



St. Joseph Weekly News & Reminders

Children following God in Faith, Respect, Knowledge and Service.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

1/10 Report Cards sent home

1/14 K of C Free Throw Contest

1/24 Student Council 3-4pm

1/25 4th Gr. Field Trip to Shrine Circus (pack a lunch)

1/26 Science Fair

1/28 Open House 11:30am–1pm

- Report cards are being sent home today. Please look for those in your child's folder.
- The Science Fair is January 26th. All students in grades 4 –6 are required to enter. If you have not yet acquired a science board , we have some here in the office, but they are tearing at the folds. Because of this, we are offering them free to anyone who would like one. You will just need to run a strip of tape along the folds.
- Please make sure your child is properly dressed for cold weather. We will go outside for recess if the temperature is 25 degrees or above.
- The Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held Sunday, January 14th in the school gym. Sign up begins @ 12:00pm and the contest begins @ 12:30pm.

Home Basketball Games

1/10 Girls 6pm vs St. Jude

1/11 Boys 5pm vs St. John NH

1/17 Girls 6pm vs St. Charles

1/18 Boys 5pm vs Queen of Angels

1/20 Boys 12pm vs Precious Blood



The Garrett American Legion presented their flag education program to the 4th grade students again this year. Each student wrote an essay on what the flag means to them.

Congratulations to Michael Hileman and Sarah Depew. They are this year's essay winners. Each received a cash prize and their essay will go on in a state competition.

January Virtue:

Fortitude

Being brave and strong in the face of trials

Fortitude is one of the four cardinal virtues. It is commonly called courage; however, it is different from what we often think of. The cardinal virtue of fortitude involves practicing what is good and just when it is difficult or even dangerous. Prudence and justice are the virtues through which we decide what needs to be done; fortitude gives us the strength to do it.

As Catholics we look to Jesus as our model. He always did what was right, even when it cost Him His life. Practicing fortitude is challenging, but it brings deep peace that comes from knowing we have done the right thing.

Exemplifying Fortitude means:

- *Behaving in a “good” and “just” manner in challenging situations*
- *Standing up respectfully when something wrong is being done*
- *Resisting temptation and doing the right thing*
- *Facing obstacles with patience and determination*
- *Living in a life that pleases God*
- *Being able to do the right thing and to say “yes” and “no” bravely*

