

# The Halo

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## Mission Statement

We, the Catholic Community of Cathedral Parish School, will be examples of Christian teachings, will serve others as Jesus would, will achieve academic excellence, and put Christ first in ALL we do.



5th grade cheering on two of their classmates at the Winter Spectacular!

## A Letter from Deacon Ott

This week's Feast of the Immaculate Conception gives us a great reminder of how generous God is in giving grace to each of us. May we recognize the grace in ourselves and cooperate with it, and recognize the grace in others as well. And may we give grace to others as often as possible!

3rd grade religion wrote their Advent promises!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**December 14th, 15th, and 18th:** Middle School Exams

**December 19th:**  
11am Dismissal  
- No Aftercare

**December 19th:**  
Christmas Shows in the Parish Hall

**December 20th - January 2nd:**  
Christmas Break

**January 3rd:**  
Classes Resume

### Uniform Closet:

Our uniform closet is open to all CPS families! We currently have an abundance of khakis, and we just had a large donation of navy fleece jackets. Please let the front office know if you'd like to take a look in the uniform closet.

# We are blessed to be able to celebrate the Christmas season with our CPS family!

We had so much fun showing our school spirit at the St. Augustine Christmas Parade!



We are so proud of our middle schoolers who were inducted into the NJHS! Your hard work shows!



Students had a great time shopping at 8th grade's Christmas store!



We celebrated St. Nicholas Day!  
Kindergarten was so good that St. Nicholas  
came to fill their shoes!



The Kindergarten students are fine tuning their click and drag mouse skills while working on fun Christmas computer projects!



## Cathedral Parish School Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge

Knights of Columbus Council 611's first Local Soccer Challenge in many years took place this past September. From that event 9 CPS students qualified for the Regional Challenge on November 10<sup>th</sup> in Jacksonville. From the Regional Challenge, two CPS students qualified for the State Soccer Challenge in Melbourne, Florida on December 2nd: Shea Poole and John Mark Carres.

Congratulations to Shea and John Mark for their commitment from that first Soccer Challenge in September all the way to the Knights of Columbus State Soccer Challenge. Shea placed First in her age group; John Mark placed Second in his age group! Well done!

Thank you to all the CPS students who participated in the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge and all the parents who supported their children's efforts.





## **Cathedral Basilica Advent Food Drive 2023**

The Cathedral Pastoral Council is sponsoring the Second Annual Advent Food Drive for needy families. Grocery bags, with a stapled list of food items will be passed out at all Masses on the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd, 2023.

Please take one and purchase groceries for a needy family. Return your bag the weekend of December 9/10 OR 16/17. Please place your bag along the Communion rail before or after Mass. Deadline to return bags is December 17th. **Please do not bring your bags to the Rectory.**

The bags will be distributed to Cathedral Parish families, Catholic Charities, CPS Families, Epic Cure and St. Gerard Moms.

**\*\* CPS families: If your family would like to receive a bag, please let Lisa Verdugo know by Friday 12/11/23, Bags will be available for pick up at CPS 12/18 in the afternoon and 12/19\*\***

Your generosity will help many struggling families to enjoy a Christmas meal during these difficult times.

## **Cathedral Basilica Advent Food Drive 2022 Report**

- 500 Grocery bags were distributed
- 70% participation was achieved
- 276 bags were distributed to Catholic Charities (3,500 lbs.)
- 10 bags were distributed to Cathedral Parish School families
- 49 bags were distributed to Epic Cure
- 10 bags were distributed to St. Gerard House Moms
- St. Benedict the Moor Parish collected 30 bags which they distributed.



# Christmas with Cops and Claus



**St. Augustine Beach Police Department**

**2300 A1A South**

**December 13th**

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**Free Admission!**

**Bring your  
Santa letters!**

**Music  
Goodies  
Fire Truck  
Arts & Crafts  
Police Vehicles  
Mr. and Mrs. Claus**



**JOY TO THE WORLD!**



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**Open to grades 2 and up!**

**Wednesday Rehearsals**

**4:00-5:00PM**

in the **Choir Room**

beginning 12/6

and continuing through 12/20

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**12/24 4:00PM Mass**

(arrive before Mass at 3:00PM)

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## EGG CONTEST!

The class that turns in the most eggs wins  
a PaRtY of their choice!

\*Be sure to clean eggs well

\*Label the carton with Teachers name

\*Turn into office

Winners Announced Jan 19th!





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