

December 23, 2016

Dear Parents,

A Blessed and Holy Christmas to all! After our Wednesday performance with the children the festivities are in full swing. Today, dress "Christmassy" was the height of the spirit. All the children enjoyed their movie and treats and presents. Now we can truly say we have worked to prepare ourselves, with hearts and hands and voices too. We are so blessed as a school family. My thanks is extended to all of you for the gift of your children. The greatest gift we share is our gift of Faith. Please make it special and attend Mass with them. At St. Mary Church the children's choir will sing at the 4:00pm on Christmas Eve. This would be a great way to worship first, before any presents are opened and then, after receiving their greatest gift from God, you can scoot them off to bed early (ha, ha) so they can wake you at 5:00am on Christmas Day to get their gifts!



To end the year, I remind all parents that the teacher gift money should have been in, but not everyone has yet done so. In good faith, I know it was just an oversight, so when we get back, there is still time to contribute. Thank you for your cooperation with this project.

Enclosed in this week's packet:

JANUARY CALENDAR: prepare for Catholic Schools Week! All new students will receive their bright yellow scarf to use for this dance. Like we did last year, we have fun learning it together, but in case your kids are bored during vacation week, they can visit www.schoolchoiceweek.com/dance. It is a great way for the students to show their enthusiasm for their school. It was so good last year we opened our celebration for Catholic Schools Week with the dance. Hopefully we can practice it with the whole school as the weeks approach our big day!

ART PROJECT: A project will begin with special Saturday classes. This is open to students in Grades 5-8. Please see the enclosed letter from Mrs. AlvarezdeLugo.

MOM'S GATHER: Mrs. Shannon is beginning a new group in school. Please see the enclosed flyer and consider an hour of peace (all to yourself) once a month. Dad maybe you could gift your wife with some babysitting time this Christmas!

HOMEWORK CLUB: MR. CLIFF SCHEXNAYDER will begin a homework club for Grades 4-8 after the new year. It will run every Tuesday from 2:30 to 3:30 in the Holy Family Room. This basically is for Math, but if any student is struggling with anything, they are welcome to stay. You must provide a note with permission on any given Tuesday that you want your child to attend. Please understand how important this permission note is. We need to know what every child's method of transportation home is everyday. Anything out of the ordinary needs a written note from you. Without a note, they will NOT stay.

SILENT AUCTION: The big event is on! Please see the information on our Silent Auction. We need lots of help! This is a great way to work your service hours and reach your fundraising quota!

My sincere prayers and best wishes for peace, love, and joy to all our families and a wonderful healthy and Happy New Year!

God bless everyone!

Sr. Annette

