



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER November 18, 2022

Dear Families –

Since this will be our last parent letter prior to Thanksgiving, I want to wish each of you a Happy Thanksgiving full of fun, gratitude and time with your family and friends.

**Shout outs to our Geo Bowl participants.** Our Saviour School placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the annual Geo Bowl Challenge. Team members are: Phoebe D, Bennett S, Chloe B, Amanda D, Liam M, Griffin M, Keagan T, Emily M, Myles A, Parker M, Tessa H, and Macy M. Coaches are Ms. Koleczek and Mrs. Davis. Congratulations OSS Green and White!!!

**The Christmas Sing Program is scheduled for FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>.** The Pre-K program will be at 6:00 pm and the K – 4 program will be at 6:30 pm. Both programs will be at Our Saviour Parish. Please note the date in a draft calendar, the date was different. Also, if you are unable to attend the program that evening, please feel free to join us at the 2:00 dress rehearsal on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> in the church.

**2023 Elks National Hoop Shoot:** The annual Elks Hoop Shoot will take place on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at the JHS Bowl. After Thanksgiving break, Our Saviour students in grades 3-8 will be competing in PE classes to try to earn the opportunity to represent Our Saviour Grade School in this contest. The Elks Hoop Shoot is a free throw competition with three age groups: ages 8-9, ages 10-11 and ages 12-13. There is a boy's division and a girl's division. Our Saviour can send 1 boy and 1 girl from each age group. Competitor's ages are based on how old they will be on April 1, 2023.

If you would like to help your son or daughter with additional practice time, here are a few contest rules and regulations:

- Competitors in the 8-9 age group will shoot from a line four feet in front of the regulation foul line. All other competitors will shoot from the regulation foul line.
- Competitors in the boys 12-13 age group use the 29.5" basketball (official boys basketball size). All other competitors will use the 28.5" basketball (official girls/junior basketball size).
- Competitors have 10 seconds to shoot each attempt. If they take longer than 10 seconds, the attempt is considered a miss.
- Competitors must stay behind the foul line until the ball has touched the hoop, backboard or net.
- On Saturday, Jan. 14<sup>th</sup>, competitors will shoot 10 free throws in a row, then get back in their line and when their second turn comes up, they will shoot 15 free throws in a row.

We will announce our OSS Hoop Shoot representatives on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> as part of our all school assembly prior to dismissal.

**“We’ve got that Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy – Down in our hearts...”** – It’s time for the **Joy Challenge Bazaar**. Mark your calendars for December 11<sup>th</sup>. More information and details to follow.

Thank you to all that participated in our **Non-uniform for a Cause** – Juvenile Diabetes. We raised \$240. Don't forget the Non-uniform on this Tuesday, November 22 for the Food Pantry.

**Pajama Day:** The Student Council is sponsoring a Pajama Day on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Bring \$1 to assist with the meat purchases for the Christmas Food Basket efforts. **Please see the attached flyer for specific details.**

**The Veteran's Day Assembly organized by Routt Catholic High School was a wonderful tribute to our Veterans. Thank you RCHS!**

**Spring Play:** Last year, we were unable to have a spring play due to lack of interest, BUT we are HOPING for more interest this year as we begin auditions for "Order Up" – our spring play this year. Auditions will be the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>. Any student in 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade that is interested in auditioning, please see Mr. Rose.

**We are keeping our students that are celebrating their Sacrament of First Communion and Confirmation many prayers and blessings.** They will be receiving these sacraments on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral in Springfield.

**Mrs. Candy West is conducting a Jr High Volley Refresher for 6 – 8 grades.** The dates are Saturday, November 26, Sunday, November 27, Saturday, December 3, and Sunday, December 4 from 3 – 5 pm at OSS Gym. Please contact Candy at 217-473-0507 (cell) or [cwest@ic.edu](mailto:cwest@ic.edu) for more information.

**Have your students outgrown their uniforms? Needing some extra uniform items?** Mrs. Candy West is available to assist with our slightly worn uniform disbursements by appointments in January on the following dates:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023 8:30 - 3:30 pm  
Thursday, January 5, 2023 3:30 - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 3:30 - 6:00 pm  
Thursday, January 12, 2023 3:30 - 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 3:30 - 6:00 pm  
Thursday, January 19, 2023 3:30 - 6:00 pm

Please bring in any uniforms that you no longer need for the uniform exchange by December 21st.

