



Saint Boniface School

December Newsletter

A Community Centered on Christ

We exist to spread the gospel message of Jesus and to foster the spiritual and academic development of the students enrolled at Saint Boniface School.

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Upcoming Events

Dec. 2: No School-Teacher Professional Development

Dec. 13: K-6 Christmas Program 1:15 PM

Dec 15: PreK-6 Christmas Program 7:00 PM

Dec. 23-Jan 2: Christmas Vacation-No School



School Mass

Dec. 1: 5A

Dec 8: 5B Feast of Immaculate Conception

Dec. 15: 4A

Dec. 22: 4B

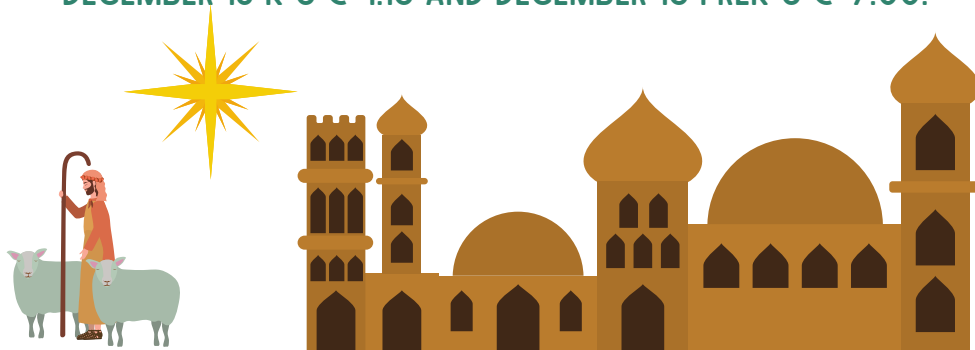
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



THE MYSTERY OF SIMON SHEPHERD

Join us in the courtroom as we watch the case of a missing shepherd boy evolve! Set during census time in Bethlehem, our musical unfolds and brings the heart of the Christmas story into the hearts of our children, and hopefully our audience as well.

**COME ONE, COME ALL TO OUR TWO PERFORMANCES:
DECEMBER 13 K-6 @ 1:15 AND DECEMBER 15 PREK-6 @ 7:00.**



The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass is Thursday, December 8 at 8:30 AM. School Mass this week is led by 5B.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception celebrates Mary's conception without sin. Even though this feast day occurs during Advent, which prepares for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Conception refers to the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

The Catholic Church teaches that from the first moment of Mary's conception and by the singular grace and privilege of Almighty God, and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of Mankind, she was kept free from all stain of original sin. Join us in honoring our mother Mary.

WEATHER DRESS CODE

0-24 degrees: Students need a winter coat, boots, snow pants, hat, and gloves

25-40 degrees: Students need a winter coat, hat, and gloves

41-50 degrees: Students need a jacket

51-60 degrees: Students need long sleeves or a sweatshirt

60 + degrees: Students do not need long sleeves

No matter what the temperature is, if there is snow on the ground, students **MUST** wear SNOW PANTS and BOOTS.

The temperature listed above are the real temperatures and does not include the wind chill. We do NOT go outside if the real temperature is 0 or below or if the wind chill is -10 or below.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING DAYS

Flexible Learning Days are in place for SNOW DAYS ONLY. The first snow day is FREE! The teachers will communicate the plans to you via email.

PIZZA FUNDRAISER: MARNANTELI'S GIFT CARD SALE

Support Saint Boniface School and our local Marnanteli's by selling \$20.00 gift cards! All forms and money are due to the school office on Friday, December 9. This is a great fundraiser for our school and the gift cards make a wonderful Christmas gift!



WORKATHON

Thank you everyone for a successful Workathon! We had our Workathon Awards Assembly on November 22 and shared our final total and awards for the students! This year Saint Boniface School had a goal of \$56,000 and we raised \$57,727.00! THAT'S AMAZING! We had individual students earn different awards for *Principal of the Day* and *Treat in your Seat* and class awards of *Ice Cream Parties* and *Donuts with the Deacons*! Our grand prize for meeting our goal is K-6 gets to go to Disney's Descendants the Musical on February 9! We will share more details as the date gets closer. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US EXCEED OUR GOAL!

