

PJP2A



News



## Christmas

We had an exciting week to conclude our month of December as we presented our Christmas program on Thursday evening and we also enjoyed some fun festive parties. Thank you to everyone for supporting these events and helping our children to learn the true meaning of the season. We wish all of your families a joyful, blessed, and safe Christmas holiday and break! We look forward to seeing you back on January 9th, 2018!



### Mark Your Calendars:

December 25 - January 8 - Christmas Break

January 8 - Staff Work Day

January 9  
- Students Return to School  
- End of Second Quarter  
- PTO Meeting (7:00 p.m.)

January 12 - First Middle School Ski Trip

January 17 - Report Cards Sent Home

### CHRISTMAS BREAK

Our Christmas break is from December 25 - January 8.

**Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 9.**

The next weekend update newsletter will be sent out for January 12. Please check regular e-mail updates for any pertinent information before this time.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

### END OF SECOND QUARTER

The end of our second quarter is on **Tuesday, January 9**. Be sure to speak with your child's teacher if you have any questions regarding your child's academic progress. In grades 5 - 8 you can also view grades on our online grade book, Thinkwave.

Second quarter report cards will be sent home on Wednesday, January 17.

### VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

(When we return)

### Temperance

**Definition:** Habitual moderation or self-restraint, especially in relation to the natural appetites and passions.

**Application:** Practicing eating, talking, and playing with moderation. Denying oneself a pleasure when this is ordered towards a higher good (e.g. sharing or fasting).

## SKI TRIPS

It's hard to believe, but our middle school ski trips are just around the corner! **The dates are January 12, 19, and 26.** More information on these trips will be sent home to parents soon. Please remember that your children's safety is our highest priority on these trips, and therefore, we do enforce a strict code of conduct. We also wish to have as many adult chaperones as possible. Thank you to everyone who is assisting us on these trips, and be sure to say some prayers for more snow!

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Attached to the weekend newsletter e-mail is our initial basketball game schedule. Please put down the games on your calendar, but note that changes can occur. We will notify you if there are any changes.

## PARENT-TEACHER ORGANIZATION

Our next Parent-Teacher Organization meeting will occur on Tuesday, January 9th, at 7:00 p.m. Upcoming meetings will be focused primarily on preparing for our annual spring gala event on March 10. All are welcome to attend! Each meeting counts towards one service hour for a family.

## THE FOUR LEVELS OF HAPPINESS

The Pueblo diocese is sponsoring a seminar on "The Four Levels of Happiness" by Rev. Robert J. Spitzer, SJ. Deacon Dan Leetch will be hosting the presentation, and we encourage you to consider attending this event on Saturday, January 6, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Please call the church office to RSVP if you are interested in going. You can read more about this presentation online [here](#).



**SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 85**

**SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 87**

**Quote of the Week:** "Again and again it astonishes us that God makes himself a child so that we may love him, so that we may dare to love him, and as a child trustingly lets himself be taken into our arms."  
- Pope Benedict XVI