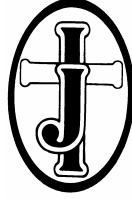


INFANT JESUS SCHOOL



December 8, 2009

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Important Dates:

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4L, & 3A

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Shopping: 1C, 6N, 2R, 4T, 5A,
& 3C

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Up Day at Nashua Catholic
Junior High (pg. 5)



Dear Parents,

We hope you all enjoyed some special time with family and friends during the Thanksgiving holiday. The snow this past weekend has reminded us that it is December and we are celebrating the blessed season of Advent! We hope you can take some time during this season of hope to prepare for welcoming the birth of the Child whose life makes the whole world new again, Jesus.

WE'RE SO GRATEFUL

We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you for your donations to the less fortunate over the Thanksgiving season. We appreciated your help with our goal of reaching 100 canned goods per class to help kick off

our 100th Year Anniversary activities. We collected over 1400 items and the donations filled the entire Corpus Christi Food Pantry van! Thank you so much!

WISH LIST THANKS

We would like to thank all the parents who took a sticky note from our "Wish List" during Parent/Teacher conferences. These supplies will be used by our "specialist" teachers during the winter months to help keep their rooms germ free! Thank you so much for your generosity from Mrs. Anger, Mrs. Couchman, Mrs. Dumont, Mrs. Hebert, Mrs. Litch, and Mrs. Yetto!

LEGO LEAGUE

Congratulations to the IJS Lego League teams who participated in the recent Lego League competition held at Daniel Webster College.

Team #2024, "Fragile, This Side Up", placed 12th and Team #2027 "Warning" placed 6th out of 20 teams. Congratulations to all the students who worked very

**hard and represented IJS.
We're so proud of them!**

The "Fragile, This Side Up" members are: **Tarang Saluja (4L), Noah Blecharczyk (4L), Colin Halter (6A), Mark Zoda (4T), Tristen Koerber (5A), Sean Kennedy (4L), Rahul Vaswani (6A),) and Sarveen Shafiyah-Rad (5A).**

The "Warning" members are: **Om Kapoor (4L), Kevin Collette (5A), Pranav Prabhala (5B), Elizabeth Cleveland (5A), Aryton Hoi (5A), Srimanth Kumar (5A), and Timothy Martin (5B).**

A special thank you to their wonderful coaches: **Miss Lavoie and Miss Powell.**

IJS CHRISTMAS PLAY

We'd like to congratulate the IJS Drama Club, IJS Band, and IJS Chorus on their inspiring performances in the production, **On Christmas Day in the Morning** this past weekend. All of the students did a fantastic job!

Special thanks go out to our IJS teachers and volunteers who graciously gave of their time and talents to help make this production such a huge success!

And also, thank you to all of the parents, family, and friends who supported the students by delivering them to all of the early morning practices.

It was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance at all of the performances!

NOVEMBER PENNY PICKERS UPDATE

Thank you for your help with this important fundraiser for the Nashua Pastoral Care Center. **Mrs. Early's and Mrs. MacDonald's 5th grade classes appreciated your assistance with this worth-while outreach project.** We don't have a final total on how many pennies were collected, but we did very well! **Thanks for all of your hard work kids!**

MRS. DUMONT'S FALL BOOK FAIR UPDATE

Once again Infant Jesus School held another successful Book Fair. During our Fall 2009 Book Fair **we sold \$4325.56 worth of books**, which also included the books purchased with your donations to our "One for Books" program.

Donations were made towards our "One for Books" program in three ways. Our generous families purchased a book slip for \$1.00, children donated their loose change during the book fair and received a blue book slip, and the library donated overdue fines that have accumulated since our Spring 2009 Book Fair. **We raised a total of \$223.45 for this worthy cause.** The money raised was spent on beautiful new books for our library. **Scholastic will in turn donate**

a total of 223 books to three charities: Toys for Tots, National Center for Family Literacy, and Kids in Distressed Situations. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting this program.

Mrs. Dumont would like to thank all of you for supporting our books fairs. She would especially like to thank the wonderful volunteers who helped with set up, break down, and assisted the students with their shopping.

Last, but not least, thank you to all of you who donated wonderful new books to the school library. Your thoughtful gifts will be enjoyed for years to come.

QSP/OTIS SPUNKMEYER UPDATE

We'd like to thank all of our families who participated in this fundraiser. We're still awaiting our final profit number. We'll update you as soon as we do!

Our top six sellers will be taking a **limo ride to lunch at Uno Chicago Grill on Tuesday, January 26th.**

The top six sellers were: **Emma Southern (4L), Isabel Roy (4L), Natalie Schalk (1A), Christina Pelletier (6A), Sam Anger (1A), and Bailey Ciardelli (2A).**

***** Please note: ***
Parents of these students**

should not order Hot Lunch for this day!

