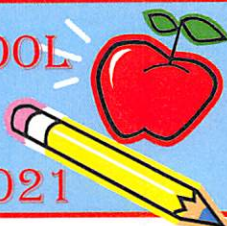




# ST. JOACHIM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
• School Mass / Solemnity of the Imm. Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary
- Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
• NO School Mass / Spirit Wear
- Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
• Picture Retakes!
- Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
• School Mass / Noon Dismissal  
• No Extended Care Available  
• No Preschool PM Classes
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
• Christmas Break!
- Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
• School Resumes!



### Due this Friday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>

Saint Joachim School is helping to keep children warm this winter. We are participating with the Coats for Kids Campaign. This year they are asking for only **NEW** coats to be donated due to the sanitization and precautions in place in 2021.



### Christmas Project

Due Monday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

The winter days are quickly approaching and along with them comes the opportunity to help those in need. This year we are helping out victims of the Dixie Fire and also families who have been referred to us by Esperanza de Vida a St Joachim School Spanish Ministry. Yesterday you received an email of a class list of what your child can bring. If you can participate to this yearly Christmas Project that St Joachim is proud of, please bring or send your items or gift cards to the front office. If you have any questions, please call Belen Espinoza @ 559-377-1121. Thank you all for your participation and generosity.



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Of our Blessed Virgin Mary Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am

Our students will be attending Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Virgin Mary.



### Picture Retakes Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

We are having our retakes on Wed. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Students must wear their Mass attire. New students to our school or students that were absent on picture day or just want to retake your picture should simply return your original package on Picture Retake Day.

### Free Dress Christmas Spirit Thursday, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021



We encourage students to participate in our Christmas Spirit Free Dress next Thursday! Remember, school dress code applies to spirit wear and free dress days.



### Christmas Candy Grams 50g Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> – Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>



Candy Grams will be on sale Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> through Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for 50 cents each. Students may purchase candy grams at morning recess in science room and parents may purchase candy grams in the front office from 7:30am-3:00pm. Candy grams will not be sold past Tuesday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>.



Dear Parents,  
There are so many fun things happening over the next week and a half before Christmas Break! Coats for Kids is wrapping up this Friday. Adopt-a-Family items need to be brought in by Monday, we have the opportunity to attend Mass to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, Christmas Candy Grams, and then comes one of my favorite days of the year...Christmas Spirit Free Dress Day! I can't wait to see the kids in their Christmas sweaters, headbands, socks, and more! Have a wonderful rest of your week!

~Mrs. Forcey

St Carmen Salles

*"Forward, Always Forward GOD Will Provide".*



**COATS**   
 **Kids**  **2021**

 **Purl's**  
Sheet Metal &  
Air Conditioning  
Lic# 463756

*Helping to keep Children Warm this Winter*

## **Coats for Kids Campaign Nov 15th - Dec 10th**

With the goal to collect coats to keep children warm in the cold winter, Purl's Sheet Metal & Air Conditioning is partnering with the Salvation Army & KISS Country in the annual Coat's for Kids Campaign.

We have joined efforts with our schools and community to help bring in needed coats for the kids in our own community. At this time, we are asking for only NEW coats to be donated for coats for kids. Due to the sanitization and precautions in place in 2021, the campaign will have to consist of only new coats. All of the coats collected will stay in Madera & Fresno Counties and benefit our local kids.

*Thank You*



St. Joachim's School

Annual  
Christmas  
Adopt-a-Family

In the spirit of St. Nicholas we are  
blessing some local families who are in need.

Collection starting TODAY until December 13th

This year we are helping out some victims of the Dixie Fire  
and also some Madera families who have been referred to  
us by Esperanza da Vida. Please look for a flyer that will  
come home with your children for additional information.

All donations are due no later than:  
Monday, December 13, 2021 at 3pm

Thank you in advance for your generosity.  
Merry Christmas!

\*\* All gift card donations must  
be turned in directly to the  
school office.

\*\* Participation is voluntary.  
\*\* Questions contact Belen @  
377-1121 or Jackie @ 474-6466

Parent Volunteers Needed

Wrapping, Organizing, Distributing: December 14th-17th

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



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# PICTURE RETAKE DAY IS COMING



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**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**

**St. Joachim School Retake Day!**



- ① Visit [mylifetouch.com](https://mylifetouch.com)
- ② Enter your Picture Day ID  
**EVT9KDHRJ**
- ③ Want us to retake your picture?  
Simply return your original package on Picture Retake Day.

