve. Each class rendered a wreath for personal use at the dinner table or bedside. The **Fourth Grade** image stands up and illustrates a true wreath that is circular and evergreen (symbolic of God’s unending love) and the **Kindergarten** image is a “connect the dots and color” Advent log with four candles. We use a wreath in class with our opening prayer to also illustrate our waiting for Jesus’ coming.

### Presidential Candidates

by Eric Keiper

In the weeks approaching the Christmas break, **Physical Education** classes will be going through the first round of the President’s Awards for Physical Fitness. This program tests students at a national standard on strength, flexibility, endurance, speed, and agility. Our students will be asked to perform an age-appropriate distance run, right angle push-ups for one minute, sit-ups for one minute, a flexibility stretch, and a timed shuttle run. Saint Joseph’s students have participated in this event for many years, and many of our students have met and exceeded the national standards each year.

## Hats Off

- We are indeed grateful each week for the wonderful volunteers who give of their time and talent.
- Our students in the **Library** benefit from the help and support of **Lina Elosta, Patty Jones, and Joan Speyer.**
- Thank you to all of our **Kindergarten** drivers and chaperons on our trip to the zoo!
- Reichert Center would like to thank **Mrs. Lisa Shaffer** for the beautiful Holiday window paintings she did on our windows again this year. They are spectacular, and the children loved watching her create each one.
- **Amy and Rocky Rodon** of Roq Productions for doing an amazing job of maintaining and updating our school website.



### GET YOUR LIVE GREEN T-SHIRTS

Shirts may be worn the second Tuesday of every month and daily for PE. Order from the school store at [www.sjsonline.org](http://www.sjsonline.org).



## Jr. Girl Scouts and Brownies

The Brownies and Junior Girl Scout Troop had a fun and productive meeting together. The girls all took part in decorating the float for the Delray Beach Holiday Parade. Waves were painted with glitter, and seashells were strung for the tree. The girls were very excited about the upcoming parade and riding on the float to help celebrate Delray's centennial! Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this year's float such a success!

It's almost that time of year again . . . Girl Scout Cookies will go on sale beginning January 19<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will be \$4.00 per box. Brownies and Girl Scouts are currently taking pre-orders for the sale.

The next meeting will be the Holiday Party on December 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be doing an ornament exchange, holiday arts and crafts, and enjoying lots of treats! Please contact troop leaders if you have any questions or would like to order any cookies: Tracee Sama, Brownies: [tnsama@comcast.net](mailto:tnsama@comcast.net) or Debbie McLay, Juniors: [deborahd767@yahoo.com](mailto:deborahd767@yahoo.com).



## R-E-S-P-E-C-T!

### Not Just a Song by Aretha Franklin

by Eric Keiper

Our **Boys' Soccer** team earned a great deal of respect from the league this week when they went head-to-head against Lake Worth Christian in the first round of the play-offs and won in a 1-0 battle of stamina on the field. Our **Jaguar Soccer** team advanced into the semi-finals

and played the very next day against St. Vincent's. (Lake Worth Christian and St. Vincent's are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> in the conference.) At the end of regular play, the game was tied 1-1, and our boys lost by a single goal in a double overtime sudden death shoot out. The boys ended the season strong and were close enough to winning the conference that they could taste it. It was a great end to the soccer season!



## The Best in the Land!

by Becky Cleveland



They don't dribble . . . they don't pass . . . and they definitely don't shoot! They are the Most Valuable Players on the Jaguar **Basketball** team. How can this be? Veronica, **Fifth Grader** and

Alyssa, **Sixth Grader** are the team managers and totally control when and what we do at practices. They organize the equipment, give out uniforms, keep stats, do the scoreboard, oversee attendance, fill in as players, and anything else Coaches Cleveland and Mead need to be done. This gives the coaches and the players extra time to focus on learning basketball. These two girls perform their duties without being asked and always have smiles and positive input. The team could not function without them. Twenty-one Jaguar Basketball players feel that they are "the best in the land". Thank you, Managers!

## "The Friendly Beasts"

by Eric Keiper and Ray Kessler

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, the **Lower School** grades are offering a unique perspective of the Christmas story: a musical presentation told through the eyes of the animals present at the Nativity. Using carols and tests which are familiar to us, the animals relate the happenings of the blessed birth and what they had contributed. The presentation tells of each animal giving all that they had – wool from the sheep, straw from the cow, transport from the camel and donkey – using allegory to persuade each of us to give to Jesus what each of us possesses: our hearts and love. The innocent voices of the young students add to the effect and make this show a must see for all.

## Santa's Workshop





## Saint Joseph's Episcopal School and Church Annual Angel Tree Project and Dinner

Friday, December 16th, 2011

Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church  
3730 Kirk Road - Lake Worth, FL

During the Advent Season our School community joins with Saint Joseph's Episcopal Church in providing 150 Christmas gifts for needy children in Palm Beach County. We also coordinate, prepare, and serve a Christmas Dinner for approximately 250 homeless and poor through Holy Redeemer Episcopal Church in Lake Worth. We are grateful to an Episcopal clergy couple for the donation of the hams for the entrée.

Each student in our school community will be responsible to provide a designated food item as specified below. In this season of giving, we encourage you to have your child use his/her own money to pay for the contribution. This is a wonderful opportunity to help them understand Jesus' message for us to "love your neighbor as yourself," and that the true spirit of Christmas is about giving from our hearts.

Help is welcome! School Community Service Hours are given to middle school students – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Graders for preparations, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders who will be with Father William to prepare and serve the dinner. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade will car pool and will leave the School by 1:00 P.M., and finish by 6:30 P.M. The dinner is served at 4:30 P.M. For questions, call Father William at School: 732-2045, ext. 23 or email at [wstomski@sjsonline.org](mailto:wstomski@sjsonline.org).

PK- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade items due to homerooms on Wednesday, December 14th. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade dinner rolls are due to Home Rooms on Thursday, December 15th to ensure freshness.


*Each item is per student. Please purchase only as recommended below.*

PK, JK, & K	Christmas Cookies – one dozen, per student
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2nd Grade per student	Fruit Cocktail – one 10 oz. can (4 servings),
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade per student	Green Beans – two 14.5 oz. or one 28oz. can,
5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade per student	Baked Beans – one 28 oz. can (6 servings),
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade per student	<u>Fresh</u> Dinner Rolls – one doz. (not Heat 'n Serve)
ECA	Any item from the above list



# December 2011

As of December 9, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					2nd Quarter Interims 8:05AM Saint Francis Awards (Chapel)	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	6:00PM Music Recital (Mrs. Keiper & Ms. Safier)	Girls' BB Tournament (Rd. 1) Boys' Soccer Tournament (Rd. 1)	9:00AM 6th Grade to Achievement Center Boys' Soccer Tournament (Semi)	Santa's Workshop	Santa's Workshop 3:30-5:00PM LAX Camp	10:00AM-2:00PM LAX Camp 6:00PM Delray Beach Parade
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1:00-5:00PM LAX Camp		LIVE GREEN T-Shirt Day 6:00PM Music Recital (Mr. Kessler) Gymnasium	9:45AM 7th Grade to Achievement Center	8:05AM PO Meeting (Church Parish Hall)	1:00-6:00PM Angel Tree Dinner (8th Grade) 6:30PM Lower School Musical (Gymnasium)	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			8:05AM Christmas Eucharist 3:15-4:30PM Brownies/Jr. Girl Scouts - C'mas Party 7:00PM Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols (Gymnasium)	1:00PM Dismissal NO AFTERCARE	Christmas Break begins NO SCHOOL	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
 Merry Christmas	Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Christmas Break	Christmas Break	