

Finding Joy in the Chaos

A Guide to Managing December at St. Elizabeth



Week 1 - Week of December 1

December 3, 2025

Today's Obstacle - The cafeteria has round tables AND we have to evacuate.

Day 1 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Wear your favorite ugly Christmas sweater

HSA Staff Appreciation Breakfast in Faculty Room

Discovery Day from 9:00 - 11:00 AM

- 6 students are expected
- Grade 1, Grade 4, Kindergarten, and Pre-K

Confessions @ 9:00 AM in Chapel for Grades 3 & 6

- Father will review format for Reconciliation
- All will pray Act of Contrition together
- Two Reconciliation Rooms in Chapel will be used

Crafting Hands @ 3:15 PM in Library

Irish Dance @ 3:15 PM in Gym

St. Elizabeth Family Christmas Rehearsal for Students @ 5:00 PM

St. Elizabeth Family Christmas Event @ 6:30 PM in Courtyard/Social Hall

December 4, 2025

Today's Obstacle - The cafeteria still has round tables.

Day 2 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Wear Red & White Dress Down

Discovery Day from 9:00 - 11:00 AM

- *7 students are expected*
- *Grade 1, Kindergarten, and Pre-K*

Grade 6 Rehearsal for Christmas Program on 12/19 @ 11:15 AM

SPAT Meeting for Kate @ 1:00 PM (Zoom)

Advent by Candlelight @ 6:30 PM in Social Hall

December 5, 2025

Today's Obstacle - You guessed it! The cafeteria still has round tables.

Day 3 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Wear pajamas for CHOP Pajama Day

CHOP Pajama Day

- *A \$1.00 minimum donation is asked*
- *The pajamas do not need to be Christmas pajamas*
- *Students should wear sneakers*
- *There will be Zeffy contributions and cash donations*
- *Send all donations to the office in your envelope in the morning*

The first trimester ends today! You have made it through $\frac{1}{3}$ of the year!

- *You need five grades for each major subject (ELA, Math, Religion, SS, and Science)*
- *No grade can be below a 60 in Option C. No final grades can be greater than 100.*
- *Any Xs or Ms must be adjusted to a grade of 60 if items are still missing unless you are excusing a student from an assessment or assignment.*
- *Grades must be finalized by 5:00 PM on December 10, 2025.*

This week has been crazy enough so Christmas Bingo will be moved to next Friday in the afternoon.



Week 2 - Week of December 8

December 9, 2025

Today's Obstacle - Kate is in Hershey, but the cafeteria tables are rectangular!

Day 4 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Stop by the office for donuts

Trimester 2 Begins today and ends in March

Graduation Photos & Retakes

- Grade 8 will have their Graduation Photos taken today
- Five gowns will be on a rack in the office for students to use
- We will begin as close to 8:15 as possible
- Retakes will take place after Graduation Photos beginning with Grade 7

Confessions @ 9:00 AM in Chapel for Grades 7 & 8

- Father will review format for Reconciliation
- All will pray Act of Contrition together
- Two Reconciliation Rooms in Chapel will be used
- 8th Grade should be finished photos in time

Grade 4 "Keep Christ in Christmas" posters are due in office

Grade 6 Rehearsal for Christmas Program on 12/19 @ 11:15 AM

December 10, 2025

Today's Obstacle - It is our Blue Christmas Celebration Today!

Day 5 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Wear Blue Ribbon Shirts

Blue Christmas Celebration

- All students & staff will wear Blue Ribbon shirts

- There may be media coverage of our event
- We will begin with a prayer service in the Gym @ 10:00 AM
- We will have nine stations of Minute to Win It Games around the gym with two staff members assigned to each station
- Directions for each event will be provided at the stations
- Students will be in mixed teams - Pre-K through Grade 8
- You will receive team assignments on Monday, December 8
- The morning festivities will end by 11:00 AM
- An ice cream social will be held at 1:15 PM in the Social Hall
- You will receive a schedule for this extravaganza on Friday!

Grades are due today by 5:00 PM so that Kate can check before we print

- You need five grades for each major subject (ELA, Math, Religion, SS, and Science)
- No grade can be below a 60 in Option C. No final grades can be greater than 100.
- Any Xs or Ms must be adjusted to a grade of 60 if items are still missing unless you are excusing a student from an assessment or assignment.
- Please let Kate know when you are finished.

Irish Dance @ 3:15 PM in Gym

Kate & Kathleen have an Enrollment Committee Meeting @ 1:00 PM

December 11, 2025

Today's Obstacle - We have Santa's Shop today!

Day 6 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Wear Red & Green for Santa's Shop

Santa's Shop will take place in the Art Room [Schedule](#)

Grinch Day for Kindergarten & Pre-K

Confessions @ 1:15 PM in Chapel for Grades 4 & 5

- Father will review format for Reconciliation

- All will pray Act of Contrition together
- Two Reconciliation Rooms in Chapel will be used

Grade 6 Rehearsal for Christmas Program on 12/19 @ 11:15 AM

December 12, 2025

Today's Obstacle - There is a WACKO schedule today!

Day 7 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Cocoa Express will be visiting with hot cocoa

Santa's Shop Make-up Shopping Schedule

Mass @ 11:00 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Schedule for the day will be in the Weekly Snapshot
- Participation certificates & awards for Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest will be awarded after Mass by the Knights of Columbus

Christmas Bingo brought to you by Student Council @ 2:00 PM

- Grades PK -3 in Social Hall from 2:00-2:20 PM
- Grades 4-8 in Social Hall from 2:25-2:45 PM
- Each group will play three rounds of Bingo

Report cards will be distributed today. Please make sure all report cards stay in backpacks.



Week 3 - Week of December 15

December 15, 2025

Today's Obstacle - It is a relatively calm day. How do we even function?

Day 8 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Stop in Faculty Dining Room for pizza

Polar Express Day for Kindergarten

December 16, 2025

Today's Obstacle - There is no special schedule. You have to have a normal day.

Day 9 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Grinch Day - Wear Green

Reindeer Day in Grade 1 @ 10:15 AM

December 17, 2025

Today's Obstacle - There is a special schedule for practice.

Day 10 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Special gift coming your way

Reindeer Games in Pre-K

Nativity Play in Kindergarten

Singing Practice for Christmas Program on 12/19 @ 2:00 PM in church

- **Schedule will be in Weekly Snapshot**

Crafting Hands @ 3:15 PM in Library

December 18, 2025

Today's Obstacle - There is a special schedule for practice.

Day 11 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Holiday Snack Cart is coming around

Full Practice for Christmas Program on 12/19 @ 2:00 PM in church

- Schedule will be in Weekly Snapshot

December 19, 2025

Today's Obstacle - There is a special schedule for our Christmas Program.

Day 12 of Twelve Days of Christmas - Wear Christmas Colors

Christmas Program @ 1:30 PM in church

- Schedule will be in Weekly Snapshot
- Students should leave backpacks at home today
- Students should bring coats to church
- Parents will enter in School Pass if they are taking their children home from church
- We will bring back any bus riders or regular car line and begin dismissal at regular time in gym
- There is NO afternoon CARES today.

You get to leave right away to enjoy two luxurious weeks of break!