



Cougar Call Weekly News

Newsletter 14, November 20, 2014

We are looking forward to our Thanksgiving luncheon tomorrow. Lunches will be served at the time you registered on Sign Up Genius between 11:00 - 12:30. If your child is not eating the Thanksgiving luncheon, please send a lunch. Next week, we dismiss at noon on Tuesday, November 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday. **There will be NO After School Care on Tuesday, November 25. Please make arrangements to pick up your child(ren) at noon on November 25.**

A huge thank you goes out to Mr. Scott Garrett and Garrett Construction for their improvements to our PK playground! Mr. Garrett and members of his construction crew used their construction equipment to increase the depth of the gravel underneath the PK playground equipment, install ramps and more side rails to the playgrounds, and repair damaged fences. We truly appreciate all the improvements and for helping us to keep our children safe when they are on the playground.

Progress reports go home and will be e-mailed today, November 20. Basketball season has begun, and both our teams played well against St. Peter Prince. Our next home games will be December 9 and 11. The girls play at 4:30, and the boys' game is at 5:30. Come and cheer on our teams. *Go, Cougars!*

Have a Happy Thanksgiving and enjoy your time with your families. We thank God for all the blessings He has bestowed upon us.

Blessings,

Dr. Cindy Cummins, Principal

Service Credit Opportunities!

- **Help Needed with the Thanksgiving Luncheon:** If you are available to assist Mrs. Virginia and Mr. Ruben during the luncheon on Friday, November 21, 2014, please contact Lynda Ploetz at 830-305-1525.
- **The Pre-School is asking for donations to aid in making improvements to their play area.** Therefore, anyone wishing to make a monetary donation may do so in the school office, beginning now through the end of February. You will receive 1 PTC credit per \$20.00 donated for this cause. If you have any questions, please contact our Pre-School Director, Mrs. Dawn Luu.

Catholic Life Raffle Ticket Fundraiser

October 16 – December 10

We would really like to keep up to date standings on the CLR fundraiser. Please remember to turn in your raffle ticket money and ticket stubs to the school office as soon as possible.

Currently, SJS families have raised 20% of the school goal and Grade 8 is the Top Selling Class. Congratulations to the Hannah Allen, for winning the fifth of eight weekly drawings for a \$20.00 King Ranger gift card for their family.

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL BY DECEMBER 10!!

Other School News

- **The St. James Catholic School Handbook Acknowledgement form was sent home last week with the oldest/only child in each family. The due date to turn this form in to the school office has been extended. Please complete and return the form to the school office no later than November 21, 2014, including parent and student signatures. This is a "one per family" form.**
- **GEOGRAPHY CONTEST NEWS.** Hooray, it's November, and we've begun our 21st Geography Contest at St. James. The booklets for the 4th-8th graders have been distributed and are due back before Thanksgiving. Students in grades 1 - 3 went home last Friday with a Geography Bee study packet. The Geography Bee for these younger grades will be Monday, November 24. We hope the whole family will enjoy working together to learn more about our planet and its people and history.

Other School News

- **The Junior Catholic Daughters Association** has invited SJS families to participate in Blue Santa this year. To participate, please bring a new toy, unwrapped, worth \$10.00-\$15.00 to your child's teacher.
- **The St. Nicholas Gift Shop**, hosted by JCDA, will be open from December 2-4. Students and families will be able to view items in the Parish Hall Board Room and place orders.

News from St. John Paul II Catholic High School

All 8th graders considering attendance at Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of San Antonio are asked to take the High School Placement Test on the first Saturday in December, from 8:45am-12:00pm.

Given that our kids are very busy with rigorous academics in 8th grade and with extracurricular activities, we provide these problems, four per day, to give students free and steady practice. Print and answer at the breakfast table or on the way to school. Share this site, www.johnpaul2chs.org, with your friends, and come back daily for answers and more questions.

We also offer a free, on-site tutoring and practice sessions on: Saturday, 15 November 2014. Each session runs from 9 - 11:45 a.m.

Please sign up for one by calling 830-643-0802 or [emailing](#) the school.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 20

- OOU Day: \$1.00, Fall Colors
- Early Dismissal with ASC - Cafeteria Closed
- Progress Reports Go Home

Friday, November 21

- Thanksgiving Luncheon in the Parish Hall/Cafeteria

Monday - Friday, November 24-28

- No Basketball Practice

Tuesday, November 25

- Early Release with NO ASC - Cafeteria Closed
- Geography Bee packets due gr. 4-8

Wednesday, November 26 – Friday, November 28

- Thanksgiving Break
- *Happy Thanksgiving!*

Sunday, November 30

- Advent Begins

Tuesday, December 2

- Picture Retakes for Yearbook Pictures Only
- Safe Environment Training, 6:00pm, Family Center Meeting Room 1

Wednesday, December 3

- Nursing Home Mass, Grades 5 and 5K, Seguin Assisted Living, 11:00am

Thursday, December 4

- Nursing Home Mass, Middle School and Grade 3, Remarkable, 11:00am
- Seguin Christmas Parade with SJS Float, 6:00pm, Austin St.
- No Basketball Practice

Saturday, December 6

- Catholic High School Placement Test at St. John Paul II Catholic High School, 9:00am-12:00pm

Monday, December 8

- Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Holy Day of Obligation - School Mass at 8:00am
- PTC meeting 6:00pm in the Cafeteria/Parish Hall