

November 17, 2011

Dear SJV Families,

We took the students to Seussical yesterday and they enjoyed the musical. It is nice that we are invited to come. There was a part where the cast wore masks but we prepared the students and had the 6th graders sit with their Kindergarten Mass partners to help them. We did not want what happened last week at the Opera House repeated. When I received the list of plays that the Opera House is showing in any given year, we look through and call to make sure they are appropriate for all ages. If not we take the older students only. I was informed that this was 'suitable for all ages'. Had I known it was so frightening, we would not have taken the younger students. Thanks for your understanding.

We had our parent/child basketball and cheerleading meeting on Tuesday night. The 4th-6th grade boys will be practicing on Monday and Thursday right after school until 4:30 PM. The 4th-6th grade girls will be practicing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00-6:15 PM. The cheerleaders will practice on Friday evening from 5:00-6:00 PM. All will start practice the week after Thanksgiving, November 28th. The cost is \$25 for one student, \$40 for two students plus parents must sign forms to allow their children to play. Please turn in your paper work and money as soon as possible. Only one \$25 fee needs to be paid if the student does both basketball and cheerleading.

We are still in need of someone to run concessions. If a group of parents would like to do this like was done last year, let me know. I think the first game is December 12th. Also, we need someone to line up referees for the games. That person would not be getting the referees for the Ray Rosol Tournaments. This would be an easy way to earn your points.

Thanksgiving break begins on Tuesday, November 22nd, at 2:50 PM and school resumes Monday morning, November 28th at 8:20 AM. SJV does not have school on Wednesday, November 23rd. Parent work night is **December 1st from 6-8 PM.**

Please return roller skating permission forms as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. We want all students to be able to skate every day but we need the permission slips first.

Second graders will be busy after Thanksgiving. They have their plays the first week we are back. They have been working very hard on learning their lines. I am excited to see the finished product since I hear them practicing every day. On Saturday, December 3rd, the 2nd graders will be joining 2nd grade Faith Formation students for 1st Reconciliation. Our students include Lauren Borchardt, Kally Brinkman, Skye Dobie, Bennett Hilbrands, Briana Joseph, Aili Lockwood, Macy Militello, Rayah Quiring, Hannah Sanvig, Hailee Schuett, Isaac Striemer, Libby Totzke, Maggy Totzke, and Tailyr Wittmus. Bruna Mota is a sixth grader at SJV School and she will be making her 1st Reconciliation also. Please pray for them.

As you go to JMC through the parent access to check grades, make sure you click on 2nd quarter to get current assignments and/or grades.

Our "Gifts from the Heart" will be during our prayer service on December 5th. Please bring toys or hygiene items for those less fortunate than we are. There are many ways to give at this time of year so just do what your family can.

The dinner/dance will be here before we know it. There are raffle tickets at the school office for anyone who would like to purchase a ticket. Here is the chance to support the school and possibly win \$10,000. The dinner/dance is Saturday, January 28th. We have some great ideas for baskets. More information will be coming soon. The dinner dance committee is just beginning to

work on this fast approaching event. If you would like to join us, please come to the next meeting that will be held on Monday, November 21st at 5:15 PM. Please let us know if you plan to be part of this committee.

I just checked the website for schoolstore.com and we have earned \$100 already. Several classes have received donations for their classrooms. You may still use this site to do online shopping even if you do not want to participate by sending in email addresses. If your family does want to participate and has not, please do so by Monday as we will be drawing for the robot on that day. Thank you.

Our Christmas program is coming soon. It will be December 15th beginning at 6:30 PM. Students are to wear church clothes but please **no high heels for the girls**. They are very dangerous on the risers. The 6th graders will be having a fundraiser after the concert to raise money for their trip to Eagle Bluff. A free will offering will be collected.

Watch for our float in the Glow's Parade. The students who will be riding are to be at school at 5:20 PM. Be sure to dress warm and bring blankets. It gets cold on the float. Parents will pick the students up at school after the parade. It is too dangerous to find parents by Lincoln Park. Our float is unit #11. Thanks to Bob Petrowiak for chairing and Jay Schmidt and John Reischl for their assistance.

I want to wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. Continue to pray for all of those still affected by the war. Remember how truly blessed we are. I pray that you and all your loved ones will have safe travels. My daughter is having Thanksgiving dinner and our granddaughter Molly will be there. It will be fun.

God's Blessings,
Joan Schaffer
Principal