



November 17, 2023

Dear Parents,

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, I want to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of being thankful and living out our faith.

In our increasingly secularized culture, it is easy to lose sight of the things that are truly important. But when we take the time to reflect on our blessings, we realize that we have so much to be grateful for.

As Catholics, we believe that all of our blessings come from God. We are thankful for our families, our friends, our health, our homes, and our education. We are also thankful for the gift of our faith, which gives us meaning and purpose in life.

One of the best ways to show our gratitude to God is to live out our faith in our daily lives. This means following the teachings of Jesus Christ and loving our neighbors as ourselves. It also means being kind, compassionate, and forgiving.

Here are a few tips for living out your faith at home and at school:

- Pray together as a family and make it a priority to attend Mass on Sundays.
- Talk to your children about their faith and answer their questions.
- Encourage your children to participate in religious activities at school and in the community.
- Set a good example for your children by living your faith in your own life.

As the principal of this Catholic school, I am committed to providing a nurturing environment where our students can learn and grow in their faith. I encourage you to partner with us in this important endeavor.

Together, we can help our children to develop a deep love for God and to live their lives in accordance with His teachings.

Thank you for being a part of our school community. May God bless you and your family during this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year.

Mrs. Grellner

Servers for Weekend Mass:

5pm-Anna Brandt, Henry Brandt, Lucy Brandt

10am- Vince Tschappler, Chloe Loethen, Kate Bradford

Save the Date

Taste of Italy will be held Saturday, January 20, 2024. An Italian dinner will be served in the gym with carry out meals available. This event raises roughly \$25,000 each year for Home & School. All parents, PK-8, will be asked to pre-sell dinner tickets, raffle tickets, and work a shift at the event. The auction committee is looking for handcrafted items for the live and silent auction, as well as sponsors for the event. If you have something to donate or want to be a sponsor, please contact Sharon Sprenger 573-619-8090 or Emily Koenigsfeld 573-469-8070. Thank you for your support!

St. George School will once again be participating in the adopt a family program this Christmas. The link to sign-up to purchase a gift for the family is as follows:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/11bTzz66kKHAUDkF1a2xFKr9tWTwv5PgCmNnjs8muNGY/edit?usp=sharing>

December 9th all St. George students are invited to ride on our school float in the parade. If your child is planning on riding on the float by filling out the form before Dec. 7th. Please follow this QR code.



St. George School is participating in an all school food drive. Please support this worthy cause. All food collected will be donated to the Good Shepherd Pantry.

November birthdays

- 12-Theodore Bexten (PK)
- 14-Grayson Mosley (PK)
- 14-Ben Jahnsen (5)
- 14-Hayden Talken(5)
- 18-Connor Lumpkin (K)
- 22-Kendall Hoffman (K)
- 29-Raelynn Cooper (K)
- 29-Albert Haslag (6)

December birthday

- 4-Alivia Klebba (1)
- 5-Oliver Bickell (2)
- 8-Lucas Seifert (3)
- 9-Austin Curless (1)
- 15-Vasen Brandt (1)
- 16-Toryn Dudenhoeffer (4)
- 17-Estellise Womack (2)
- 18-Riley Kay (8)
- 18-Charli Lenger (8)
- 19-Sadie Kempker (PK)
- 20- Owen Voss (1)
- 22-Zachary Kliethermes (3)
- 22-Layla Loethen (1)
- 22-Jasper Alderson (2)
- 23-Nora Alderson (3)
- 26-Justin Neihart (1)
- 27-Rose Dahl

Important Dates:

20-24 No School

30-Progress reports go home

December

5-Cookies and Cocca

7-Cookie and Cocca

8-Holy Day of Obligation-Immaculate Conception

9-Christmas Parade

14-Christmas Program 1:00 pm and 7:00pm

15-3-Ornament Painting (more details will be coming)

18-January 2-Christmas Break

Home and School Raffle Winners:

Week 1 -\$1000 Preschool Class sold by Preschool Class

Week 2-\$100 Kara Neihart sold by Annabelle (4) and JJ (1) Neihart

Week 3-\$100 Robb Huot sold by Charlie (7) and Maggie (5) Reinkemeyer

Week 4-\$100 Cathy Niekamp sold by Grace (4) Carter (2) and Jack (PK) Terry

Week 5-\$100 Garry Sullentrup sold by Oliver Sullentrup (4)

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS HOSTING A WINTER COAT DRIVE. YOU CAN DROP OFF ITEMS IN CHURCH.

The Athletic Committee is hosting the concession stand during the December 9th Craft and Vendor Show. If you are willing to work this event please sign-up at the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0C4BA5AE2FA3FF2-45706475-tisthe>

If you work this event you will earn a family pass for a game and your child(ren) will earn a dress down day.

If you have a student in grades 5th through 8th who are participating in basketball or archery, please fill out the Parents Code of Conduct form found at the link below. Both parents need to fill it out. This is needed by 11/17/2023.

<https://forms.gle/RoQ81NTpVv9459eT6>

Students will not be able to play unless all forms are filled out.

Parish update and clarifications :

All school families will still need to fill out CSR documents, even though you filled out something similar at registration. Next year at registration you will not fill out this form and will only be available in October. As of this week only 22% of the school families have filled out this form. We are asking that you take the time and fill this out. This information will be helpful when Father Franklin meets with individual families. I have included the links you need.

<https://stgeorgelinn.diojeffcity.org/12685-2/>

<https://stgeorgelinn.diojeffcity.org/12690-2/>

SCRIP HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

It's time for the Scrip Holiday Extravaganza! Let us help you check items off your Christmas list while helping St. George School. This year the Scrip Holiday Extravaganza will look a little differently. All Scrip customers who purchase \$500 or more of scrip (electronic or physical gift cards) between *November 20 and December 17* will be entered in a drawing to win \$200 of Scrip gift cards of their choice from what we have in stock. The winner will be announced on December 19.

