# St. Joseph School Bulldogs News

December







**Principal Newsletter** November, 20th 2024

Looking back at November we have so much to be thankful for! Namely our amazing community, coming together for events like the Aluminum Can Drive which raised over \$500 for our school. Our the Knight of Columbus sponsoring a pizza party for the whole school for meeting the goal of the blood drive. Looking forward to the the upcoming Christmas Pageants and it bake sale and the Back in Black looming ever closer I am so proud of just how hard this community works to support our growing school!

We have received word from the Bishop and our 7th grade can look forward to being Confirmed in our faith on March 26th at 6:30. Save the date and pray for those young Catholics!

School Council has also recently approved several updates to our Handbook. Specifically in the area of Attendance, Dress Code and Honor Roll to match our current best practices. Please read them on the Handbook link from the school website. Have a blessed December!

Emergency Food Drive Update: A huge thank you for the tremendous outpouring of support for our local food pantry in their time of need! I was amazed at how many reached out initially about this service and how much food we have collected since then. All donations should be here tomorrow November 21st and will be taken to the pantry on Friday.

#### **November Dates:**

Nov 25 -29 - Thanksgiving Break No School

### **December Dates:**

Dec 4 - 1st Confessions

Second Graders

Dec 6 - Feast of St. Nick

Dec 19 - Christmas

Program - Performances at

1:00 PM and 7:00 PM

Dec 20 - 11:20 Dismissal

Christmas Break Begins

Classes Resume:

.lan 6th

#### January Dates:

Jan 6th - Classes Resume Jan 21st - Home and

School Meeting 6:30

Jan 26-31st -

Catholic Schools Week

## BULLDOGS IN THE NOW





If you have sport or event photos to share for "Bulldogs in the Now" please send them to

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SCRIP for teachers Holiday gift- If you are planning to participate in the Staff Scrip Christmas gifts, the forms and money are due by Dec. 6th. Please give generously to those who have given so much of their time for our students.

Congratulation to Braelyn Backes, grade 8 who won the "VFW's Patriot's Pen" essay contest. She now moves on to the State Level for a chance to win \$500 Dollars. Braelyn received her certificate and \$50 Dollars in Cash at last weeks Veterans Day Ceremony, shown to the left.

If your student participated in the recent tryouts and received a role in the upcoming Christmas Pageant, please be practicing their lines and making a plan for their costume. A reminder that the school has many outfits and props available, please coordinate with the staff on anything Christmas Pageant related!

Our theme for this school year: Unity