

## St. Joseph Catholic School Newsletter December 18, 2018

Growing in faith and knowledge to serve God and community.

St. Joseph Catholic School Mission



\*Advent\* This is the third week of Advent. Be joyful! The Lord is near!

\*Reconciliation\* Time is running short to receive the sacrament of reconciliation before Advent is over. Father is in the confessional on Saturdays from 4:00-4:30. In addition to Saturdays, an Advent reconciliation time will be held this Wednesday, December 19, in Ellinwood from 6:00-7:00pm. Come, prepare your hearts!

\*Party\* Our all-school Christmas party is this Wednesday, December 19. We will be caroling about the town of Ellinwood. Please be sure your child(ren) is dressed appropriately for caroling with comfortable walking shoes and warm outerwear.

\*Angels\* This Wednesday, December 19, students, faculty, and staff will reveal our identities to our Advent Angels by sharing a special card or craft that we have made together in class. If your child would like to add a small candy treat, that is fine, but please do not purchase a gift. This activity is not meant to be a gift exchange. When some students receive gifts and others do not, it makes it difficult for students to understand why some are getting gifts and others not ó especially the younger students.

\*Break\* Students last day for school is this Wednesday, December 19. Christmas break is from December 20 ó January 2. School resumes on January 3.

\*Bee\* Students in grades 4-8 have been given a list of spelling words to practice before our annual spelling bee. Classroom spelling bees will be held January 3 or 4, and the final bee will be held January 9. Practice makes perfect!

\*Funding\* Remember to clip and send in Box Tops for Education. For each Box Top saved, we earn 10 cents for SJS. This amount adds up for totals over \$600.00 each year!

\*Weekend Mass\* Weekend mass times are at 5:00pm Saturday and 10:30am Sunday. This Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent. Press the CTRL key then click on this link to find the scripture readings for this weekend. <a href="http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.htm">http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/inspiration.htm</a> Father will read from the Gospel of Luke 1:39-45 õMost blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.ö O Jesus, show me how to love your Blessed Mother as much as you do.