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR
FUNDRAISER

We don't have the final profit amount for the Religious Calendar fundraiser yet however, we want to thank you so much for your support!

We still have a few extra calendars available for sale.

One of these calendars would make a beautiful Christmas gift! Please call or send a note to the school office if you're interested!

IJS CHRISTMAS CARDS

You should have received a letter last week regarding our second annual IJS Christmas card project. If you did not receive this letter, let us give you the highlights.

Once again this year, Mrs. Couchman, our Art Teacher, worked with our older students on a special project. We wanted to send out Christmas cards showcasing the talents of our students. Mrs. Couchman worked with the children in the 6th grade who created Christmas designs. These designs were then shown to the whole staff and the names of the students were not revealed until after the staff had selected three designs.

This year, the chosen designs were created by: **Kelli Loughlin (6N), Rosemary**

Mulvey (6N), and David Wang (6N). All of the students did a great job and made our decision very difficult!

These cards are also available for purchase. **The cost is \$6.00 for a set of twelve cards (four of each design).** Please call the school office for a copy of the letter/order form which was sent home last week.

UPDATE ON:
IJS RESTAURANT EVENTS

Our first IJS restaurant fundraising event was held at Chuck E. Cheese on November 11th. We received a check for **\$120.66!**

Our next event will be held tonight at Valentino's Restaurant in Hudson, NH!

Don't feel like cooking during this busy Christmas season? Why not take the family out to Valentino's tonight (before 9:00 pm) and enjoy a delicious dinner without the clean-up! **Valentino's will donate 15% of all IJS food sales to the Parent Group.** This will help fund the many field trips and enrichment programs which the Parent Group provides for the students. Please come out and support us! **Please be sure to let your server know that you are from IJS.**

January's IJS restaurant event will be held at **Uno's Chicago Grill**, day and evening, at **both the Daniel Webster and 101A locations on Monday, January**

11th. Mark your calendars and be sure to stop by for some good food and fun times!

NEWS FROM EDUCATIONAL
OUTFITTERS

Just a reminder: that our uniform provider, Educational Outfitters, is now running their annual December sale.

Save 10% on all uniform basics (shirts, pants, shorts, jackets, jumpers, and sweaters)!

15% OFF on all shoes!

40% OFF on Jersey Knit Polo's in selected colors only, while supplies last.

They also carry a full line of plaid accessories such as lunch boxes, backpacks, and hair accessories which make great Christmas stocking stuffers.

Don't forget to tell your friends that Educational Outfitters is now the Nashua Area's supplier for Girl Scouts', Cub Scouts', and Boy Scouts' uniforms, merchandise, and books!

They are open 6 days a week including extended hours on Thursdays (10:00 am – 8:00 pm).

You can also visit them online at: **www.eo-ne.com**.

PLEASE READ

HANNAFORD HELP SCHOOLS
PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who has sent in the "Help Schools Certificates." The school is able to redeem these certificates for the equivalent **CASH** value. **Please send these certificates into the office as soon as possible. The program ended on December 6th.**

The certificates have to be turned into Hannaford by **Friday, December 18th**. Thank you for participating in this program.

IJS GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Thank you so much for your support of this fundraiser! There's still time to purchase gift cards for Christmas. **We will be placing orders two more times before we leave for Christmas vacation.** Our regular order will be placed on **Thursday, December 10th**. We will also place a special order on **Tuesday, December 15th** for those last minute shoppers!

There are many stores that are offering bonus contributions during the Christmas season.

Please see the new order form which is included in today's shuttle!

ADVENT PRAYER SERVICE

KA, 6A, & 6N will be preparing a special prayer service to celebrate the season of advent

on **Thursday December 17th at 9:30 am.** Please join us!

GEO BEE FINALS

Please feel free to join us for the IJS National Geographic Bee finals (grades 4, 5, & 6) on **Friday, December 18th** in the school cafeteria at **1:30 pm.**

SPIRIT DAY

On **Wednesday, December 23rd** the students are asked to wear "**red and green**" to celebrate Christmas. This is a **no uniform day.** As always, we ask that the students' attire be appropriate for school. Thank you!

EARLY RELEASE

Wednesday, December 23rd is an **early release** day. The students will be dismissed as follows:

11:30 a.m.	Half Day Kindergarten
12:15 p.m.	Full Day Kindergarten
12:30 p.m.	Grades 1-6

Hot lunch will not be served.

