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5 years with
SJPII!

Eagle News

December 20, 2024

For God, all things are possible Matthew 19:26

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dear SJPII Families,

Fr. Jay, an associate at Sacred Heart Parish, celebrated Mass with our students and staff on Wednesday. After the celebration, eighth-grader Anthony Camacho carried the statue of Baby Jesus in a procession to our creche. The student body sang "O Come, All Ye Faithful," while the choir performed "Away in a Manger" as they processed alongside the altar servers, Deacon Stephen, and Fr. Jay. Deacon Stephen proclaimed the Gospel and led the petitions, after which Fr. Jay blessed the nativity scene and the students with holy water and a prayer. This beautiful procession served as a meaningful reminder of the blessed event we are preparing to celebrate worldwide!

Today, our school held its annual Spelling Bee, and we are proud to announce Michael Konz as the First Place winner! Hadley Bryant earned Second Place, and Achilles DiTuro finished in Third Place. Fifteen students from grades 5-8 participated in this exciting competition. Michael will move on to represent our school in a virtual Regional Bee in February, with the opportunity to advance to the state and national competitions in the spring. Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication!

The NC Reading Association's Young Author and Artist Competition brought great success to SJPII, with 15 talented students from grades 7 and 8 recognized for their work. Two of our authors and one artist have advanced to the state competition. State winners will be announced after the start of the new year.

Wishing all our SJPII families a joyful and blessed Christmas! May the new year, 2025, bring peace, prosperity, and happiness to you and your loved ones. Enjoy this special time celebrating with family and friends!

Pax vobiscum,

Marian V. Kajfez, Principal

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Shout Outs

- Mrs. Konz and Mrs. Teclaw for preparing and managing the SJPII second annual Spelling Bee!
- Merry Christmas...Happy New Year!



Dates to Remember

Christmas Break: Runs through January 5, 2025. See you back at SJPII on January 6, 2025!

iReady Diagnostic #2: will be administered in grades K-8 during January 6-24. We will begin the first week to be sure all students are able to complete by January 24.

Sports Corner - Basketball Christmas Break

CO-ED Open Gym (Grades 5-8)
Dec. 23, 27, 30 (9:00 AM -10:30 AM)

Basketball Team Practices dates and times
Dec. 31, Jan 2, Jan 3 (Boys 8:30 AM -10 AM)
(Girls 10:00 AM -11:30 AM)

Mon, Jan 6: Girls & Boys SJPII vs. SCCS
(AWAY) (4:00 tip off for Girls, Boys to follow)

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED YOUR NEXT STEPS

Families awarded on December 3rd have until **5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 27, 2024**, to accept or decline the award offer. Families must log into their MyPortal account, go to their To-Do List, and click on "Respond to Award Offer." Families can also see notifications in their MyPortal account. Award offers that are not accepted by December 27, 2024, will expire. Expired awards cannot be reinstated.