DECEMBER HEALTH TIPS: HOW TO STAY ACTIVE IN THE WINTER

- Make commercial time an exercise time. Have kids get up and do jumping jacks or duck walks around the living room during commercial breaks of their favorite shows. No commercials? Just set a timer for a break in the middle of the episode.
- Play video games that incorporate movement. Host a family game night of Just Dance or Wii bowling – or similar games that get participants up and moving.
- Do a clean-up sprint. Encourage kids to dust, vacuum, or declutter as many rooms as they can in 5 or 10 minutes.
- Build an indoor obstacle course. Use household or garage items to encourage kids to crawl, jump, and wiggle their way to fun.
- Hold a scavenger hunt. Get kids moving throughout the house on a race to find items on individualized search lists.

REPORT CARDS

TRIMESTER 1 ENDS ON THURSDAY, DEC. 1. REPORT CARDS WILL GO HOME ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12.

BONI BALL

SAVE THE DATE! FRIDAY, MAY 5TH FOR OUR 17TH ANNUAL BONI BALL.

Please plan ahead and think of Boni-Ball auction items when you are doing your Black Friday or Cyber Monday shopping. You may see something that would make a great auction item!

MISSION PROJECT: FARM OF THE CHILD IN HONDURAS

Farm of the Child USA is a Catholic, non-profit organization that supports Finca Del Niño-Honduras, a mission modeled on the Holy Family that educates, protects, and promotes healing and spiritual formation for vulnerable children and families in the local community.

Saint Boniface School will raise money throughout the school year for this mission project. We are grateful to be able to support those in need.

CHRISTMAS THEMED DRESS UP DAYS

Friday, December 9: Ugly Sweater Day

Friday, December 16: PJ/Wacky Hair

Thursday, December 22: A classes: wear red, B classes: wear green. Students may also wear Santa hats and other accessories after Mass.

Christmas is almost here! Let's Spread the Cheer!



TOP 20: THE FRAME

In December the students will be focusing on The Frame. We all have the power to make a positive difference in our lives. However, when we operate like a Bottom 80 and blame, we give away that power. We become stuck in yuck and keep getting what we don't want to be getting.

When we're not getting what's important to us, we have a powerful Top 20 option. We can be curious. Curiosity helps us see things differently. When we see things differently, we are changing our Frame and might be able to get different results.



It's a blessing for the students to attend Thursday School Mass each week. Going to Sunday Mass is even more important in our lives. If your family is not in the habit of going to Mass every weekend, Advent is a good time to start the practice of going every weekend. We go to Mass to be a community, to give ourselves in worship to God, and to receive Christ in the Eucharist. Take the time to make God #1 in your life and on Sundays.

ADVENT

Advent comes from the Latin word, Adventus, which means coming. We prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus! A time to prepare our hearts, homes, schools, and churches for the greatest gift to the world.

This year Advent began on Sunday, November 28.

Our Advent theme this year is Wandering Wise Men.

We will wander with the wise men this Advent as they journey to find the one true Light, Jesus!

If you are looking for a great Advent resource, I would encourage you to check out Dynamic Catholic: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/advent.html> or the advent reflection from our Diocese of St. Cloud:

<https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>.

Light your Advent Candles, do a devotion and pray together as a family.

Calling All Children

The Advent season is here, and that means it's time to begin plans for the 2022 Saint Boniface Christmas Eve Children's Pageant!

We are looking for children in grades K-6 that would be interested in participating in this special event. The pageant will be held during the 4:00 pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve.

Practices will be held on the following dates and times:

Saturday, December 10th, 9:00 am-10:30 am

Saturday, December 17th, 9:00 am-10:30 am

The practices will be held in the Saint Boniface Church. You do not need to sign up to be in the pageant, just come to the first practice. Parts are given out at the first practice at 9:00 am sharp.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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There are many parts to fill, so come and join the fun and be part of the true meaning of Christmas!



*The Saint Boniface staff would like to wish you a joyous and hopeful
Advent season and a Merry Christmas. May this season be filled with
God's hope, love, peace, and joy for you and your family.
We are grateful for every one of you.*

