

# THE 23RD WORD

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## Legion of Honor

December marks the blessed event of the birth of Christ, which brings an appreciation of the Bible and the stories of God's love and saving actions. The formation of the Scriptures is based on the retelling of oral traditions and stories of over four thousand years ago. The Scripture stories passed on by word of mouth for generations continue to take on new meaning even today. The holy Scriptures provide us with the gift of faith and an awareness of ones blessings. This is a significant time to ponder all that we have been given. Below you will find a few of the many parents that make Pope John XXIII School a huge success. We want to take this opportunity to recognize the many ways our

parents serve as volunteers at Pope John XXIII School. Parents, you are the heart of this School and the reason why Catholic Education is so vital to pass on to future generations. Pope John XXIII School community salutes all our parents for their dedication of time, talents and service. We want to acknowledge **Parent Volunteer service** by establishing our very own "Legion of Honor". Our job is made easy and fun, thanks to all your support. The Administration, faculty and staff extend our appreciation for all that you continue to do:

- PJ23 School Board**
- Parent Association**
- Athletic Board**



- Coaches of all Sport Teams**
- Bonus Bucks Committee**
- Market Day Volunteers**
- Scholastic Book Volunteers**
- Get Up and Grow Committee**
- Art Day and Field Trip Helpers**
- Lunch and Recess Volunteers**
- Spirit Wear Store Volunteers**
- Gift Wrap and Box Top Helpers**
- Moon Dance Spring Gala Spirit Committee**

December	Reminders
Navy Pier	
Winterfest	12/7-1/6
Strings Concert	12/12
Piano Recital	12/13
Lessons & Carols	12/20
Bulls Games @ U. Center	12/31 & 1/25
Xmas Break	12/22-1/06

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

This Christmas try to recall the true meaning of the holiday. Let's thank our Heavenly Father for the miracles he provides, for the home in which we live, for the food upon our table, for the clothes upon our back and for the many wonderful

friends we've met in our journey of life.

We are all young at heart, children seeking hope for better tomorrows, wishing for world peace and the end to world hunger. Let us all join hands and ask for

peace, grace and hope in a world of so many uncertainties. Let us pray for our world leaders who work for unity, justice and the good of mankind.

### Health and Wellness :

- 15% of all students are bullied on a regular basis. Most of these students are victims of verbal bullying.
- It takes an average person 2,000 steps to walk a mile.
- There is proof of the "power of positive thinking" and that people who are generally happy tend to live longer lives. A Good attitude can help your body fight disease and aging.

Thoughts from Chicken Soup for the Teenage Soul.