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SPJ News

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A Message from Mrs. Montgomery

**"Said the little lamb to the shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear
Ringing through the sky shepherd boy
Do you hear what I hear"**



As we enter into the Advent season and begin our preparations for the coming of Jesus, I wish I could share with you "what I hear". My office is perfectly located in the center of our school. I hear everything. The clear, quiet sounds of instruction, the ever present flush- of questions, the unisonous laughter of a class, the steps of friendship, the simple and sweet greetings of recognition. "A song, my song ringing through the halls with a peace as wide as the sky, with a peace as wide as the sky." This is my Happy Place!! And it only gets better....all of this wonderful, familiar, noise has somehow been drowned out by the joys of Advent. Our halls are now filled with the sounds of "Silent Night" and "Bethlehem is Busy". Under the direction of Mrs. Mackey with the help of Mrs. Dolecki, Mrs. Flory, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Bonnot, and Mrs. Burke, our school has taken on the "chorus of angels". The children sing out the coming of Jesus. "Get Ready, Prepare for this Special Arrival!" Advent, a time of penance, of turning away from sin and most importantly a hopeful, joyous preparation for the coming of our Savior. Do you hear what I hear? If you listen closely enough and "Pray for peace everyone.....He will bring us goodness and light!!"



**A song, a song
High above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea
With a voice as big as the sea**

This year's Christmas play may be wrapped in a different package,

however the message will remain the same. Look for the video release on December 20th.
<https://www.thetabernaclechoir.org/videos/do-you-hear-what-i-hear-.html>

Important Changes to the School Calendar

Attached to this week's newsletter is the Updated SPJ Calendar 2020-2021.

On Thursday, January 14 students will attend school from home. This is a Practice Digital Day! Much like a "fire drill" or "tornado drill" January 14 will allow for students and teachers to practice learning and teaching through a virtual connection. Teachers are currently planning on an accelerated schedule so that students can "link up" and "join in" for all subjects. Look for a schedule from your homeroom teacher to help you navigate through the day. Attendance will be taken and students are responsible for all assignments given that day. Participation is required!! This is a "real" school day. Remember this is a drill, only a drill!! We will return to in-school learning on Tuesday, January 19.

Also included are the added Teacher Work Days arranged with the help of the Diocese of Youngstown. There will be no school for students on these days.

Friday- January 8

Friday- March 19

Friday- May 21

School Mass Times and Links



Parents and Guardians,
Please join us for Mass in person or virtually. School Mass begins at 9:15am.

Thur <https://youtu.be/GLwPQbnOM-o>

Fri <https://youtu.be/bSB7Wim7Xus>

Calling All Cheerleaders

SP-IR-IT! We got SPIRIT!! SPJ would like to host a SPJ Cheer Skills Clinic. SPJ Alumni Sarah Protzman will share cheer skills and movements. Please let me know if you are interested! More details to come soon!



Santa Shop Doors Open Next Week!!

Santa Shop will be open this year from December 10-11 during school hours. Information will be in folders today. Please help your child fill out gift tags prior to shopping. Thanks Mrs. Koch, Mrs. Rohr with the support of H & S.

Student Illness

Parents and Guardians,

“No goofing around”, with flu season upon us, here is a refresher of what to do if your child is sick. Thank you for helping keep SPJ healthy!!

The school is aware that there are many reasons a child may become ill. Regardless of the illness, a parent should keep the child home until the illness’s symptoms disappear. If a child has a fever, he or she must be fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication for 24 hours. A parent or guardian is required to call the student off from school each day he or she is ill, and a note describing the reason for the absence from school must be sent. A doctor’s clearance may be required for return to school.

(Taken from the SPJ Covid-19 Supplement to the Family Handbook 2020-2021)



Students of the Month

Congratulations Amilia Johns, Kindergarten and Alyssa Pandrea grade 7.



Amilia consistently puts forth great effort in all that she does! She is a wonderful role model for others through the respect she shows to her teachers and peers. Amilia gives her best with each and every task she completes. Her work is always neat and thorough! Amilia we are proud of your hard work, and especially proud of the kindness you show each day. We love sharing in your enthusiasm for school! Keep up all of your hard work!

The 4-8 teaching team is pleased to announce that Alyssa Pandrea is their December, Student of the Month. Alyssa is a hardworking student who completes her assignments on time. She is kind and helpful and always has a positive attitude. She is a joy to have in class. We are proud of you. Congratulations!!



A Message from Principal Obreza

Thank you Miss Madison Obreza for taking the lead on Tuesday as Principal of the Day! In one day, Miss Madison accomplished so much. She provided a Hot Choco Bar for the SPJ staff, helped with morning/afternoon announcements, wrote emails, recorded a video (to be used for our Kindness Groups), ran/walked special deliveries to each class, declared a jeans day and generously promoted and led a collection of \$137 for the Sophie Stocking Stuffers Foundation. Whew!! Great Job Miss Madison!!



As part of the SPJ Silent Auction, thank you Obreza family for providing this opportunity.

MARKET DAY IS BACK AT SPJ!

For those of you who were missing Market Day, IT IS BACK! For those of you who have not purchased from Market Day, it is a site where you can order food and it ships directly to your door! YAY! The best part....when you order from Market Day SPJ receives 10% from your order! There are new specials every month and they are adding new products every day! Make sure you use our organization **SS PHILIP & JAMES - CANAL FULTON - OH** when you purchase. Email me or contact me with questions. (Ashley Piper 330-715-3773 or ampiper10@gmail.com)

AMAZON SMILE

If you are getting a notification that SS Philip & James is not set up, **WE ARE NOW!** Just click on the choose new charity and click SS Philip & James Canal Fulton again. We have completed the required steps, so please use Amazon Smile for all of your Amazon purchases. It does not cost anything and you are donating to your school! Thank you! If you do not know how Amazon Smile works, look in the newsletter for more information or click here <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-0861033>





Archery News

Calling All Toxophilites! (Grades 4-8) Plan to reserve Monday, December 7 & December 14 from 3:30-4:30. Thanks Mr. and Mrs. McMahon!!

Upcoming Dates

December 9-11- Santa Shop
December 19-January 3- Christmas Break
January 8- No School- Teacher Work Day
January 13-Report Cards Go Home (Quarter 2)
January 14- Digital Day (Learn from Home)
January 15- No School-Teacher Inservice
January 18- No School- MLK Day
February 11-Interims for Quarter 3
February 12- No School
February 15- No School
February 17-Ash Wednesday