The Scrip Program is a fundraiser that pays for copy usage fees and maintenance costs at St. George School while sharing a portion of the sales rebates with the parish programs or St. George or Helias enrolled student registration fees of the purchaser's choice. You can purchase Scrip at the Scrip table before or after Mass, through the RaiseRight app, or by sending an order to the school or parish office. Order forms are available on the school website.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

We are wanting to have a cleaning day at school on November 19th immediately following Mass. It should take roughly an hour.

No school November 20-24 for Thanksgiving Break.

Miracle at Midnight Cast Costumes

Parents these are just suggestions. You do not need to buy costumes. Just do the best you can with what you have at home.

Pre-K: Dress as sheep or angels

K: Dress as sheep or angels

1st: Dress as Sheep

2nd: Dress as Angels

3rd - 6th: Dress as shepherds

Sheep: Solid white, light tan, or gray fleece sweatshirts and pants. Brown or black gloves and socks. If the sweatshirt has a hood, ears may be attached to the hood. If not a stocking cap of the same color as the body may be worn with attached ears.

Shepherds - Traditional Garb of Bethlehem: Tunics with head wraps. (view a Bible picture or Internet if needed). All headpieces must lay flat on head.

Angels: Angels will dress in white tunics with garland around their head. No stand up halos. May have wings if they are small and lie flat against the back.

Shoes for Everyone: Sandals with straps or tennis shoes. No flip flops.

6th, 7th, and 8th graders: We think we have enough costumes at school for them except for a few special characters. So if your child's character is not listed below, we plan to find a costume from school for them.

Mayor Mayer: Brightly colored robe with Sandals and a shoulder sash that reads "Mayor". Will need sleep mask and bath robe for one scene.

Mr. Snitley: Robe and sandals. He carries a pad and pen(or clipboard and pen) at all times. If desired add glasses.

Mary and Joseph: Typical Biblical attire.

Sergeant Seraphim: White robe with wings attached. Add sergeant stripes if possible on the shoulders.

Angels: White robes with wings if possible.

Wise Men: Brightly colored robes with silver and/or gold regal trim.

Flash the Camel: An oversized brown warm-up suit. Place a pillow on his back to depict the camel hump and pin a brown frayed rope to the back of the pant waist band for a tail.

If you have any questions please contact Ms. Meier at smeier@saint-george-parish.org

Costumes should be at school by December 8.

Reminder if your child needs to take cough drops at school, please send in a note along with the cough drops to the teacher. Then your child's teacher will administer the cough drops.

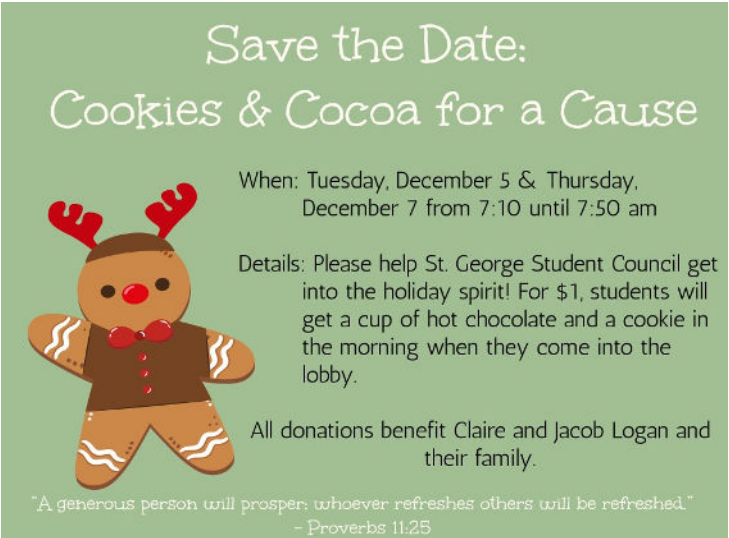
Dress Code Reminders:

- **Sweaters/Sweatshirts:** Solid white, light blue or navy cardigan, pullover or vest. Shirt collar must be visible. St. George sweatshirts are permitted in cold weather in the classrooms and other buildings. Sweatshirts provided by the Athletic Committee which displays particular sports can only be worn on Thursday, we deem this as our Warrior Wear Day.
- **Non St. George sweatshirts may not be worn in classrooms and other buildings. Shirt collar must be visible. Socks/shoes:** Solid white, gray, navy, or black socks must be worn. Socks may have a small logo no larger than an inch wide. The logo must be either white or black. No other color may appear on the socks.
- **Sturdy, safe shoes must be worn. Hey Dudes are not considered tennis shoes. Tennis shoes are the required school shoes and must be worn every day, including non-uniform days (4 D Day) and Warrior wear days. The only exceptions are those days in which students are allowed to dress up.**

It's that time of a year again.....

Our annual Home and School Ornament Decorating event will take place on December 15th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Here is the link to order your ornaments:

<https://forms.gle/QfEj31MajEbhnRZk6>



Save the Date:
Cookies & Cocoa for a Cause

When: Tuesday, December 5 & Thursday, December 7 from 7:10 until 7:50 am

Details: Please help St. George Student Council get into the holiday spirit! For \$1, students will get a cup of hot chocolate and a cookie in the morning when they come into the lobby.

All donations benefit Claire and Jacob Logan and their family.

"A generous person will prosper, whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."
- Proverbs 11:25