



# HAPPENINGS



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE WEEK! (For week of Nov.27, 2023 - Dec. 1, 2023)

Jackson Attanasio, Gr. 1, was recognized for doing a great job at stepping up and being a good example in the classroom this trimester. Keep up the hard work at being our mathematician and artist of the classroom. We enjoy your smiles and silliness you bring every day. Way to go Jacks!

Victoria Rodriguez, Gr. 4, was recognized for always being kind to everyone and being an excellent Christian role model to her peers. Keep up the awesome attitude Victoria!

Lucel Barrera, Gr. 7, was recognized for always being kind and respectful to others. She always makes good choices throughout the day and continues to be a good role model to her peers. Keep up the good work Lucel!

Well done !!

## CHRISTMAS FREE DRESS

Wednesday, Dec. 20th, will be a free dress day! A Christmas colored/themed top and jeans (not ripped) are acceptable. Christmas accessories can be worn as well (headbands, socks, santa hats, etc.) Please follow the school's free dress code policy when choosing your clothing. No jean shorts or jean skirts please!



**GENTLE REMINDER...**This is a reminder that only water is allowed in classrooms. Recently, we have had a couple of spills with sports drinks and coffee drinks. We do have carpet in most classrooms that get stained and retain the smell of mild products. Student must leave any other drinks outside the classroom. Thank you for understanding!

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### Special Dates of Interest:

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"Visions & Hearing" Testing (Grs. TK—8)

# Important to Remember..



## LOOKING AHEAD...

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### ATTENTION ROOM PARENTS

Christmas Party money is now available for pick up at the school office. The parties will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 11:15 a.m. Please arrive for set up at 10:30 a.m. The children will be getting a pizza treat at the party! Thank you!

### PARENTS of Students with Food Allergies:

Be aware that on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, are the Class Christmas parties. The Room Parents will be distributing class treats and there will be pizza for all the students.

If your child(ren) has special dietary requirements due to allergies, please make appropriate arrangements for your child(ren).

### PLEASE NOTE...

There will be NO family envelope sent home tomorrow, Dec. 12th.

There will be **NOON DISMISSAL** on **Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 12:00 noon**, so that the faculty & staff can attend their staff Christmas lunch.

Remember, school resumes on Thursday, Jan. 4th.



<https://longan.henricoschools.us/early->

### Important After School Care News...

Early Reminder...There will be **NO Day Care provided next Wednesday, Dec. 20th**, as school will be dismissed at **12 NOON** that day for the School's Christmas break.



This is so that all staff may attend the faculty Christmas party. Please make appropriate arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the 12 noon dismissal time on that day.

**Thanks for your understanding!**

### Words of the Week:

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us not forget to thank baby Jesus for coming into our lives!



**THANK YOU 7TH GRADE...** We thank you for your beautiful preparation of and participation in our All School Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass last Friday! You and Mrs. Jauregui gave us a beautiful liturgy!

**THANK YOU KINDERGARTEN & 6TH GRADES...** You and Mrs. Linares & Mrs. Cervantes for the wonderful liturgy at our All School Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass this morning!

**SPECIAL THANKS...** We also wish to thank our Guadalupeña Society who served the Student Body sweet bread and milk this morning in celebration of the Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day! We continue to ask Our Lady of Guadalupe to protect the Americas!

St. Louise De Marillac School Choirs Present

# CHORAL CHRISTMAS *Concert*

**DECEMBER 19TH, 2023**

St. Louise De Marillac Church  
6:30pm

Join us for some  
Holiday fun!

**(See page 4 for dress attire for the students for that night!)**



# JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS CHEER!

The students of Saint Louise de Marillac school invite you to our Choral Christmas Concert! All students have been working so hard to present this gift to you. Admission is free!

