December 21, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Companions on the Journey
Advent Companions

Imagine waiting your entire life to spend but a few minutes with the gift you anticipated receiving! Such is the story of Simeon, an aged man whose wish before death was to see the Messiah. When Mary and Joseph bring the Child Jesus to the Temple to fulfill the dictates of the law of the Lord, there is Simeon. The Holy Spirit guided him to the Christ Child and inspired his words to his parents. Simeon’s canticle of praise (Luke 2:29-32) announces that the Savior would be “a revealing light to the Gentiles [and] the glory of your people Israel.”

This final week of Advent is framed by Simeon’s words – “light” and “glory.” Our hearing the proclamation of the Christmas story is a revelation to us each year of the goodness of God and calls forth from us a genuine prayer of thanksgiving. Let us take a quiet moment before the Nativity scene and glory in Him who came to save us - the Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.

Yours in St. Francis,

Mr. Richard D. Hart
Principal
CALENDAR UPDATES

There have been a few recent updates to our school calendar. School will now be closed on Monday, January 3rd, 2022. It will re-open following Christmas break on Tuesday, January 4th. School will also be closed on March 11th and March 25th.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NURSE

If your child tests positive or has been asked to quarantine during the Christmas break, please notify me as soon as possible. I can be reached via email at nurse@sjbdel.org. The email should contain the following information:

If your child tests positive:

- Date symptoms started
- Date the child was tested

If your child was identified as a close contact for anyone whom tested positive:

- Date of their exposure to the positive individual
- Relationship to the individual
- Date individual tested

This information is vital for record keeping will allow me, teachers, administrators, and staff to be prepared for the return of students on January 4, 2022. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

ALL Children need to bring an extra mask to school every day.
THANK YOU FOR ADOPT A FAMILY GIFTS

Congratulations and a big THANK YOU to the Saint John the Beloved School Family for their support of the 2021 Adopt a Family Program sponsored by the SJB Parish Outreach/Table of Plenty. Saint John the Beloved School provided 24 families with much needed items. Food, toys, clothing, and family gift cards were provided that allowed those in need to experience a very Merry Christmas. We were also able to help our Outreach/Table of Plenty program fill their food closet in December with many in-demand items of food.

All of us at SJB were overwhelmed by the generosity of our families. We are most grateful to all of you for helping our Parish Outreach/Table of Plenty meet the great demands of the holiday season. Because of your generosity, many children were able to experience a Christmas that otherwise would have been a great struggle for their families. THANK YOU for sharing your Christmas with those in need!

Please remember that our Parish Outreach/Table of Plenty is always in need of food items to replenish their closet. The winter months are especially difficult for those in need and we are grateful for any help and support you are able to give.

On behalf of Saint John the Beloved School again, THANK YOU for your help and support of the 2021 Adopt a Family Program.
SANTA’S SECRET SHOP

Santa’s Secret Shop returned to SJB on December 6th. What a great day for our students! Thank you to all of the event planners and volunteers who helped make the day so special for all of our students.
VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

Our EC3 – 2nd Grade students arrived to school on Monday, December 6th to find that St. Nick had left stockings filled with a candy cane, a clementine and two gold (chocolate) coins! They were so excited! Our older students received a candy cane and a copy of the Saint Nicholas Day Blessing of Candy Canes.
INCLEMENT WEATHER

Should inclement weather necessitate an early dismissal from school, the Eagles Club will be offered one hour from the time school is dismissed. Parents or the emergency contact will be notified by the School Messenger Telephone System. Eagles Club will not be offered on days when school is closed due to snow.

REINDEER GAMES
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Thank you to all for attending our Christmas concert on 12/16/21. Thank you to our students and teachers for putting on such a great show.