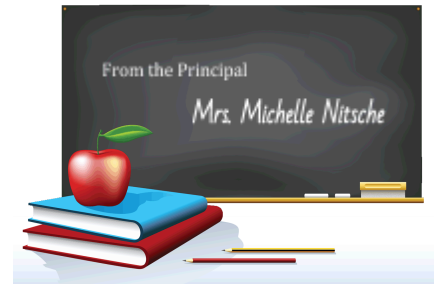


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Advent comes to us as a surprise sometimes, beginning right after the busy Thanksgiving holiday. As Mary did, let us take the season of Advent to pause, reflect, and prepare for the gift of God's love coming to us through baby Jesus.

The word Advent in Latin, *ad-venio*, means "to come to." Advent is the season in which we celebrate new beginnings. It is the season in which we begin the liturgical year and prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior. We all know how easy it is to be distracted by the lights and decorations of businesses selling their goods. It's easy to get caught up in this noise, identifying the season with the momentary pleasure a gift supplies. But when the next year comes, the gift is forgotten as the new season presents new possibilities. How do we give our children memories that stay with them for years to come? We have an idea!!

This Advent season, St. Cajetan will be sending home a calendar that lists daily tasks your family can participate in. By involving your family, each member can not only strengthen their own faith, but in the process spread love and kindness to those that surround you. Also, each room will participate in prayer and the lighting of their own classroom advent wreath candles. My hope this season is that we all grow together as one community!!

Blessings,
Mrs. Nitsche

ALL SCHOOL MASS

Our next all-school mass will be celebrated on Friday, December 8th at 8:30 am. Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

BAND CONCERT

Our Christmas Band Concert will be held on Wednesday, December 13 at 7pm in Memorial Hall.



BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Want an easy way to help St. Cajetan earn money? Just find the Box Top label on any household products, clip it and turn it into school. Every Box Top earns us 10¢ and this money adds up nicely for our school.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT~ PREK-5TH GRADE

St. Cajetan families- we are very excited to announce that we will be doing a Christmas Concert in the church on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm. All families are invited to join us for the performance. The show will feature our PreK-5th grade students. Each grade level will be singing one Christmas song. For any questions, please feel free to email our Music teacher, Mr. Matt Fricks- mfricks@cajetan.org.

COMEDY NIGHT

Thank you to all who made our Comedy Night a huge success. A special thanks to Brian Bonner and Noelle Rubio for organizing such a wonderful event.

FAMILY ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT

For those that ordered a family advent wreath, this Sunday, December 3rd, we will gather in Memorial Hall to assemble them. See the attached [flyer](#) for details.



GOLDEN APPLE NOMINATIONS

We are honored and proud that three of our teachers, **Mrs. Lisa Tobias , Ms. Meg Coleman, and Ms. Kristin DeVivo** have been nominated for the Golden Apple Award this year!!

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM~ THIS SATURDAY~ IMPORTANT

All Catholic High Schools will host their entrance exams this Saturday. Good luck to our 8th graders!! May the Lord watch over them and give them the perseverance to complete their exams with great success.

OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW FAMILIES - Preschool & Kindergarten

We are hosting our Preschool/Kindergarten Open House for new families on Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Lower Grade Center. Please spread the word to any potential families. Attached is the Open House flyer if you would like to pass it out. [flyer](#)



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!

Breakfast with Santa takes place on Sunday, December 10 from 8am to 11am in Memorial Hall. Advance reservations are due by Wednesday, December 6. You can send your check and reservation form to school in an envelope marked "Santa Breakfast." [Reservation form](#)



SANTA SECRET SHOP

Our annual Santa Secret Shop will take place December 14-15 in Memorial Hall. Donations of gift tags, tape, and wrapping paper are always appreciated. Please send to school if you have extra around the house. More details will follow directly from the classroom teachers.

SPIRIT WEAR ORDERS DUE DECEMBER 1

Tis the Season for Holiday Shopping! Get your Christmas shopping done early!! Spirit Wear orders are due December 2nd. Please see the attached flyer (Spirit Wear)[flyer](#) / (Warrior Wear)[flyer](#) for the order form.

