

Cougar's Corner Newsletter

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Our Monthly Virtue

Love

The virtue of love is a deep, selfless care for others, characterized by compassion, kindness, and a willingness to put the needs of others before our own. It is not just an emotion but a deliberate choice to act with generosity, empathy and respect.

At Christmas, the virtue of love is especially poignant. The birth of Jesus is seen as the ultimate act of divine love—God sending His Son into the world to bring us hope, salvation, and peace. Christmas reminds us that love is not just a feeling, but an action, demonstrated by God's gift to humanity.

During this season, we can reflect on the love of Christ by extending our care to others. This might be through sharing time with family, giving to those in need, or simply offering a warm word of encouragement. In all these ways, we mirror the selfless love that Christmas celebrates.

Instructional Focus

Foundations Language Program

We are excited to share that we are entering our third year of the implementation of the Foundations program. Foundations teaches both reading and spelling simultaneously with a multisensory structured literacy approach, which explicitly teaches total word structure, not just phonics. Skills overlap rather than just being treated in isolation. The Board has continued with its initiative to ensure that all students receive straight grade instruction in Language as it provides a cohesive curriculum that ensures that foundational concepts are well understood.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Tree Lighting: Dec. 10th

Christmas Concert: Dec. 11th

School Christmas Mass: Dec. 18th

Last Day of School: Dec. 20th

See our calendar for more details and for a list of activities and spirit days!

Catholic School Council

Special thank you to our Catholic School Council for their incredible effort in organizing and building the school's Christmas float! Your hard work and dedication truly made the holiday season special for everyone! We appreciate all you do!

Reminders

Attendance Matters

Each class is working diligently on their Morning Routine program. Please ensure that your child arrives at school for 8:45am to take part in this rich learning.

Pick Up

If you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please contact the school by 2:00pm to have them removed from the bus list. Remember that in order to alleviate congestion, our pick up location is now at the bottom of the hill near the flag.

Message from the Office

To all our St. Joseph families,
Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's journey. We are truly grateful for the trust you've placed in us and look forward to continuing to support your child's growth and development.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!