

Parents:

--With the gift-giving season just behind us, many children were lucky to find new and exciting electronics under the tree. We want to take this time to remind you of our policy:

PERSONAL PROPERTY / TOYS

*Toys brought to school must be appropriate for the age of the students. Students must also be willing to share with others. Students are permitted to have toys when waiting before school in the auditorium, at recess, and at the teacher's specific request. St. John School is not responsible for items that are damaged or lost. **No electronic games, music devices, cell phones, cameras, or aggression-provoking toys (play weapons, etc.) are permitted.***

The only exception will be for those students in our After School Care Program. They may bring an electronic game or music player that will be handed over to the office in the morning for safe keeping. It will be returned to them at the end of the school day for use in After School. This exception for After School students is only for electronic games or music players that do NOT have the capability of taking photos.

St. John Catholic School Parent/Student Handbook, pg 29.

Many of these items now have almost limitless capabilities. Children are not allowed to bring these items for several reasons, but mainly due to their easy access to the internet and for picture taking. These two capabilities have a great chance of presenting dangerous situations for children and are very difficult for us, as staff, to monitor and guarantee safety for each and every child. This is why these items are not permitted at school. The items that are allowable for After School should be brought to the office first thing in the morning, clearly labeled with your child's name. If you have any questions, please ask.

--Next week, we will be changing our "Specials" schedule a bit. Gym will be on Friday, January 13, and Library will be on Monday, January 9. Monday, January 9 will now be a "Jeans Day", with your \$0.50 donation going to Bellefonte India. Please have your child wear gym clothing on Friday, January 13. Gym will resume on Mondays on January 16