



Weekly Newsletter  
November 22, 2024

Families,



**Canned Food Drive:** Hopefully, everyone saw the flyer come home on Thursday about the canned food drive that will be helping the Jacksonville Food Pantry. Each student needs to bring a canned food or non-perishable food item on Monday the 25<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup>. The Food Pantry folks will be here to judge our contest and then take the items to the center. **If you need service hours and would like to help load and deliver the items, please email me at [aevans@oss-shamrocks.com](mailto:aevans@oss-shamrocks.com).** We would appreciate the help!



**JOY CHALLENGE:** The 7th and 8th graders will be participating in the JOY Challenge this year. Mrs. Doris Reid challenged the students using the lesson from Parable of the Talents to help build a house for someone in need in Guatemala. She explained how the efforts they make this year will be used to answer the prayers someone is saying today. Each student is given \$25.00 to use as seed money. The goal is to use their gifts and talents to make that money grow. The Challenge will run from October to May.

Our first school-led activity will be a Christmas Bazaar held on Sunday, December 8th from 11:00-1:30. Students will be selling unique craft items, baked goods, as well as offering games and activities for kids. Lunch items will also be available. Please plan to attend to see some amazing student-made projects. Also, you may see some projects being advertised by individuals or groups that are available outside of the bazaar. Some students are also willing to rake leaves, shovel snow, wrap presents, etc as a way of using their talents to help others. Please contact Stacy Beeley with any questions or for more information. 217-899-3712

**CALENDAR CHANGE:** Dec.9<sup>th</sup> will be Mass Day for Routt and OSS. The Mass on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> is cancelled. The students will wear their House shirts on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> this week!

**Weather** – While we have had an amazing November, please remember to send your student(s) with a jacket/coat. We will go outside most days unless it's raining or the feels – like temperature is 18 degrees. Also, label your items, so we can get them back to the owner if they are misplaced!

**Late Start:** Once again, Our Saviour School will be utilizing “Late Start” days due to extreme wind chill temperatures or icy road conditions. As we coordinate with Jacksonville School District and Routt Catholic High School, on late start days, school will begin two (2) hours later than usual and buses will run their regular routes unless otherwise noted. Whereas our doors typically open at 7:45 a.m. and the last bell rings at 8:05 a.m., with this “Late Start” option, our doors will open at 9:45 a.m. and the last bell will ring at 10:05 a.m. Those using the Jacksonville bus service in the morning, the bus will pick you up 2 hours later. “Late Start” is an option to allow school districts to continue with school (while starting later) and therefore, eliminating the use of a snow day. The decision for wind chill and ice situations should be made by approximately 5:30 a.m. I will send out a notice via School Messenger as soon as determination has been made. Please note – while we try to coordinate bus schedules with Jacksonville School District, we do NOT necessarily follow their weather-related schedule. We will send a School Messenger if OUR schedule changes.

**Shout outs to our Geo Bowl participants as well as our coaches, Ms. Koleczek and Mrs. Worrell.** The team members are: Emma C, Kai J., Tal Y., Brianna W., Peyton M., Paxton H., Axel E., and Will M. They had a great night!

**Good luck to our girls' basketball team** as they begin postseason play this Monday 11/25 at 7pm in Kinderhook against Western.

**Junior High Volleyball Meeting:** There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, November 24th, for all 7th and 8th grade girls planning on playing volleyball this season. The meeting will be at 5:30pm in the Our Saviour Gymnasium.

**Softball players:** Any current 4th-7th grade girl interested in playing softball next year - please reach out to Ciara Willhite at 217-320-1997 to be added to a group chat about optional winter and spring warmups!"

**Lost and Found:** Please have your child check the lost and found as sweatshirts and ¾ zips are beginning to pile up. We also have a few water bottles.

**JSD 117 Bus Service:** Just a reminder that if JSD 117 is not in session and we are, you will need to make other arrangements for your child to get to and from school. We do not necessarily follow their weather-related cancellations, etc. You will be notified via School Messenger on weather-related closings. Also, the local radio and TV stations will be contacted.

**Christmas Programs:** Christmas is around the corner. Please make sure you mark your calendars for our **Christmas program on December 10th**. The program will be at the Our Saviour Church and Pre-K will start at 6:00 and then K – 4 th grade will follow at 6:30. Parents of Pre-K students will need to exit the church promptly so that parents of the K – 4 students can

get seated in time for the 6:30 show. Parents of our K – 4 th grade students should NOT enter the church until 6:15 pm to avoid interruptions to our Pre-K program. **The Band and Choir Christmas Program will be on December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm at the Our Saviour School gym. This program will include Band Students in grades 5th – 8 th, Youth Choir, and Mixed Choir.

This will be the last Parent Letter before Thanksgiving break; I want to wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you all get to enjoy time with your family and make many lasting memories.

Many blessings,  
Mrs. Amy Evans

**Dates to Remember:**

- Nov 24- Youth Mass -10:30 and Solemn Communion for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Nov 26- Non-Uniform for a Cause – Food Pantry and Canconstruction with Houses.
- Nov.27 -Dec.1 – Thanksgiving Break – No School.
- Dec 2 -Dec. 17 MAP Winter testing **for K -2 students only**
- Dec 4- Parent Club Pack the House Night at Leo’s Pizza
- Dec 6 – Spirit wear
- Dec 8- Joy Challenge Christmas Bazaar 11:00-1:30
- Dec 9 – Mass for OSS/ Routt
- Dec 9 -8<sup>th</sup> grade recognition for Boys Basketball
- Dec10- Christmas Program for PreK to 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the church: PreK is at 6:00 and K- 4 is at 6:30. We will have a dress rehearsal at 2:00 in the church.
- Dec. 17- The Band and Choir Christmas program at 6:00, dress rehearsal at 2:00, both in the gym.
- Dec. 13 – Bring \$1 for Student Council food basket and wear your Pajamas
- Dec. 20 – Mass at 8:20, wear Green and Red and Christmas Assembly and House Competition in gym
- Dec. 20- **No JSD bus**
- Dec. 23- January 6 – No School Christmas Break
- Jan. 1 – Parent Club Pack the House Night at Leo’s Pizza
- Jan. 6 – Teacher Institute
- Jan. 7 – Students Return
- Jan10- Report Cards go home and Spirit Wear

