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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### Friday, December 16

- Last day of the Annual SJA Food Drive
- School T-shirt Day

#### Monday, December 19

- 8-9 AM - Cash-and-carry Scrip Sale, Scrip Office lower level
- 8:30am - Scrip order processed, Reloads and ScripNow ONLY

#### Tuesday, December 20

- 3:15-4:15 PM - Cash-and-carry Scrip Sale, Scrip Office lower level
- 7:00pm - Christmas Mass, St. Dominic Chapel SHU. Elementary students will read, sing and help us celebrate the Gift of Christmas - All are welcome!

#### Wednesday, December 21

School T-Shirt Day



**December 16, 2011**

## Christmas Mass

Join the SJA family as we prepare for Christmas with readings, songs, and prayer on Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 PM in St. Dominic Chapel (SHU campus). Our Elementary students will help us remember the true meaning of Christmas in this child-friendly mass, led by Fr. Tom Helfrich. Bring your friends and family!



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Christmas Card designs made by our Elementary Students

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### Can You Help?

#### TURNING IN FOOD DONATIONS

We need two volunteers to deliver our food donations to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry at St. Joseph Church in Adrian between 1:00-2:30 PM on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Please call the office if you can help! 263-4898 ext 10.



#### SCRIP PROGRAM

SJA families saved \$6,900 in tuition last year because of Scrip! We are in desperate need of volunteers to help keep this great program going for the rest of this school year and into the future. Please contact Lisa Gillin at [scrip@sjaschool.org](mailto:scrip@sjaschool.org) or 263-4898 ext 24.

#### BOTTLE/CAN DEPOSIT HELPER

We still need someone to help return bottles and cans donated to the school for deposits. Please call the school office at ext 10 if you can help with returns.



#### SUBSTITUTE ASSISTANTS ORIENTATION

There will be an orientation session for those interested in working as substitute teaching assistants in our Montessori program on Thursday, January 5, 2012, 8:30-9:30 AM in the library. Please contact Pam if you are interested in attending and have not yet registered: 263-4898 ext 12 or [pesterline@sjaschool.org](mailto:pesterline@sjaschool.org).

### Lost and Found - Please Check!

We have several items in our lost and found, located in the lower level near our restrooms. Some of the many items include:

- a pair of child's glasses (blue/gray frames)
- winter boots size 4M
- a pair of tan suede gloves

**Thursday, December 22 through Monday, January 3**  
**Christmas Break**

**Tuesday, January 3:**  
**Classes resume**

**Thursday, January 5**  
8:30am - Montessori Substitute Assistants' orientation, Library

**Tuesday, January 10**  
3:15-4:15 pm - Elementary Chess Club winter session starts

**Wednesday, January 11**  
6:30 PM - Gala meeting, Library

**Monday, January 16**  
NO SCHOOL, NO CHILDCARE - Professional Development day for teachers

- a couple sweatshirts
- a dark blue scarf

Please take a look and see if any of these items belong to your family!

## Important Scrip Info

Please note our Scrip Order for Monday, December 19 will be for ScripNow! and Reloads ONLY (due to the short week). If you need last-minute gift cards, try our Scrip Sale!

**SCRIP SALE:** in stock scrip cards will be available for purchase via cash and check in person at the SJA Scrip Office (lower level) on:  
**Monday, December 19, 8:00-9:00 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, December 20, 3:15-4:15 p.m.**

As usual, proceeds of this cash-and-carry sale will go towards the SJA Scholarship Fund and not individual tuition accounts. Cash or check only, please; first come, first served.

## Gala Update

Remember to sell Raffle Tickets over Christmas break to earn your Plinko chips. Raffle tickets can make great stocking stuffers!

If you are considering donating live or silent auction items for Gala, after Christmas is a great time to find wonderful deals!



Save the date on your new 2012 calendar:

- The first Gala meeting of 2012 will be **Wednesday, January 11** at 6:30 in the school library. Lots of help is needed to make the Gala a success and all are welcome!
- Gala takes place on **April 21, 2012**--this is your chance to 'come on down' to our fun Price Is Right evening.



**SJA Spirit Wear Store Now On-line!**  
[CafePress.com/SJAspiritwear](http://CafePress.com/SJAspiritwear) has T-Shirts, sweatshirts, water bottles, bags and more! 20% of purchases go back to the school.

**Thanks for collecting Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education over Christmas Break!**



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*We believe in an environment of collaboration and cooperation among parents, students and educators.*

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