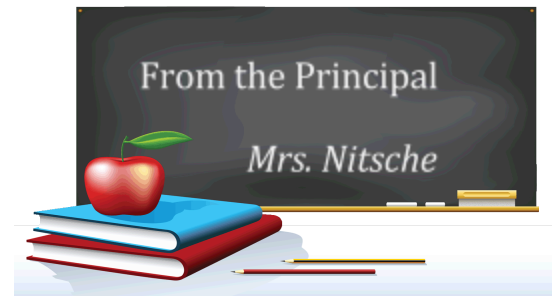


# SAINT CAJETAN SCHOOL

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Dear Families,

Advent, the four week period prior to Christmas in which we reflect on the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, is here! Often by the time Advent officially begins, most of us have been so bombarded by Christmas music, Christmas advertising and Christmas everything that we're already worn down by the season. In a world where the Christmas countdown begins sometime before Halloween, it's easy to lose sight of the beauty of Advent, and get caught up in the material consumption that we lose sight of the spiritual meaning of the season.



We live in a goal-oriented society, and in this case, Christmas is the end zone that we're running toward at top speeds, hardly looking at what's going on along the sidelines. But our faith calls us to stop the madness, to stop the running, and to focus on and do what Jesus did.... unselfishly GIVE. So instead of making every weekend about insane errand running, why not choose to give of yourself. If you know someone that is alone, give of your time. If you see someone in need, give financial assistance. And if you know someone struggling emotionally, give of your heart. Now that is living out the true spirit of Advent!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Nitsche

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## All School Mass

Our next all-school mass will be celebrated on Thursday, December 8 at 8:30 am.



### 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.

## Breakfast with Santa

Save the date... Breakfast with Santa is December 11th. Advance reservations are due by Wednesday, December 7. Please see the attached [flyer](#) for more details.



## Christmas Concert

Let's rock the night away!! St Cajetan will be hosting their annual Christmas concert featuring all K-5th grade students on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm in church. Performing students should arrive by 6:15 pm and sit with their class. Click on the attached [flyer](#) for more information.



## Coat Drive

NJHS will continue collecting coats and blankets for those in need through January 31st.

## **Dine-Out Night at Milano's**

Thank you to all who supported the Milano's Dine-Out Night! We will keep you posted on the grand total raised for our school. Our next dine-out night is scheduled for December 12th at McDonald's. If you ordered food on this night, your child may dress down on Monday, December 5th.

## **Lost & Found**

There are quite a few jackets, hats, lunch bags, etc at the school office. If your child is missing any of these items, please ask them to stop at the office and take a look.



## **Open House - Preschool & Kindergarten**

Come one, come all! We are hosting our Preschool/Kindergarten Open House on Wednesday, December 7th 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.

## **Speech Screening**

On Monday, December 5th, Saint Xavier Speech Evaluation Team will be coming to St. Cajetan to conduct speech assessments on our kindergarten and preschool children. Permission slips went home earlier this week so please make sure those get returned by Friday.

## **Spirit Wear Orders Due December 2**

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

## **TRIP**

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. This information is **NEEDED** in order 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 you could deplete it. If your special order is in the office by Monday morning, you'll have your certificates by Thursday. The last date that T.R.I.P. Certificates will be ordered from Manna and (for special orders) is **December 12<sup>th</sup>**. 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 before Christmas is December 17th. **T.R.I.P. will NOT be sold from December 22nd through January 4<sup>th</sup>**. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Collins at 474-7827.

## **Walkathon Update**

WE DID IT!! Our students not only met their goal of raising \$22,000 for our Walkathon, they exceeded it! With the amazing support of our parents and our community we raised just over \$27,000. Since we met our goal, I have to follow through on my end of the deal- all students may dress down in their gym

uniforms EVERY WEDNESDAY in the month of December. Also, the winners for the two night hotel stay and the gift basket will be picked at the end of the day today so stay tuned! Great work Warriors!!

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***Community News***

**SchoolBelle's Uniform Sale [flyer](#)**

**Parenting Workshop [flyer](#)**