



THE LINK



FEBRUARY 2012

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February Calendar

Catholic Schools' Week	Jan 29- Feb 4
P/T Conferences, Grades 1-4 & Grades 5-8 in session	1
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Early Dismissal, 11:30 am	3
Nite at the Races	4
Ski Trip, Grades 7-8 (rescheduled)	8
Monthly School Dinner 4:00-7:00 pm, Cafeteria (sponsored by 3rd Grade)	11
Senior Night, Pivik Gym	17
Junior High Winter Dance Cafeteria	18
Market Day Pick-up 9:00-10:00 am, Cafeteria	18
NO SCHOOL Presidents' Day	20
Ash Wednesday	22
Sarris Candy Orders Due	24



From the Principal's Desk...

Throughout the long winter months it is always good to know that there is much to keep us busy. Catholic Schools' Week is always a week of fun activities. Our gratitude is extended to all in our community for making it a great success.

Our teachers and students are hard at work in all subject areas. They are preparing for the academic competitions in which we are involved.

These competitions help our students gain needed problem solving, critical thinking and communication skills.

Lent will begin on February 22. It is a great time to reflect on the benefits our children have in being a part of a Catholic school. We are grounded in faith and supported by the high expectations of parents, teachers and a larger community. We strive to give our stu-

dents a foundation in a rapidly changing world. They are blessed with living their faith every day and are taught academic skills that will be critical and essential to always remain lifelong learners.

May God continue to bless your family each day.

Blessings and prayers,

Sandi Stonebraker



Yearbook Sales and Photo Upload

You can still order your 2012 SJB Yearbook, but the price is now \$30. Personalization is not available now. You can order online at www.jostensyearbooks.com or obtain an order form from the school office.

The Yearbook Committee invites everyone to upload photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to have them. Help us get as many photos as possible of school activities, sporting events and classroom time to create a terrific yearbook everyone will want to have. Reminder to Homeroom Parents to take pictures of the students in your homerooms and upload them!

To submit photos online:

Type in your web browser: images.jostens.com (do not use www)

Enter Login ID and Password:

Login ID: 400134797 (this is a new ID!)

Password: chargers

Click on the "Submit" button.

Browse your photo library to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.

Click on "Image Share."

Enter information about the photo (names and grades of students in the pictures) and provide contact information. Click "Save Details". It's that easy! Submit your photos today! **The deadline to**

submit photos has been extended to February 15, so get them in quickly!

Athletic Association News



The **basketball season** will come to a close with Senior Night on February 17. Please come out to support our boys and girls teams. The JV and Varsity teams play their home games at Pivik Elementary School in Plum. **The remaining schedule of home games are:**

Friday's	JV Girls	Varsity Girls
February 3 St. Maurice	6:30 pm	No game
February 10 Sacred Heart	6:30 pm	7:45 pm
February 17 St. Joe's. Verona	SENIOR NIGHT! Varsity Girls (6:30 pm) Varsity Boys (8:00pm)	
Tuesday's	JV Boys	Varsity Boys
February 7 St. Bede	6:30 pm	7:45 pm

Email submissions for The Link to
thelink@stjohnthebaptistschool.org
 by the 15th of the month.

Passion Play

Congratulations to those students assigned a role in this year's **Passion Play**:

Jesus: David Demharter
 Mary: Emma Carroll
 Soloist ("At the Cross"): Stephanie Harrington
 Judas: Kevin Scott
 Peter: Tommy Melchioro
 Pontius Pilate: Austin Lucas
 Simon: Jimmy Regan
 Veronica: Josie Zapata
 Mary Magdalene: Julia Messina



Various students will also play instruments during the performance. Of special mention are 8th graders Kaylee Gojkovich, Stephanie Harrington, Julia Messina and Jimmy Regan.

The Passion Play is a contemporary rendition of Christ's passion through both drama and music performed by the 7th and 8th grade students. This year's performance will be held on **Friday, March 23** in the church. Mark your calendar and plan to attend at either 1:00 pm in the afternoon for dress rehearsal or 7:00 pm in the evening for the candlelight performance.

Lenten Season



The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. The students at St. John the Baptist School participate in **Stations of the Cross** every Friday during Lent at 2:10 pm in the church. Parents, families and guests are welcome to join us.



Science Fair

The St. John's **Science Fair** was held on Wednesday, January 25. Students in grades 6-8 prepared posters about their experiments that were judged by parents and volunteers. Winners will move on to the Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair to be held at Heinz Field on March 30. This year's winners include:

Grade 6—Nicholas Ammon, Ben Bowen, Zach Bowen, Rosie Budenholzer, Karen Dopico, Joe Hantz, Gia Iozzi, Alyssa Lucas and Jodie Morow

Grade 7—Jennifer Anderson, Sarah Boltey, Emily Clites, Jamie Gatesman, Reese Hawk, Lauren Kolenik, Sarah Mautino, Alyssa Monroe, Kevin Scott and Katie Trozzi

Grade 8—Christine Cooper, David Demharter, Kaylee Gojkovich, Stephanie Harrington, Austin Lucas, Julia Messina, Jimmy Regan, Lydia Scheer, Stacia Seitz and Cassidy Soboslay

Interested students in grades 7-8 can also participate in the Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS) which is a bit more involved. Along with their experiment and poster for the St. John's Science Fair, the PJAS students also prepare a verbal presentation with transparencies for the PJAS competition. This group is led by Mr. Lou Ammon with support from Mr. Juan Ibarra and Mr. Pat Roe, along with much parent involvement. These parent volunteers provide guidance to the PJAS participants on their projects. The PJAS Regional Competition is being held on February 4 at Keystone Oaks High School. Students that place first go on to the state competition. PJAS is an excellent opportunity for students with a higher interest in science and provides good experience with presentations and public speaking.

PTG Corner

PTG wishes to thank all of the volunteers that worked the Open House held on Sunday, January 29. We appreciate everyone donating their time to be tour guides, setting up, cleaning up, etc. The Open House and the Book Fair were a great success and the students enjoyed all of the fun activities held during Catholic Schools' Week!

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