

Ss. Philip and James School News



Seventeenth Week of School

December 15, 2017

Christmas Concert Rescheduled

The Christmas Concert that was to be held on Dec. 14 is rescheduled for **Dec. 18th at 6:30**. There will also be a dress rehearsal performance during the school day at 1:30 (parents are welcome to attend).



Cookies, Cocoa, and Kindness

On Tuesday, December 19 @ 9:30 AM, the SPJ Student Council will be baking cookies (to decorate) and making cocoa for all. Please wear Kindness t-shirts and jeans on this day. Parents are invited to attend the festivities!



SPJ Student Recognized for Giving to Others



SPJ's very own Sophia M. was recently featured in the Canton Repository for her Christmas Gift Drive for the kids at Akron Children's Hospital. You can read the article [here](#) or by searching, "I just want to make others smile" at the Cantonrep.com website.

Christmas Caroling

On Wednesday, December 20, the students are welcome to wear regular uniform with Christmas accessories. Caroling will be in the church in the afternoon. Parents are welcome to join in the fun!



If you would like to place another order, it **MUST** be placed by **midnight this Sunday, Dec 17**; we do anticipate it should arrive by our last day of school on Wednesday otherwise arrangements will be made to get you your order. Then, our next Scrip order will not be until January 8, 2018. Thank you to those who participated in the teacher and staff SCRIP Christmas gifts!

Attached to this week's e-newsletter:

- January 2018 Lunch Menu
- 2018 LaCrosse Info
- CCHS / STA Basketball Flyer
- HCA Drama Camp Flyer
- HCA Theatre Flyer
- HCA Community News
- Golden Apple Award Info
- Things we Collect at SPJ Flyer

Why We Need to Sell Our Chevy VanDevere 2017 Spark Tickets

					
The First Floor Hall – 73°	Window by Mrs. Bonnot’s Desk - 52°	At Mrs. Bonnot’s Desk - 60°	Near West Window in Mrs. Newell’s Room - 50°	Near East Window in Mrs. Flory’s Room - 55°	Near East Window in Mrs. Hatfield’s Room - 56°

The drawing for our car is a short month and a half away, so this is crunch time! As of Dec. 15, **only 22% of SPJ families have sold their allotted 10 tickets.** **Participation by all families in this effort is crucial if we are to reach our goal.** If we do not reach \$40,000 in sales, we will have to pay VanDevere for a portion of the car. Please do your very best to move your family’s tickets in the coming weeks.

To show the urgency of our need for new windows, I tested the temperature of various locations throughout the school; on the day of the test, the outside temperature was 25°. As you can see in the images above, a tremendous amount of cold air is getting through our current windows. This makes our heating system work much harder, creating temperature discrepancies, such as the hall being at 73°. Not only will our new windows help keep our kids warmer, they will help us save approximately 15% of our current energy costs annually.

We need your help! While fundraisers are not particularly fun, they are an essential part of our efforts at Catholic schools to keep our costs down while remaining affordable to our families (the SPJ tuition rate for Catholic families is only 39% of the actual cost we pay to educate our students).

Upcoming Events

Dec. 11, 12	<i>Santa Shop</i>
Dec. 12	<i>HCA Band Concert @ St. Michael -6:30</i>
Dec. 17	<i>Pancake Breakfast</i>
Dec. 18	<i>Christmas Musical – Grades 1-4</i> <i>Dress Rehearsal – 1:30</i> <i>Evening Show - 6:30-8:00</i>
Dec. 19	Cookies, Cocoa, and Kindness @ 9:30 – students should wear Kindness shirts and jeans today.
Dec. 20	<i>Christmas Caroling</i>
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break!
Jan. 28	Central vs. STA games (see flyer)
Jan. 10	<i>Virtus Child Protection Class at St. Michael Parish – 6:00</i>
Jan. 17	<i>SPJ Students attend Canton Charge game!</i>
Jan. 22	SPJ Blood Drive

Mrs. Dean’s Students Make Blankets for the ACH



Mrs. Dean and her students made some cozy blankets for the students at Akron Children’s Hospital; they were made to help Sophia M’s Christmas Gift Drive!

Home and School Association

Give the gift of time!

Could you offer your time to **cover lunch and recess coverage on Dec 20**? We would like to have all the teachers and staff be able to attend an annual Christmas Luncheon at the Rectory during this day's lunch hour starting at 11:25. If you can help cover this, please contact Michelle DuPlain [330-704-8909](tel:330-704-8909) or michelleduplain@gmail.com Merry Christmas to our SPJ family!

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

This holiday season, check with your employer to see if they do a matching gift. A matching gift is a donation an employer makes to match its employees charitable contributions. SS Philip & James Church and school are both 501c3 charitable organizations. It is a great way to double your generous donation.

CLASS BASKET RAFFLE TICKETS

Please keep selling those class basket raffle tickets. They will be on display again at the K of C pancake breakfast on December 17th. For every 20 tickets, the seller will get one entry into the monthly prize drawing. The first drawing will be held on Wednesday, December 20th.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Remember to save all of those box tops while you are doing your holiday cooking. Send them in to your child's teacher any time. You can also register on the box tops for education website www.boxtops4education.com for sweepstakes that they run periodically.

Blessing of Gifts for Bountiful Gifts and Barberton Pregnancy Center



Mrs. Montgomery led a beautiful ceremony this morning in which an incredible amount of gifts were blessed. A portion of the gifts are for women and babies in need at the Community Pregnancy Center in Barberton; the other gifts will go to families in need through the wonderful people at Bountiful Gifts.

The True Meaning of Christmas - Archbishop Fulton Sheen



Press "ctrl" and click the above image to see the Venerable Fulton Sheen discuss the true meaning of Christmas (on e-newsletter only ©).