

St. Francis School Newsletter

December 7, 2006

Virtue of the month: GENEROSITY

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Dec. 8th, No School
- ◆ Dec. 9th, Lego Robotics Tournament, see enclosed flier
- ◆ Dec. 11th, Scrip Order Due
- ◆ Dec. 13th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Dec. 14th, School Christmas Program, 6:15PM Students arrive and reception for guests
- ◆ Dec. 18th, Start of Christmas Vacation
- ◆ Jan. 2nd, School Resumes
- ◆ Jan. 3rd, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 10th, School Mass, 8:30AM
- ◆ Jan. 12th, No School
- ◆ Jan. 15th, No School

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

As you know, children get so excited and happy at this time of year. We are blessed to be working in a Catholic School as we can fully embrace all the goodness of the season. The teachers have worked hard to make Advent a meaningful part of their young lives. Not only the teachers but you at home both in your volunteer work at school and what you do within your families to get ready for Christ's Birthday! Yesterday, I went in to the 2nd Grade Class and Mrs. Fisher showed me the Advent Calendars Mrs. Wiren did for each of the children in that grade- nothing short of amazing! They were so well done and showed such care and time- what a wonderful expression of what is right about our school.

As I write this, we are about gather all the students for a special blessing ceremony led by the Pastor. He will bless the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe as well as the Christmas tree - both on display in the atrium of the school. All the wonderful seasonal student art work was put up by parent volunteers and Mrs. Green and the school really looks special!

Please go over your packet carefully as there are directions for both the Christmas Program as well as next week's Story Time/Pajama day.

Sincerely,

Michael Cantu,
Principal

PSO News

Happy Holidays! Its hard to believe that we are two weeks away from Christmas Break and there are only three weeks until Christmas! It seemed many of us were able to get some Christmas shopping done during the Magazine Sale. There was so much selection and the set-up was fantastic. Thank you to all who helped make the sale a success!

A few reminders and updates this week:

Wish Tree - Don't forget to stop by the Wish Tree in the school office if you are needing gift ideas for your teachers.

Christmas Program - As all children need to be dropped off early for the Christmas program next Thursday, the PSO invites all families to the Parish hall from 6:00-6:50 to share cookies, beverages, and holiday cheer! Hope to see you there.

St. Francis Apparel Sale - All apparel will be ready to pick up in the school office next Thursday and Friday. Stop by and get your items before Christmas break!

January Events - Mark your calendars for **Mother-Son Bowling** on January 19th. Also, there will be a **School Clean** at the end of January. Several share hours can be earned at these cleaning events! More information on both events will follow in upcoming weeks.

Remember.... your **P**arent **S**ervice **O**rganization executive committee is:

Sherrí Peden - President

Shellie Lazo - Vice-President

Ralph Mooers - Treasurer

Karen Carrera - Secretary

Valerie Dalebroux - Secretary

If your student is in Kindergarten, 1st grade and/or 2nd grade and ordered a Quiznos lunch for Dec. 6th there is a credit in your envelope that you may use for January. Return it with your January lunch order.

REMEMBER - to have parents and students sign the signature page in the handbook and return to the school office

To turn in all unsold raffle tickets

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Book Fair and to those who supported it. The school has received over \$2600.00 in credit to use to purchase books for the classrooms and school library.



A note from the librarian:

From the library:

ALL books are due next week. No renewals over break. Students may check out books for the break during library time next week.

Look for all the new books from the book fair in the library next month! Thank you to everyone who donated books.

Lynn Ries

To help everyone have a healthy year here are some guidelines from the Archdiocesan Reference Notebook:

Students should be excluded from school if they exhibit:

Fever greater than 100.5

Vomiting

Stiff neck or rash with fever

Any unknown rash with or without fever

Unusual behavior change such as unusually sleepy, lethargic or grumpy

Jaundice (yellow color to skin or eyes)

Diarrhea (3 watery or loose stools in one day with or without fever)

Brown, gray, tan or yellow drainage from nose, eyes or any other part of the body.

A student may return when symptoms have been absent for 24 hours or when under the care of a physician and that physician has given the student consent to return to school.

Parish News

Friday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. That is when Mary was conceived in her mother's womb, free of original sin. It is a holy day of obligation. Masses are at 8:30AM and 7:00PM

On December 10th the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a "Boots and Shoes" collection for Sr. Mary Peter's orphanage in Colon, Mexico. Come and enjoy our breakfast and drop off your boot/shoes donation.