



December 2010 Newsletter

St. Joseph of the Palisades

Winter Happenings

Just in time for the holidays – St. Joseph of the Palisades has several fun events coming up for all students, families, and friends!

On December 15th, Student Council will host another bake sale at the Parent/Teacher conferences from 7:00 to 9:00pm. Coffee will be free and baked items will range from \$0.25 to \$1.00. Bake sale proceeds from the December 2nd and 3rd sales will go to a toy drive for Christmas.

Winter Happenings ...Cont.

Christmas Concert

Please join us for our annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 22nd at 7:00pm at the Upper Church. Grades Pre-K through 8 will be singing our favorite Christmas and Holiday Songs.

We ask all students, families, and friends to show your Christmas spirit and join us for all these special events!



December 2010 Reminders

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 Half-day dismissal (*If staying for Aftercare, bring lunch); End of 1 st Trimester.
6	7	8 School Closed; Feast of Immaculate Conception	9	10
13	14	15 Half-day Dismissal *No Aftercare; **Parent/Teacher Conferences 1-3pm and 7 – 9pm	16	17
20 Classroom Christmas Parties	21 School Mass – 1:00pm; Parents, Families, Friends - please join us	22 *No Aftercare; Christmas Concert – 7:00pm at the Upper Church	23 School closed; Christmas Recess	24 School closed; Christmas Recess
27 School closed; Christmas Recess	28 School Closed; Christmas Recess	29 School Closed; Christmas Recess	30 School Closed; Christmas Recess	31 School Closed; Christmas Recess
January 3 School Re-opens				



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Homework Tips

How can students and parents manage homework? See below for excellent tips that will help students in all grades!

- Do homework in a quiet place with no distractions.
- Parents can guide children with difficult questions, meaning parents can help children sort out the problem, but not give them the answers.
- Prioritize homework time. Parents can set aside specific time for homework (Ex. After supper, before children watch TV, etc.)
- Once homework is complete, students should get organized for the next day.

Labels for Education and Box Tops

In the previous newsletter issue, we mentioned the Box Tops for Education Labels event, coordinated by the 5th grade class. We are pleased to announce that the 5th grade class is also coordinating the Labels for Education program.

The Labels for Education program works similarly to the Box Tops program. Labels for Education awards free educational equipment to schools in exchange for proofs of purchase from the Campbell family of brands.

For additional information, such as how many points our school currently has for both programs, what product UPC's can be used, etc., parents can check out the web sites below:

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/>

<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

Under "Find Your School", parents can type in the school zip code (07093) and scroll down to St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary – West New York.

We ask all students, parents, and families to continue to bring in these labels to help continue to support our school!

A Note from the Desk of the Principal

"You are the Foundation of Our School"

Our Elementary School Wall of Honor

To families, alumni, benefactors:

As principal of the Elementary School, I am proud to announce the "Wall of Honor" that we have established as a Fundraiser. As you enter the building, and go up the stairs, each brick can be purchased for \$100.00. A gold plate will then be placed on the brick with the engraved name and year of graduation. Individuals or families are invited to participate.

This fundraiser will directly benefit the Elementary School financially but it will also be a wonderful display for the present students and their families to visually recognize those who went before them. St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary School has a long tradition of exemplary Catholic education.

Please help spread the news among our alumni and be sure to mark May 22, 2011 on your calendar for our first annual St. Joseph of the Palisades Elementary School Heritage Celebration. More information will be circulated in the next few weeks. Any questions or interest in participating in these activities may be directed to Peggy Schiebel at (201) 854-7006 or myself, Eileen Donovan-Ferrando, (201) 861-3227.

Thank you for your support!

