



**Saint Joseph School 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Craft Fair**  
**November 16<sup>th</sup> 4-8:30 pm**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am-3 pm**

Planning for the annual Christmas Craft Fair, our largest fundraiser, is underway. Last year's Fair raised \$33,599! For another successful year, we need everyone's help. This year Fair's goal is \$34,000. The Fair's reach goes well beyond the school; the Parish and Wakefield Community. We invite you to visit the Fair and support our vendors and our school-run kitchen, raffle table, 50/50 raffle and Kid's Corner.

Even if the Fair isn't your Christian Service assignment, we need everyone to contribute to its success. Sometimes, Fair requests can be overwhelming. Here is the timeline of what school families can expect from now until the Fair. This information will also be on the school website as each week's request approaches.

**Now                                      Requests for donations.**

Do you have sports tickets, vacation home or a business that could donate a good or service? How about NEW items cluttering your house, gift cards to stores/restaurants you'll never use, left over birthday party favors or small new toys or gifts that can be kids' corner prizes, craft items that could be used for wreath decorations? Consider donating these types of items to the Fair.

Also consider asking business that you support if they would donate goods, services or money to the Fair. We recognize every business that supports us and encourage school families to support them. We have a sponsor letter that we can provide if you need it. We are non-profit and donations are tax exempt.

**50/50 Raffle Tickets**

15 tickets will be sent home. We strongly encourage each family to sell a minimum of 15 tickets at \$2 each, with a goal of 20 tickets. The school family that sells the most 50/50 tickets wins one month tuition at the elementary school rate for one child. Last year's 50/50 pot was greater than \$13,000. Two years ago a school family won the 50/50!!

**Mid - October                      Scratch Tickets**

We ask each school family to bring in 5 scratch tickets (any value) for our very popular scratch ticket raffle basket.

**Early November                Bottles of Wine**

We ask each school family to donate 2 bottles of wine. Our wine pull raffle was a huge success last year so we plan on running it on both Friday and Saturday this year.

### **Sign Up to Volunteer**

Although there is a Fair Committee, running the actual Fair requires many more helpers. Volunteer forms will be sent home in your oldest child's backpack. Consider spending a few hours lending a helping hand. It's fun, you meet other school families, and you contribute to our success!

### **November 16<sup>th</sup>                      Baked Goods Drop Off at Fair**

We ask every family to bring 2 baked goods (or monetary equivalent) to FGH the morning of the Fair. These items are sold to Fair goers as part of our bake sale.

### **November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>    Come to the Fair and ENJOY!**

Bring a friend, visit the Christmas Fair and ENJOY! Bring your Christmas gift list and check some things off, enjoy lunch or dinner at our kitchen, try your luck at our amazing raffle table, keep your kids entertained in the Kid's Corner. Moms – Friday night is Mom's night out at the Fair – bring your friends and shop the Fair without children!

In the time leading up to the Craft Fair, we will offer you the opportunity to purchase items such as evergreen wreaths, pies, etc. These purchases are not required of school families, but rather offered as an option. If you buy holiday pies or evergreen wreaths anyway, consider purchasing them from the school as the proceeds benefit our Craft Fair fundraiser.

Thank you for your support of our amazing school! If you have any Christmas Craft Fair questions, please contact:

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