

Sts. Peter and Paul School

Newsletter for the week of December 4, 2017

Centered in Jesus Christ + Courageous in Faith + Scholars for Truth

Barnes & Nobles' Book fair: Seasons Readings

Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 pm



This years "SEASONS READINGS" fundraiser at Barnes and Noble at West Village (across from Colorado Mills) is tomorrow. A percentage of all purchases go to SPPS!

Bring the whole family, and enjoy a wonderful holiday performance by SPPS students, a book reading, and much more!!! **Preschool- 2nd Grades will be performing Christmas Carols @ 6:00 PM**, and then right after at **6:30 PM there will be a special book reading by a local children's author – April Leo!!** You and your children won't want to miss her story of "Little Squirrel, Big Dreams". It is a beautiful story!!!

Enjoy dinner at the Barnes & Noble cafe (purchases count towards the book-fair) and then start your Christmas shopping! **Be sure to tell your cashier that you are there for the SPPS Book Fair!!!**

Can't make it to the event, or have family & friends that would like to participate? **The online book-fair will be from 12/5 - 12/10.** Please use the following code: 12232310 to have your purchases count.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!!!

STAR testing

Over the next two weeks, our 1st through 7th graders' reading and math skills will be reassessed through STAR testing. These 20 minute tests will help teachers identify the areas our students have grown over the past three months and plan our instruction to address areas of weakness. Before Christmas, teachers will be sending home a summary sheet regarding your child's progress.

More information can be found at:
www.renaissance.com/products/a/assessment/star-360/



Looking for Legos!



After School Care is replacing some of their games and toys. If you have any Legos that your children are no longer using, would you consider passing them along to After School Care? You can drop them off at the school office.

Upcoming Events

- Tues, Dec 5 at 5:30-8:30 pm: **Seasons Readings** at Barnes & Nobles
- Dec 4-15: STAR testing for grades 1-7
- Weds, Dec 6 at 8:00 am: All School Assembly
- Weds, Dec 6: Ameritowne field trip for 5th and 6th grades
- Weds, Dec 6: 7th grade service trip to Samaritan House
- Thurs, Dec 7: 7th grade field trip to Dakota Bees
- Tues, Dec 12: **Advent Confessions for 3rd- 8th**
- Thurs, Dec 14: Open House for new families
- Fri, Dec 15: **Christmas Program** for PreS- 4th
- Weds, Dec 20: Junior High field trip to Arvada Performing Arts Center for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat
- Thurs, Dec 21: All School Posadas (8:00 am), Minimum Day- noon dismissal
- Fri, Dec 22- Sun, Jan 7: Christmas Break!



4 Ways to Celebrate Advent as a Family

The Advent season can be a great time for families to celebrate "the reason for the season"—Jesus Christ. Here are four ways to create opportunities for your family to focus on Jesus amid all the holiday rush.

1. Create an Advent Jesse Tree: This ancient tradition, based on Isaiah 11:1, helps children learn the Christmas story and related Scripture. Start with either a small live or artificial tree. If you prefer, cut a tree out of construction paper and tape it to a wall. Select 24 Bible stories and create small ornaments that correspond with each story. Use construction paper, scissors, markers and other art supplies. Beginning December 1, read and discuss the related Scripture, discuss the Bible account, and then place the ornament on the tree.

2. Make a Prayer Garland: Cut out 24 green and red construction paper strips. On each strip, write the name of a family member, friend or ministry. Staple the strips as links into one long garland. Hang the garland in your apartment or house as a decoration. Every day in December, have a family member remove one of the paper strips. As a family, pray for the person or ministry whose name is on that strip of paper.

3. Use Christmas Cards as Prayer Reminders: As Christmas cards arrive during December, place them in a basket in a noticeable area. Once a day, pull out one card and pray for that person or family together. Keep the Christmas card basket out all year and pray regularly for other families. You may want to write the person a note signed by your family that says, "We prayed for you today."

4. Create (or Buy) Your Own Advent Wreath with Candles: An Advent wreath is helpful and beautifully symbolic of the season. A basic Advent wreath consists of a circle with four candle holders with one candle in the middle. It may be garnished with holly or pine boughs. The Advent wreath can serve as a perfect teaching moment too. Point out the colors to your children, and talk about what they mean. You can find a simple Advent Wreath ceremony online to pray with your family.

Article courtesy of <http://www.lifeway.com/article/ideas-for-celebrating-advent-as-a-family> .

It's Basketball Season!

Congratulations to all our teams for their hard work during the last few weeks of practices and for doing their best during the first games of the season!

Widgets Girls (3rd/4th grades) 1 Wins, Ties 1, 1 Losses
Widget Boys (3rd/4th grades) 0 Wins, 3 Losses
Junior Varsity Girls (5th/6th grades) 2 Wins, 2 Losses
Junior Varsity Boys (5th/6th grades) 0 Wins, 3 Losses
Varsity Girls (7th/8th grades) 1 Win, 1 Loss
Varsity Boys (7th/8th grades) 2 Wins, 0 Losses

Upcoming games: Come cheer our teams on!

12/4 at 6:00 JV girls (home) vs St. Bernadette
12/4 at 7:30 JV Boys vs Nativity (home)
12/5 at 6:15 JV Girls vs Nativity (home)
12/5 at 7:30 Varsity boys vs. Nativity (home)
12/8 at 5:15 Widget Boys vs St. Louis (home)
12/9 at 12:00 Widget Girls (home) vs St. Bernadette
12/11 at 7:00 Varsity Girls vs Assumption (home)
12/14 at 7:00 Varsity Girls (home) vs. St. Bernadette
12/15 at 4:15 Widget Boys (home) vs Notre Dame
12/15 at 6:00 Varsity Girls (home) vs Nativity
12/15 at 8:00 JV Boys vs. Escuela de Guadalupe (home)
12/16 at 3:00 Widget Girls vs St. Louis (home)
12/19 at 6:00 JV girls (home) vs St. John the Baptist
12/19 at 6:00 JV boys vs. Our Lady of Fatima (home)
12/19 at 7:00 Varsity Boys (home) vs St. John the Baptist
12/20 at 6:15 Varsity Boys (home) vs Nativity



Fall Fieldtrips



A Trip to the Art Museum
Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades



A trip to the Capitol -4th grade