

News You Can Use from the Principal



November 27, 2017

I hope your Thanksgiving break was peaceful and blessed. It was great to see everyone's smiling faces this morning! Advent begins December 3 in preparation for the Christmas season. Soon St. Joe will be covered in purple.

- [#iGiveCatholic](#) – annual day of giving is tomorrow, November 28! Click the link to take you to the website now. Any contribution is appreciated and will be used to benefit the students of St. Joe.
- Reminder that due to the Madison County Basketball Tournament held at St. Joe this week, school will **dismiss at 2:50 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**. Wednesday and Friday will dismiss at 3 as usual. Hoping these 10 minutes will help relieve some of the expected traffic congestion for the 4 o'clock games.
- Mass Thursday is dress uniform. *First Friday Adoration* will be in the chapel this week. Next week's mass will be Friday, December 8 instead of Thursday to observe the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, in celebration of God's great plan of preparation of the birth of Christ. Reconciliation is scheduled for December 12, which is the Tuesday before exams begin.
- Our last early release Wednesday for this semester is next week, December 6.
- Service Hours: the first half should be submitted and verified by Friday, December 8. Check x2vol to make sure everything is in correctly.
- Exams begin in about three weeks on December 15. Check the exam schedule online. All students are required to sit for their exams on the scheduled exam day unless a doctor's excuse is provided. All fees / fines must be paid in order to take exams, and all tuition payments must be current. There are no exam exemptions except for seniors in single semester classes who have a semester average of an **A** and 3 or less of each of the following unexcused: tardies, dismissals, absences.
- The time to start reviewing for exams is now. Get a head start so cramming is not necessary (nor is it useful).
- Uniform reminder: dress shoes for Thursday must be navy or black for girls (or saddle oxfords) and brown or black for boys. Navy socks for girls. Dark socks for boys. Please encourage your student to follow the uniform rules.
- Please remember to let the office know if your student will be or is absent. Call the office or email frontdesk@stjoebruins.com. Thank you!

God bless,
Mrs. Kinsey

BRUIN SHOUT OUTS

- Today is the first day of the Madison County Basketball Tournament. It's a big deal! Baskets are posted online. Our girls play today at 4. The boys play tomorrow at 8:30. Go Bruins! Show 'em who's boss!
- Bruin basketball is playing 12/30 at the Smoothie King Arena after the Pelicans-Knicks game. Click [here](#) for the form to reserve your spot to watch the team play! Hotel rooms are scarce so book now.