**Late Start:** Once again, Our Saviour School will be utilizing "Late Start" days due to extreme wind chill temperatures or icy road conditions. As we coordinate with Jacksonville School District and Routt Catholic High School, on late start days, school will begin **two (2) hours later than usual** and buses will run their regular routes unless otherwise noted. Whereas our doors typically open at 7:45 a.m. and the last bell rings at 8:07 a.m., with this "Late Start" option, our doors will open at 9:45 a.m. and the last bell will ring at 10:07 a.m. If JSD117 is using late start on the same day that we are, then those using Jacksonville bus service in the morning, will be picked up 2 hours later. "Late Start" is an option to allow school districts to continue with school (while starting later) and therefore, eliminating the use of a snow day. The decision for wind chill and ice situations should be made by approximately 5:30 a.m. I will send out notice via School Messenger as soon as determination has been made.

**The Routt Catholic High School Service Club is partnering with the Community Outreach Center to make children's Christmas a little bit brighter.** The Outreach center currently has over 400 children signed up to receive help from the community to have their needs met. Along with toys, the center makes sure each child receives a hat, gloves and socks in their package. The RCHS service club is asking Our Saviour School and Our Saviour Parish to join us by donating gloves, socks or a hat for us to share with the outreach program. During this season of giving we are asking Pre-k through 2nd grade to donate socks, 3-5th to donate hats and 6-8 to donate gloves. Please send items to school – we have bins labeled for the various items. Then the RCHS service club will pick the items up on Monday the 28th of November. Thank you for your generosity.

**OSS Schoolpop/SCRIP:** With holiday shopping in the air, please consider Scrip cards prior to doing your Christmas shopping. You can always send a check with a Scrip order to the office and the Scrip office can send your order home with your child. The school benefits by your Scrip purchases as ½ the rebate goes to the school while the other ½ rebate goes to your individual account to use towards tuition, up to \$600. (After \$600, the split is 60% to tuition and 40% school).

**Come on out to the Routt Dome on Friday, November 18 for a special chance to "Meet the Rockets!"** The night kicks off at 6:00pm with a scrimmage featuring the Our Saviour School boys' basketball team. At approximately 7:00pm the high school scrimmage will begin. At halftime, join us in the crowd favorite "Chuck-a-Duck" game where half of the proceeds will be given to the "lucky duck" winner! The gate fee is a monetary donation in support of the Routt boys' basketball program. We hope to see you there!

Shamrock Blessings,

Mrs. Stevie VanDeVelde

**Dates to Remember:**

November 22 – Non-uniform for a Cause – Bring \$1 for the Food Panty

November 22 – Confirmation – 7 pm at The Cathedral in Springfield

November 23 – 25 – Thanksgiving Break

November 27 – Youth/Children Mass at Our Saviour Parish

December 2 – Spirit Wear Day

December 4 – Solemn 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Mass – 10:30 am – Recently confirmed will wear confirmation attire.

December 6 – Advisory Board – 6:15 pm

December 7 – Parent Club – Pack the Place at Leo's Pizza – Dine there or call in and mention OSS

December 8 – Holy Day Mass - 8:20 am

December 9 – Christmas Program – Rehearsal at 2:00 and Program for Pre-K at 6 pm and K – 4 is at 6:30 pm – all events held in the church

December 11 – JOY CHALLENGE Christmas Bazaar – More Information to Follow

December 13 – Band and Choir Program – Rehearsal at 2 pm and program at 6 pm – OSS Gym

December 14 – Parent Club – 6 pm – Art/Science Lab

December 20 – Red/Green Day

December 21 – January 2 – Christmas Break – No School

January 3 – Teacher Institute – No students in attendance

January 4 – Students return

January 4 – Parent Club – Pack the Place at Leo's Pizza – Dine there or call in and mention OSS



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**OUR MISSION: Our Saviour School teaches Roman Catholic values in a faith-centered environment. The faculty and staff assist families in the total development of their children's potential, instilling spiritual, intellectual, and physical growth. Our Saviour School prepares students to lead and serve.**