NJHS "NECESSITIES" DRIVE

Things like deodorant and toothpaste are small, but essential to our daily lives. Without them, our appearances degenerate and our confidence, self-respect, and initiative suffer. For someone already struggling with depression and/or challenging circumstances, feeling bad about the way we look exacerbates an already difficult situation. Our National Junior Honor Society is looking for donations to help struggling individuals. Items will be collected twice weekly from November 9th through January 10th. Please review flyer for items needed. [flyer](#)



QUEEN OF HEARTS RAFFLE

Last week was a rollover!!!! The pot for this week will start at **\$27,000**. If you see any of our posts on Facebook for Queen of Hearts, we are asking you to share them on your own personal Facebook pages. The more exposure the better, especially since the pot is a good size now.

RESERVING MEMORIAL HALL

If you are organizing a school or parish event and need to reserve Memorial Hall, Church or Parish Center room, that should now be done through the parish website at stcajetan.org.

T.R.I.P. 2017/2018

When filling out your T.R.I.P. order and sending it with your child, you may use a plain white envelope. We ask that you put your **child's first and last name, room number, date** and **your telephone number** on the envelope. That information is **NEEDED** to credit your account. If you require a large amount (over \$100.00) of certificates for a single merchant other than the grocery stores, we ask that you please order ahead. Forecasting the inventory is very difficult and a large order could deplete it. The last date that T.R.I.P. Certificates will be ordered is **December 8th**. Please remember the following:

1. We cannot hold checks

2. We cannot take back sold certificates
3. If you order certificates and they don't come in before Christmas Break you will receive them in January. The last day to purchase T.R.I.P. certificates in the office before Christmas is December 21st. **T.R.I.P. will NOT be sold from December 22nd through January 8th.** If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Collins at 474-7827.

WALKATHON

We want to extend a HUGE congratulations to our entire student body. We met our **\$23,000** fundraising goal for the Walkathon. This means that our students will be allowed to wear their gym uniforms EVERY Wednesday in the month of December.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 2, 2017

4:00 p.m. Will Karstrand, Danny Hartz, ***Ryan Hartz**

Sunday, December 3, 2017 (First Sunday of Advent)

7:00 a.m. Padraig Flannery, Connor Leyden, ***Maeve O'Brien**

9:00 a.m. Liam Kelly, Elizabeth Lyle, ***David Lyle**

11:00 a.m. Michael Morris, Ian Morris, ***Danny Morris**

Saturday, December 9, 2017

4:00 p.m. Annie O'Connor, Abigail Nelson, ***Ethan Nelson**

Sunday, December 10, 2017 (Second Sunday of Advent)

7:00 a.m. Mary Walsh, P.J. Walsh, ***Ryan Walsh**

9:00 a.m. Benett Weber, Jonathan Butler, ***Richie Lippert**

11:00 a.m. Grace Rowan, Evelyn Rowan, ***Sophia Rowan**

Saturday, December 16, 2017

4:00 p.m. Charles Connolley, Jimmy Deacy, ***Bubba Ludwig**

Sunday, December 17, 2017 (Third Sunday of Advent)

7:00 a.m. Danny Burke, Tom Lamb, Jack Zicca

9:00 a.m. Brendan Durkin, Ryan Kenney, ***Grace Kenney**

11:00 a.m. Phelen Haggerty, ***Griffin Haggerty**, ***Ellie Marron**



COMMUNITY NEWS

Schoolbelles Sale 20-60% off everything [flyer](#)



December 2	Saturday	High School Entrance Exam
December 8	Friday	All School Mass at 8:30 am, Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 8	Friday	Family Ornaments are due
December 10	Sunday	Breakfast With Santa
December 13	Wednesday	Christmas Band Concert 7pm
December 14	Thursday	Santa Secret Shop
December 15	Friday	Santa Secret Shop

