

TIGER TALES

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Written by a tale-telling teacher

Here we are, Tiger-Tale fans, a week from Thanksgiving, 11 days until the new Advent season and just 6 Fridays away from celebrating one of the MOST meaningful days of the year in our Catholic faith, Christmas! Over the next few articles, I will include some fun, educational tips and traditions during this time of year, but today, I want to remind you all to start preparing your hearts for the birth of Christ! Religion students at SJS are taught that Reconciliation is such an important sacrament of healing in our church! Unfortunately so many of us adults fail to set a good example when we forget... or choose not to participate in this sacrament. St. Joseph Parish is currently subscribing to an awesome web-based, educational program found at www.formed.org. Right now, there is a great series called Fogiven. It focuses on the mind-struggle that we humans face with confession and the importance of overcoming that struggle. I've already watched session 1 and I'm excited to finish the series! For more information on how to register, see the church bulletin or the church website at www.stjatholicchurch.com. And, you're welcome... because you WILL want to thank me once you play on formed.org.

Have you ever been to one of the legendary SJS Christmas plays??? This year will be epic, according to the 8th grade cast! *I Witness News: Live from Bethlehem* - "Reporters" have been on the watch for the coming Advent and Christmas seasons and they are ready to broadcast the good news that Jesus is coming! Make a note to join us on Thursday, December 15, at the YHS Auditorium for this year's SJS Christmas Program.

The BIG news last week was the BIG BANG happening in the SJS gym. Dr. Pennington brought his Texas A&M Chemistry Road Show to SJS, where students 3rd-8th grade, were stunned by some awesome Science! Thanks, Mrs. Klimitchek for setting up the show and bringing these awesome experiments to our campus! Also this past week, Mr. Carlos celebrated his birthday! Now, no one person on staff is more important than any other, and this slightly all-over-the-place, tale-telling teacher is **not** committing to remembering any other birthday this year... but Mr. Carlos doesn't get much recognition for the things he does around here and we just want to shout a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to a man who deserves all the nutty buddies and paydays a man could ever hope for! We held a spur-of-the-moment basketball scrimmage on Monday and we appreciate all of the faculty, student and parent support in the flexibility and extra practice time that was necessary to execute the

game. We will be having our SJS Thanksgiving meal tomorrow at the parish family center and are excited to welcome all of our guests. And, parents, be looking for 9-week progress reports this week in Friday Folders!

Upcoming events that you don't want to miss: Mass Celebration Wednesday at 8:05 - B-Girl's Basketball Tournament @ Trinity and B-Boy's Basketball Tournament @ Nazareth, both on Saturday - Thanksgiving Holidays starting Wednesday, November 23! Enjoy time with your family and friends - Beginning of Advent, Sunday, November 27 - Liturgy with Bishop Cahill on Wednesday, November 30, followed by the Jesse Tree Program in the church - SJS Christmas Program Thursday, December 15, all grades.

God's blessings to you all.