



Notes from St. Patrick School Office for Week of December 3, 2018

Let us offer our prayers in remembrance of Pearl Harbor, December 7

Christmas Baskets – There is still time to sign up for a Christmas basket and gifts. Call St. James Parish House at 428-7733.



Scholastic Bowl – Our thanks to Sue Miller and Patrick Stokes for volunteering to coach Scholastic Bowl students from 3:00 to 4:15pm every Monday beginning January 7, 2019 until March or April.



Upcoming Events – Watch for the following upcoming events: **Catholic Schools Week** – January 27 to February 2, 2019. Parent visitation is Monday, January 28, 8:00am through the lunch hour. Parents are welcome to stay for our school lunch. To make lunch reservations for January 27, please call the office. The price for an adult lunch is \$3.75. Pre-K 3 & 4 class visitation is Wednesday, January 30 from 8:00 to 9:30am **Book Fair** is January 26 through February 1, 2019. The **Blood Drive** is January 30 from 2:00 to 5:30pm.



Testing – The next two weeks of the 2018 school year are very important, as students will be taking tests to close out the first semester. Junior High School semester exams begin Monday, December 10, 2018.



Volunteer Hours – Please submit the volunteer forms indicating volunteer hours. Letters will be delivered to families in January indicating the total of volunteer hours as of December 2018. Remember that tuition credit for volunteer hours will be awarded only to families who have completed the Protecting God's Children and background check requirements.



Auction Volunteers needed! The Protecting God's Children Class and a background check is required. An easy way to get volunteer hours is to join our committee. Gain hours on your own time by selling ads. We meet Tuesday, January 15 at 6:00pm. Auction date is Saturday, March 30, 2019.



Financial Assistance for 2019 – FACTS is our Tuition Accounts Partner.

Applying for financial aid will now have to be done online. **The process will open for applications on January 2 and close on Wednesday, March 29.** Some financial awards will be determined before school spring registration. If you will be applying for Financial Aid, both Empower Illinois and Facts applications must be completed. EmpowerIllinois.org and <https://onlinefactsmgt.com/aid>.

Empower Illinois – Opens January 15, 2019 at 7:15pm. There is a fee of \$32.00 to file a FACTS form electronically.

Protecting God's Children – Classes will be held from December until April in the Springfield area. See the diocesan schedule of training sessions at: <http://dio.org/safeenvironment/scheduled-training.html>. There will be a PGC on Sunday, January 13 at 1:00pm at St. James Parish House. Please call 429-5363 to register.



Congratulations to our 4th and 5th grade boys' basketball team for their outstanding play at the Warrensburg Turkey Tournament and to the 6th grade boys' team who defeated Central A&M. Congratulations also to our 5th grade girls' team. They finished 3rd in the Warrensburg Tournament.

Monday, December 3, 2018

- ✻ BINGO Macon County Fairgrounds – **we need your help** 5:15pm

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

- ✻ Mass 8:00am all grades in attendance
- ✻ Christmas Program at Decatur Civic Center, 6:30pm

Wednesday, December 5, 2018

- ✻ Spirit Day
- ✻ Language Arts Teacher Workshop Wednesday, December 5, 12:00pm

Thursday, December 6, 2018

- ✻ Santa Store 7:30am to 3:30pm
- ✻ Mass 8:00am Grades 3,4,5

Friday, December 7, 2018

- ✻ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- ✻ Spelling Bee Assembly at 1:30pm, grades 4 to 8, cafeteria
- ✻ Poinsettias, wreaths, and greenery delivered.
- ✻ Wear Jeans and red, white or blue shirt with a donation
- ✻ Holy Day Vigil Mass 6pm, St. James Church

Saturday, December 8, 2018

- ✻ Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holy day of Obligation 10am St. Patrick Church

IMPORTANT DATES:

Tuesday, December 4	Christmas Concert at the Civic Center, 6:00 arrival, 6:30 program
Sunday, December 16	Penance Service at 2pm, St. James Church
Tuesday, December 18	Grades 3 to 8 Choir Tour 9:00am to 2:30pm
Friday, December 21	All School sing-a-long & Character Counts Assembly 1:30pm Parents Welcome; Santa Arrives
Wednesday, December 19	Pick-up Christmas Baskets, 9 to 12, St. James Church

