

# Ss. Philip and James School News



*Sixteenth Week of School*

*December 7, 2017*

## School Cancellations



With the cold comes snow & the possibility of snow days; if school is cancelled, you will receive a phone call, an e-mail, and it will be posted on WKYC

Channel 3 News (and their website). It will also be posted on the school website.

## Mrs. Bonnot's 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Sharpen Keyboarding Skills



Mrs. Bonnot's third graders have been utilizing their Google

Chromebooks to the max; an especially important skill they're currently honing is keyboarding; long gone are the days of learning keyboarding in 7<sup>th</sup> grade on typewriters!

## Fourth Graders Create Multi-Layered Art



Through Arts in Stark and HCA, a local artist came in for six weeks to work with our 4<sup>th</sup> graders; they wrote stories on tracing paper about dragons using warm and cool color markers (following a pattern set up by the artist). The papers were mounted on hard stock artist's cardboard; the artist, who goes by Mr. T, then added an artistic overlay which, when placed over the colorful words of the story, created the dragon visible here; it is available to see at the top of the stairs next to Mrs. Burke's room!

## SPJ Student Council Raises Funds for Catholic Charities / Hurricane Relief



The SPJ Student Council recently raised \$550.00 and donated to Catholic Charities to use for hurricane relief! Those funds will help the people of last summer's hurricanes rebuild their lives!

## 2017 Santa Shop Coming



HO HO HO! It's almost that time of year again! The SPJ Santa Shop is right around the corner. **This year it will be held Monday and Tues, December 11-12.** For any new parents, this is a gift shop that the students can shop at to pick out presents and have them wrapped for family members. It is a long

standing and beloved tradition for SPJ. **We are looking for parent elves to help staff the Santa Shop** (shopping assistance, wrapping and check out) for morning or afternoon shifts from 9:00am to 3:00pm Monday and a clean up shift on Tuesday from 10:00-12:00. **We are also looking for donations of wrapping supplies (especially gift tags and medium to small size bags) or any type of new, unused items for the shop itself.** These can be items for any age or gender or even pet toys. There is a Santa Shop box outside the school office for donated items. Please contact DeAnna Koch at [deanna13@sssnet.com](mailto:deanna13@sssnet.com) or (330) 495-1358 if you would like to volunteer for this year's Santa Shop.

# Car Raffle Tickets Push



Parents: It is December, meaning we have two months to move our raffle tickets. We have sold roughly 40% of the tickets we need to sell to reach our goal.

So far, the majority of the tickets sold have been moved through the parish. **We need each family's support!** I ask that you please try to move your tickets soon; this truly is a team effort, and we need everyone to participate for this to succeed. You are welcome to purchase the tickets for your family; you might win a car or \$9,000! God has blessed us with the kind donation from VanDevere, but we must reach \$40,000 in sales, otherwise we will have to pay VanDevere for a portion of the car; if we hit our goal, we owe nothing, and the school gets new windows. Thank you for your help!

## SPJ to Attend Canton Charge Game

Remember to send in your child's permission form and payment for the Canton Charge slip.



## SPJ Student Council Dance a Smash Hit!

The SPJ Student Council hosted a dance last Friday, and it was a tremendous success! There were **81 attendees** from SPJ, St. Joan of Arc, St. Mary, St. Thomas Aquinas M.S., St. Michael, and more! Thank you to the chaperons for helping out and to everyone who sent in treats and drinks.

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 11, 12	Santa Shop
Dec. 12	HCA Band Concert @ St. Michael -6:30
Dec. 14	Christmas Musical – Grades 1-4 6:30-8:00
Dec. 21-Jan. 2	<b>NO SCHOOL – Christmas Break!</b>
Jan. 10	Virtus Child Protection Class at St. Michael Parish – 6:00
Jan. 22	SPJ Blood Drive



**BASKETBALL:** The 7\8th grade girls' basketball team won a thriller in overtime against St. Thomas 17-15 this week!



**LACROSSE:** On Sunday, December 10, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm an HCA LaCrosse "Open Gym" will be held at: St. Michael's School, 3431 St. Michael Blvd NW, Canton OH 44718 (see attached flyer for more details).



## IMPORTANT

Please do not send your children to school with medications. Any and all medications need to be dropped off in the office by the parents with a medical note for prescribed medications, and for over the counter medications, such as cough drops, include a note from the parent or guardian.

## Mrs. Flory's First Graders Begin Advent



# 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](mailto: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](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for sweepstakes that they run periodically.