Please see below for Concert  
Dress:

**ALL: PLEASE COME IN YOUR BEST FORMAL CHRISTMAS ATTIRE. PLEASE WEAR EITHER RED, GREEN, OR WHITE. STUDENTS MUST FOLLOW ALL ST. LOUISE DRESS CODE RULES.**

## **GIRLS**

- **BLACK, CLOSED TOE DRESSY SHOES OR BLACK SCHOOL SHOES**
- **MODEST DRESS OR SKIRT, OR BLACK SLACKS**
- **MODEST BLOUSE WITH SLEEVES**

## **BOYS**

- **BLACK DRESS SHOES OR BLACK SCHOOL SHOES**
- **BLACK DRESS PANTS OR SLACKS WITH A BELT (NO JEANS)**
- **BUTTON DOWN SHIRT WITH COLLAR AND LONG SLEEVES, OR POLO**



## McKinley Children's Center "Christmas Gift Drive"

For the children in the care of McKinley Children's Center, most have never celebrated a holiday or know what it's like to receive a gift from someone who cares. All of us can be that someone! McKinley Center has sent names of over 600 children who requested gift cards in the amounts of \$10 thru \$20. This year, the school has again been asked to participate in this giving program by taking 100 of these ornaments.

The Christmas wish ornaments with the children's names & requests are now on the "Christmas Giving" tree in the school office! Please considering picking up one or two and make some Christmas dreams come true!

Because these gift cards are like cash, we ask that you return your gifts before **THIS THURSDAY, DEC. 14TH**, to the **SCHOOL OFFICE ONLY** so we can make sure we can get them to the children on time!

*Support their efforts and make a child happy!*

### 2nd Gr. "Sacrament" Parent Meeting

The Sacrament meeting will be held on Thursday, Jan. 18th, at 6:00 pm in the Church. All parents are expected to attend.

Be sure to mark your calendar for this important meeting.



### LUNCH DROP-OFF POLICY

#### LUNCH/ITEM DROP OFFS

In order to assure safety for the children and to avoid classroom interruptions, "forgotten" lunches MUST be dropped off in the front office at least 15 minutes prior to your child's lunchtime.. Any other "forgotten" items MUST be dropped off in the school office—we will make sure the students receives it.

**Lunches MAY NOT be delivered to the lunch area.**

**IN FACT, THE PRACTICE OF DELIVERING LUNCH SHOULD NOT BE FREQUENT!**

**The office drop off should only be in case of an emergency**

**Please send lunches with your children in the morning.**


*Scrip News...*

**SCRIP**

Please see the Holiday SCRIP calendar for SCRIP ordering

Support our School!

on page 9 of today's Happenings newsletter or visit the school website for more information.



### Next Room Parents Mtg....

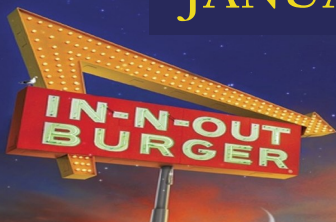
Attention Room Parents, our next meeting of the year will be on Thursday, January 11th, at 6:30 pm in the 6th Grade classroom.

**All Room Parents must attend.**

**Yes, the truck is coming our way!**

**WEDNESDAY,  
JANUARY 31, 2024**

*Save the Date  
Order Forms coming soon!*



# SLS Weekly Sports News

**St Louise Sports Weekly Schedule for Dec 11<sup>th</sup> – Dec 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cantwell Tournament for Boys and Girls teams.**

**Each team will play 4 games. We should have schedule by Tuesday 12/12.**

**Coach Sergio will have entire basketball schedules out by Monday 12/11.**

Monday, Dec 11th:

A level Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

A level Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

Tuesday, Dec 12th:

A level Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

A level Girls Basketball game vs St Rita at St Rita 3:45

318 N Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Wednesday, Dec 13th:

A level Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

A level Girls Basketball game vs Alverno Heights Academy

200 N Michillinda Ave, Sierra Madre, CA 91024

Thursday, Dec 14th:

A level Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

A level Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

Friday, Dec 15th: No Practices

Saturday, Dec 16th:

A level Boys Basketball games: Whittier Christian HS 1 day Classic

501 N. Beach Blvd, La Habra, Ca 90631

Sunday, Dec 17th:

