



ST. PAUL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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NATIVITY WALK: The Nativity Walk, in memory of Msgr. Watson, will be open here at school tomorrow from 3:30 - 6:00 and then Sunday after 8:00 Mass until 11:30. We hope you can stop by and see Fr. Bill's beautiful collection.

COOKIE DONATIONS: Those that volunteered to donate cookies for Sunday's Nativity Walk can drop them off at school on Friday or give them to Kelli at church **BEFORE** Mass on Sunday morning. She'll run them through the quality control department! :) :) Thank you to all those that volunteered to bake or buy!

PEW RAFFLE: Any red raffle tickets for the Christmas program pew drawing must be in no later than NOON Friday! The drawing will be held after lunch recess. Chances are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.

PROGRAM: Monday is the big day! Students need to be at the church NO LATER than 5:50, and the program will start at 6:00. Please dress up, which means no jeans. Parents should keep their child's coat with them in the pew. The church doors will open at 5:15. Our students and teachers have worked very hard to prepare for the Christmas program, and we look forward to sharing it with all our families.

OGS BUS: There is NO Odell Grade School afternoon bus this Friday the 16th. There is also **NO morning OR afternoon bus** Monday the 19th and Tuesday the 20th.

CHEESE: Thank you to all that sold Ropp Jersey Cheese! Our families did a nice job in the first year of our "new" cheese fundraiser. **Cheese will be ready for pick up at dismissal this coming Monday.**

COMFY DAYS: Both Monday and Tuesday next week will be **GREEN & RED CHRISTMAS** comfy days! Even though school Mass was moved to Tuesday morning at 8:30, we will still be having our traditional Christmas party comfy day! We invite you to join us for Mass Tuesday morning if you can make it!

EARLY DISMISSAL: Just a reminder, that we dismiss at 11:30 this coming Tuesday the 20th for Christmas break! We will see everyone back on Tuesday, January 3!

AFTER CARE: There is **NO** after care this coming Tuesday after the early dismissal.

STATEMENTS: Any payments made towards tuition and after care fees by December 31 will go on your 2022 tax statement that will be sent out in January. If you need your balance, please contact Kelli in the office.

AUCTION/SPRING RAFFLE: Please let us know if you would like to be on the committee for the upcoming auction, dinner, and raffle. We will be meeting after the break to discuss the March 4 event and assign tasks! Thank you!

FISH: There are still FREE fish available from the Civics Club. Please contact the school to arrange a pick up if you'd like to add a new member to the family!

TEACHER COLLECTION: Anyone wishing to participate in the Christmas collection for our school staff may do so by placing your contribution in a marked envelope and sending it to the school office. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly for our students throughout the school year, and this collection is one way to say "thank you" for their dedication. We are so grateful to those that donate and show their appreciation both now and throughout the school year.

STEWARDSHIP MASS: The December Stewardship Mass is Christmas Eve at **St. Patrick Church in Dwight at 4:00p.** Students should be at church by 3:40 for caroling prior to Mass. Please sit on the right side of the church in the pews next to the organ. **Please let us know if you plan on attending so Mass parts can be handed out at school.**

UPDATE FROM MRS. DORAN'S ROOM: First and second grade are having a great Advent season so far. We have learned about the Advent wreath and studied all about the birth of the Baby Jesus. We are excited to host our first Nativity Walk in memory of Monsignor Watson. We have really enjoyed looking at his collection of different nativity sets. We had fun learning about the meaning of Christmas trees and got to try to make the tallest tree out of newspapers. We have been practicing for our Christmas program and can't wait to share the songs of the season with you all. We are so grateful, as always, for the generous support of our school and church. We wish you all the many blessings of the Christmas season, and thank God for all you have done for us.

*"Behold the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call Him Emmanuel."
Matthew 2:1-12*

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

- † Friday, December 16.....No Afternoon OGS Bus
- † Friday, December 16.....Nativity Walk - 3:30-6 p.m.
- † Sunday, December 18.....Nativity Walk - after 8 a.m. Mass
- † Monday, December 19.....No OGS Bus - AM or PM
- † Monday, December 19.....Christmas Program @ 6 p.m.
- † Tuesday, December 20.....No OGS Bus - AM or PM
- † Tuesday, December 20.....School Mass @ 8:30 a.m. - 5/6 leading
- † Tuesday, December 20.....11:30 Dismissal
- † Saturday, December 24.....Stewardship Mass - 4 p.m. @ St. Pat's
- † Sunday, December 25.....MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas Break
December 21 - January 2