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We look forward to even bigger and better things

*in the New Year!*



*Truly He taught  
us to love one  
another.  
His law is love.  
His gospel is  
peace.*

O Holy Night  
Reginald Fessenden



We have several upcoming events shortly after we return from Christmas break.

In January, we will celebrate Catholic Schools Week (1/30/22-2/5/22). We will also be gearing up for our largest (and most fun!) fundraiser of the year, our Annual Dinner Dance and Auction, scheduled for February 25, 2022. It is again being chaired by Angie Milam and her committee, and is sure to be a fabulous event. Our school-wide Spelling Bee has been moved to Spring. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of these events. We hope you have a blessed Christmas season.



DECEMBER 2021

# St. Joachim's School Parent Club Newsletter

## Fall Fundraising

Our pie and voucher sales were down a little in comparison to last year. We sold 1,170 pies and 475 Sal's vouchers, however considering it was so close to our candy sales, it was definitely a success.

A special congratulations to the 3rd grade class for being the top selling class, and our top individual sellers, Taylor Sweet, Luke Cardoso, and Hunter Galvan.

Earlier this fall, we sold 452 boxes of candy. Our top seller was Isaac Alaniz, closely followed by Zander Arreola, Elijah Calderon, and Sullivan Wolfli.

Thank you to everyone who participated in these fundraisers by selling, purchasing or volunteering your time. We have already earned over \$22,000 net (40% of our projected income for the year) through our fundraising activities so far this year. Approximately 98% of our earnings go directly to the school to fund school operations. The remaining 2% funds campus activities and hospitality. All of our work truly does make a difference and helps keep tuition low.

## Coats for Kids and Adopt-a-Family

As the holidays approach, we like to focus our attention on those who need help in our community. Once again, we are partnering with Purl's Sheet Metal collecting new coats for Coats for Kids.

Additionally, St. Joachim's School for many years has done our own Christmas drive, Adopt-a-Family, blessing families with a Christmas they would not otherwise be able to afford. The lists have been distributed. Participation is voluntary, but we hope to have enough donations to provide a Christmas for 5 families in our community and another 5 impacted by the Dixie Fire.

## Next Parent Club Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6pm, in the staff room or on zoom



## Fundraising & Service Hours

Remember each time you volunteer to post your service hours in the binder in the office. Hours should be posted within 2 weeks of volunteering.

Fundraising balances will be sent out shortly after we return from Christmas vacation.



*what a year it was!*



As the second semester starts, the Parent Club would like to remind families that it takes a lot of volunteers for many of our events. If you are interested in helping out, please contact one of the people below.

## PARENT CLUB OFFICERS

The Parent Club has several familiar faces and has also added some new officers to our board:

Leslie Cosyns, President

MaryAnn Velasco, 1st VP - Volunteer Hours/Fundraising and Treasurer


Kristin Galli - 2nd VP - Room Parent Coordinator

Yadira Medina - Secretary

Helene Dellavalle - Hospitality

Belen Espinoza - Community Service Coordinator

Chastity Burke - Publicity



Every parent at St. Joachim's School is a member of the Parent Club. Our meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at 6pm in the conference room. For the time being, we will also have zoom links for those who prefer to attend virtually. All parents are welcome.

## FUNDRAISER AND EVENT CHAIRPERSONS

Candy Bar Sale  
*Helene Dellavalle*

Red Ribbon Week  
*Helene Dellavalle*

Jog-a-Thon  
*Gloria Donatelli & Stacy Sablan*



Sal's Voucher Sale  
*Leslie Cosyns*

Halloween Carnival  
*Angie Milam, Stephanie Ross  
& Kelly Hanna*

Spelling Bee  
*Chastity Burke & Yadira Medina*

Holiday Pie Sale  
*Leslie Cosyns*

Christmas Adopt-a-Family  
*Belen Espinoza*

Book Fair  
*Kristin Galli*



Annual Dinner Dance, Auction  
& Raffle  
*Angie Milam*

Catholic School's Week  
*Belen Espinoza*

Teacher Appreciation Week  
*Laura Garcia*

Uniform Giveaway  
*Sylvia Lara*

Committees for these events are still being finalized, please contact one of these chairs, or Helene Dellavalle at 559-250-7519, if you are interested in helping with any of these events or fundraisers. We are still looking for volunteers to chair the Father-Daughter and Mother-Son events, and all events need extra help.

Helping with any of these fundraisers or events goes toward your yearly volunteer hours requirement. It's usually lots of fun too!