A level Boys Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

329 N Garfield Ave, Montebello, CA 90640

A level Girls Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

329 N Garfield Ave, Montebello, CA 90640

Monday, Dec 18th:

A level Boys Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

A level Girls Basketball Practice 3:00 – 4:30

Tuesday, Dec 19th: Christmas Program – No Practices

Wednesday, Dec 20th:

A level Boys Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

A level Girls Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

Thursday, Dec 21st:

A level Boys Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

A level Girls Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

Friday, Dec 22nd:

A level Boys Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

A level Girls Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

Saturday, Dec 23rd:

A level Boys Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA

A level Girls Basketball Cantwell HS Tourney TBA



**GO VIKINGS!**



## St. Louise Night at the Staples Center!!! LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS vs. OKC Thunders!



Our Varsity Boys & Girls Basketball Teams will play on the court prior to the Clipper's game!

**Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024**

**Last Day to Order:**

**TUES., JAN. 9TH**

Our Varsity Basketball (Girls or Boys), have invited the Sacred Heart teams of Covina to play on the Staples Center floor before the Clippers game from 12 Noon to 2:00 pm; and, all are invited to join them! Every person needs a ticket to enter the arena. **Tickets are \$31.00 per person.** If you are ONLY going to the Varsity games, you need a ticket. If you are ONLY going to the Clippers game, you need a ticket. If you are going to BOTH, you need a ticket. So get your tickets now!

Tickets for this evening will be available ONLY online through your Blackbaud Tuition account. The deadline to order is **Tuesday, January 9th.**

You will be ordering and paying for your Clippers tickets through your Blackbaud Tuition account. Orders will not be accepted through the school office. Please follow the steps below to access the ordering process. If you have any questions regarding the ordering process, please contact Denise Wold in the finance department at [denisew@stlouisedm.org](mailto:denisew@stlouisedm.org) or call her at 626-915-7873, ext. 211.

### "PURCHASE OPTIONAL ITEMS" INSTRUCTIONS (Shopping Cart)

- 1) Log into your Blackbaud Tuition account -
- 2) Select "purchase optional items" at the top of the screen
- 3) "Select student(s)" in the middle of the screen
- 4) Check the name of all students you wish to order for and select "go"
- 5) Check all of the items you wish to order for each student
- 6) Choose the quantity you wish to order for each student (please note your total amount below)
- 7) Select "save"
- 8) Consent to the agreement (this is a description of the shopping cart items you have purchased)
- 9) Check "I have read the description of this item and agree to purchase" (you will have to do this for each item)
- 10) Check "I understand that all purchases are final and non-refundable" (you will have to do this for each item)
- 11) Select "agree"
- 12) Select "continue"
- 13) Click "pay now" (all shopping cart items are pay now items - they cannot be added to your SMART invoice)
- 14) Choose account to be used for payment – you may use an existing saved payment method or add a new one

**DEADLINE: 01/08/2024**

## St. Louise De Marillac School

Dear Parent or Student,  
Yearbook Recognition Ads are the perfect way to commemorate achievements and celebrate milestones. In addition, revenues from Recognition Ads help our school create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions listed below. Jostens is responsible for our school's yearbook ad sales. Please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please also consider our school's ad content guidelines below during the creation of your ad online. All orders must be placed by 01/08/2024. Prices will go up \$15 each for any orders after this date until 02/08/2024.

Please use a computer and not your phone to place your order since it usually does not work well on the phone. You do not need to input a school code in order to place an order.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Flores via email at [floresk@stlouisedm.org](mailto:floresk@stlouisedm.org).

ORDER BY 01/08/2024

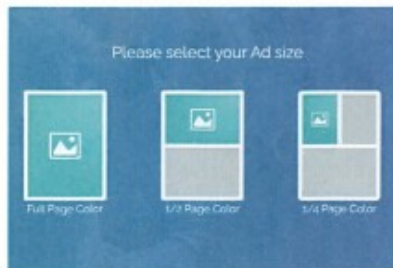
### COLOR AD

1/4 Page	\$50.00
1/8 Page	\$30.00

\*Tax, service and delivery fee(s) will be added if applicable.

**PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE ON ORDERS OF \$30 OR MORE.**

## 3 EASY STEPS TO CREATE A YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD!



### Step 1

Choose your ad size and layout  
(Options may vary by school.)



### Step 2

Add your photos



### Step 3

Enter your text

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What are the guidelines for recognition ad content?

Schools may review and edit ads per their guidelines. Jostens retains the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.

### School Ad Content Guidelines:

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.

### How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Recognition ad prices are determined by our school. Revenue from recognition ads helps the school create a better, more affordable yearbook.

### How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

### Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, yearbook ads can be created online from both desktop and mobile devices.




(800) 358-0800  
[jostensadservice.com/student](http://jostensadservice.com/student)





## Special Scrip Order Calendar for November/December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Nov 12	Nov 13 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Nov 18
Nov 19	Nov 20 <b>No Scrip Orders for physical gift cards this week</b>	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23  <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>	Nov 24	Nov 25
Nov 26	Nov 27 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 6<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 1 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 2
Dec 3	Dec 4 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 5	Dec 6 <b>Pick up order from Thurs., Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 7 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 8 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 9
Dec 10	Dec 11 <b>Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Fri., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 12	Dec 13 <b>Pick up order from Thurs., Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 14 <b><u>***Last Day to order scrip for 2023**</u> Order today by 8:30 am, for pick up on Wed., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Dec 15 <b>Pick up order from Mon., Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 16
Dec 17	Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20 <b>Pick up order from Thurs., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> after 12 pm</b>	Dec 21 <b>No Scrip Orders for physical gift cards will be placed during Christmas Break</b>	Dec 22	Dec 23

**Regular scrip schedule resumes on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

**Orders in by 8:30 am, January 8th will be ready for pick up on Fri., January 12th after 12 pm.**



SLDM FAITH FORMATION

# LAS POSADAS

*Sunday, December 17th*

After the 12 PM Mass  
in the Hall  
Rosary, Food, Music, &  
Fellowship

*Bring a dish to share*

Donations of candy for  
goody bags will be greatly  
appreciated

All are welcome!

*The tradition of Las Posadas*

commemorate Mary and  
Joseph's difficult journey  
from Nazareth to Bethlehem  
in search of a place for the  
Christ child to be born.

# BASEBALL YOUTH CAMP

OPEN FOR GRADE 4-8  
COST \$150 INCLUDES CAMP SHIRT

CONTACT ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, JEFF GRANT:  
[JGRANT@DAMIEN-HS.EDU](mailto:JGRANT@DAMIEN-HS.EDU)

JAN 2-4  
9AM-12PM  
COST: \$150



### Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Today, we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent. As we light the second candle, we reflect on this candle which symbolizes peace.

It is also around this time we celebrate two Marian Holy Days. Last Friday we celebrated the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This week we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I think it is appropriate that we honor Mary during this second week of Advent, the week of Peace. (Pope)

St. Paul the 6th declared New Year's day, Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, as the World Day of Peace. This I believe there is synergy between Peace and Mary, Mother of God.

Pope Francis said on January 1, 2015, "At the beginning of this new year, we are all called to concrete works of peace: You don't get along with that person? Make peace. In your home? Make peace. In the community? Make peace. At work? Make peace." Describing Mary as the "queen of peace," the pope said that during her earthly life she knew difficulty, "but she never lost her peace of heart, a fruit of having abandoned herself with trust to the mercy of God. We ask Mary, our tender mother, to point the whole world to the sure path of love and peace."

In the homily delivered by Pope Francis on January 1, 2020, he said. "Mary," he states, "is both woman and mother. This is what is essential. From her, a woman, salvation came forth, and thus, there is no salvation without a woman." Without Mary, God and humanity could have never become one. She "wove the humanity of God," as Pope Francis stated.

