December 19, 2016

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

The staff, Msgr. Dan and I would like to wish you all a very blessed Christmas. We all feel so lucky to be part of a school with such wonderful students and parents. God bless you all during this holy season.

**UPCOMING…**

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| Monday, December 19 | 7/8 Grades visit Nursing Homes |
| Thursday, December 22 | Festive Sweater Day (or Ugly Sweater – beauty is in the eyes of the beholder)<br>Christmas Party for Students – movies in the afternoon with treats provided. |
| Friday, December 23 | No School – start of Christmas Break |

**January Calendar**

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| Monday, January 2 | Back to School - Badger Day, wear red |
| Sunday, January 8 | BB: HG-IC at St. Joe's, all teams, starting with B boys |
| Sunday, January 8 | Knights of Columbus free throw contest, 4:30-6:00 |
| Monday, January 9 | Education Committee meeting, 6:00 PM |
| Thursday, January 12 | End of 2nd Quarter, LATE WORK DUE |
| Friday, January 13 | NO SCHOOL |
| Friday, January 13 | Parish Fish Fry |
| Sunday, January 15 | BB: East Dubuque at St. Joe's, just boys |
| Monday, January 16 | Report Cards Home |
| Monday, January 16 | Star 360 Testing for next two weeks |
| Friday, January 20 | Pasty Orders Due |
| Saturday, January 28 | Pasty Sale |
| Sunday, January 29 | 8:00 AM Mass, Grades 1 – 4, Beginning of Catholic Schools Week |

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – January 29-February 4, activities to be announced
LEAGUE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – January 28-29; February 4-5, times to be announced

**FRUIT SALE**

Thank you for all the help selling fruit. We sold over $19,000 in fruit. We are not sure of the profit yet, but it was a really nice amount sold. Thank you to everyone that helped on the delivery day. A special thank you to the 7th and 8th grade, along with Mrs. Dunbar and Mrs. Heim for helping to unload and sort the fruit during the school day. Thank you to the adult workers and students who helped after school. These are the hours credited. Please let us know of any errors.
ADULTS: Mindy Thomas 10.5, Braedon Young 3.33, Patterson 2 (you did not sign out of the second session), Shelley Ruekauf ?, Britany Alexander ?, Cheryl Fuller?, Roxanne Casper 5.25, Stumpf 3, Klopp 3, Niemeier 7.25, Hardy 2.25.
STUDENTS: Nick Portzen 2. 83, AJ Phillips 3.25, Ella Peterson 2.83, Emma Blume 3, Josh Stoughton 2.67.
We also have some dollies that were borrowed to us. We appreciate using them and they are in the table storage area of the gym.

## STILL FOR SALE

2 bags of 2 dozen cookies - $8/ each
1 box of clementines - $12
1 assortment boxes with oranges, Honeycrisp apples and pears $20
Please contact school if you are interested in these items or stop by the office.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone for attending the Christmas program. The children all did such a wonderful job. All of their enthusiasm really helps get you in the Christmas spirit. We are anticipating that the Christmas videos will be delivered this week.

## CHILDREN FEEDING CHILDREN

We are all so proud of the students for being so enthusiastic about our Advent project of "Children Feeding Children." They raised enough money to feed 12 children through "Food for the Poor." Following are the students who won the raffle drawing: Noah Haser, Ava Hying, Griffin Busch, Sam Ingersoll, Sawyer Miller, Sophie Marr, Matthew Aurit, John Qualley, Grace Graber, Madelyn McWilliams, Cameron Patterson, Paul Angel. These students will have lunch with Mrs. McGraw after Christmas break.

## NEEDED – STORAGE TOTES

Mel could use storage totes to help her organize for the rummage sale. She would appreciate totes WITH covers (such as rubbermade) in a variety of sizes. If you have any around that you are not using she would appreciate if you would donate to St. Joseph to use for this project. Bring them to her in the kitchen. Thank you.

## INFORMATION FROM THOSE IN CHARGE OF FISH FRIES

**Students in grades 5 – 8 may sign up to work at the fish fries. They sign up with Virginia in the office. Only the 7-8 grade students receive credit for volunteer hours. No other students should come unless they are signed up to work. It causes a distraction for those who are working. Also, they must commit for a shift when they sign up and not come and go as they please. They only receive credit for the shift they sign up for and cannot add hours unless asked by the lead adult. They must follow the lead adult instructions. They do not eat until after their shift. They cannot eat during their shift because that is when they are expected to work. THEY REALLY APPRECIATE THE STUDENT HELP, BUT THESE RULES MUST BE FOLLOWED SO THAT THE FISH FRIES RUN SMOOTHLY.**

## THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind thoughts during my hospitalization last week. I have been having some heart issues and when I went to the ER on Tuesday late afternoon they decided to send me to St. Mary's for further testing. I am doing well, but will need to be following up with a cardiologist. Being part of such a loving and kind school/parish family is truly a blessing. I plan to only be at school during the morning for Monday and Tuesday. Please check with Virginia or Mrs. Schomer if you have any questions when I am not around. Thank you again.

## NOON SUPERVISION

M- Slusser; T- P. James; W.- Nick Scheckle; T- Niemeier; M- C. Price