If you choose, please send a **cold lunch** with your child. The students will have an opportunity to eat before they leave for home. **Milk and juice will be available.**

After School care will be available for those families who will need to take advantage

of this program. Please **send a note to your child's teacher** if your child will be attending the After School program on this day. **If you have more than one child attending After School, one note is sufficient.** This note is then sent to the office and they will inform the other homeroom teacher(s) and the After School staff.

CHRISTMAS VACATION

Infant Jesus School will begin Christmas vacation on **Thursday, December 24th**. We will resume classes on **Monday, January 4, 2010.**

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

There will be **no school** on **Monday, January 18, 2010** in celebration of this holiday.

*** ATTENTION ***
6th GRADE PARENTS
AND STUDENTS

REMINDER: Step up day for our 6th grade students will be held at Nashua Catholic on **Friday, January 22, 2010.**

Please do not order hot lunch on this day. No credits will be issued!

If you have any questions, please call Nashua Catholic at 882-7011.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

We are still collecting **aluminum can tabs**. Sr. Claudette oversees this project. The profit from these can tabs is used for the purchase of wheelchairs for the elderly.

The children may place the can tabs in the blue collection bin which is located in the foyer of the school near the Wee Deliver mailbox.

We would like to encourage everyone to participate in this worthwhile cause.

HANNAFORD GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Do you shop at Hannaford supermarkets? Why not purchase some gift cards through the **IJS Hannaford Gift Card program** to help with your Christmas and New Year's celebration grocery shopping?

Did you misplace the forms we sent home in the previous shuttle? No problem! Just call the school office to request a new form or if you have any questions.

STOP & SHOP BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM

Thank you to those of you who have enrolled in the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks program and designated Infant Jesus School. **Why not turn your holiday grocery shopping into CASH for our school?**

It's not too late to register your Stop & Shop card! You may do this at the store, on the website: **www.stopandshop.com/aplus**, or by phone: **1-877-366-2668**.

*** PLEASE READ ***

WINTER CLOTHING REMINDER

Please be sure that the children are dressed warmly for the cold winter months. The students **do go out for recess** so it is important that they have a **warm coat, hat, mittens, etc.** We also strongly recommend that you mark **all** of your children's clothing with their names.

Low shoe-boots may be worn all day. If storm boots are worn, your child must change into shoes for the school day. Thank you for your help in this matter!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the school.

SCHOOL CANCELLATION/ 90 MINUTE DELAY

School cancellations and 90-minute delay information:

Please watch **WMUR-TV News 9** starting at **6:00 am**. The information will appear at the bottom of the television screen listed in alphabetical order.

The information will also be available on the **WMUR website**:

www.wmur.com.

Infant Jesus School will follow the **NASHUA SCHOOL DISTRICT** for delays and cancellations. If Nashua is delayed or cancelled, so is Infant Jesus.

In the event of a 90-minute delay, the **Half-Day Kindergarten** session will automatically be cancelled.

The Full Day Kindergarten session normally starts at 8:30 am, so with a 90 minute delay, they would start at **10:00 am**.

Grades 1-6 normally start school at 9:00 am, so if we have a 90-minute delay that means those classes would begin at **10:30 am**.

There is no one in the office to answer the phone until **9:30 am**. **Please watch WMUR-TV News 9**, and help us reduce the number of phone calls we receive when there is a delayed opening. **Please** do not call the school, rectory, or convent. Thank you.

Please refer to the **bright orange Delay Schedule handout** that was enclosed in November's shuttle envelope.

If you prefer to listen to the radio for information, tune into 95.7 FM WZID starting at 6:00 am for delay and cancellation information. Cancellations and delays will also be posted on their websites this year:

www.wzid.com,
www.965themill.com or
www.wfea1370.com

UPCOMING SHUTTLE DATES

Please find the shuttle dates for January through June listed below.

Tuesday, January 12th
Tuesday, February 9th
Tuesday, March 9th
Tuesday, April 13th
Tuesday, May 11th
Tuesday, June 8th

CURRENT FUNDRAISERS

This is a list of the fundraisers which are currently underway at IJS.

Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks
(ends March 25th)

Hannaford Gift Card Program (all year)

IJS Gift Card Program (all year)

Target Take Charge of Education (all year)

Cartridge World ink cartridge recycling (all year)

Paper Recycling (all year)

IN CLOSING...

Advent reminds us to keep our minds fixed on Jesus. It is a time for preparing for the feast of God's love: Christmas.

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

Henri J.M. Nouwen
www.4catholiceducators.com

We pray that you have a blessed and holy Christmas celebration with family and friends. So often Christmas day seems to come and go very quickly, and with it, the spirit of the Christmas season can be lost in the process of finishing left-overs, cleaning up, and traveling.

So, once again this year, let us remember that Christmas is not just one day, but a season full of hope and grace.

Merry Christmas!

God Bless,

Estelle S. LaFleur