The Feast of the Lady of Guadalupe is joyously celebrated in Southern California, particularly in parishes with many Hispanic and/or Filipino parishioners. The traditions of the day migrated north from Mexico. As the patroness of the Americas, she is celebrated in both North and South America and every place in between! What surprises many is that on July 16, 1935, Pope Pius XI decreed the Virgin of Guadalupe of Mexico, "The [Heavenly] Patroness of the Philippine Islands."

This is a special Feast Day for "regular" Catholics because Mary appeared to Saint Juan Diego, a simple man, with the task of getting the Bishop to build her a shrine at the site of her visitation. Saint Juan Diego had no power. He had no money; he was not a gifted orator that could convince someone to do something he didn't want to do. And poor Juan Diego discovered that the first time he went to see the Bishop to relay Mary's message. The Bishop did not believe him and said to come back with proof that Mary visited him. Having failed, Saint Juan Diego went on his way. Now he was looking for a priest to administer last rites for his dying uncle.

On December 12th, Juan Diego was visited by Mary again. He told her of the bishop's answer, and she instructed him to gather roses and take them to the bishop as a sign. She also informed Juan Diego that his uncle would recover from his illness. Juan Diego found many roses on the hill even though it was winter. When he opened his tilma (cloak) while appearing before the bishop, dozens of roses fell out, and an image of Mary, imprinted on the inside of his cloak, became visible. Having received his proof, the bishop ordered that a church be built on Tepeyac Hill in honor of the Virgin. Juan Diego returned home and found his uncle's health restored. This story, more than any other, reflects Mary's love and trust in us. This is the Mary that we know and that we "ordinary" people can petition Mary for help



*Fr. Robert Faltus*

Pastor

# PARISH NEWS...

## Mass Schedule

Both the 4th Sunday of Advent and Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Christmas) are Holy Days of Obligation that need to be fulfilled with separate Masses.

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Saturday, December 23rd**  
4:30 PM Vigil

**Sunday, December 24th**

6:30 AM  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

**Christmas**

**Sunday, December 24th**

4:30 PM Children's Mass  
4:45 PM Mass in Hall  
6:30 PM Mass  
Midnight Mass

**Monday, December 25th**

6:30 AM  
8:00 AM  
10:00 AM  
12:00 PM

*\*There is no evening Mass\**

**THE PARISH AND FAITH FORMATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT 3 PM ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH DUE TO OUR STAFF CHRISTMAS DINNER. WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

## Advent Penance Services

**St. Dorothy, Glendora**

Wednesday, December 13th at 7 PM

**St. Christopher, West Covina**

Thursday, December 14th at 7 PM

**Sacred Heart, Covina**

Tuesday, December 19th at 7 PM

**St. Louise de Marillac**

Wednesday, December 20th at 7 PM

Individual Confessions

Wednesdays 4:00 PM to 5:15 PM

Saturdays 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM

No individual confessions on Wednesday, December 21st & Saturday December 23rd

## Parish Office Hours

**Friday, December 22nd & Friday, December 29th**  
Closed at 12 PM

**Sunday, December 24th, Monday, December 25th, Sunday, December 31st & Monday, January 1st**  
Closed

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Recognizing the signs of physical abuse

Safe adults should be on the lookout for signs of physical abuse in children in their care. Some signs include frequent bruises or cuts, frequent and unexplained absences or injuries. Physical abuse can include hitting, kicking, shaking, or other forceful actions, resulting in harm or even death. Children who are suffering from physical abuse may be distrustful or reluctant to receive physical contact, and may dress inappropriately for the season, wearing long pants or long-sleeved shirts to hide injuries. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article "Recognizing Child Maltreatment" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

For more information on other ways to keep kids safe, contact Linda Filkins, the Parish Safeguard Committee Chairperson at the Parish Office at (626) 915-7873 or the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children Office at (213) 637-7227. For particular help, call the Victims Assistance Office at (213) 637-7650.