



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: For anyone that did not see the letter yesterday regarding the Christmas program, the following safety protocols will be in place at church on Monday during the performances:

- Attendance will be limited to immediate family - parents, siblings and grandparents. Please understand you attend at your own risk.
- Masks will be required for all regardless of vaccination status and must be worn properly the entire time you are in the church.
- Pews will be marked off so social distancing can be enforced.
- Pre-K students will sing first and may leave following their performance. Although this goes against concert etiquette, this would limit the time our "littles" are exposed to a crowd.

MONDAY: Students will need to be at the church NO LATER than 5:50. Please dress up, which means no jeans! Parents should keep their child's coat with them in the pew. The church will not open for Christmas program attendees until 5:30. However there is a daily Mass beginning at 5:00 for anyone that would like to attend. Father Haake will also be hearing confessions following Mass until the Christmas program begins.

COOKBOOKS: An order form went home yesterday for our "hot off the presses" cookbook, which will sell for \$15 each so be on the lookout!

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 continue to navigate this current educational environment with grace and grit and have worked tirelessly to keep the school day as "normal" as possible for the students. The Christmas collection is just one way to say "thank you" to our teachers and staff for all they do throughout the school year. Thank you to those that have donated thus far. We sincerely appreciate it.

STEWARDSHIP MASS: Our next Stewardship Mass will be at St. Paul Church on Christmas Eve at 4:00. Students in grades 5-8 will make up the choir and will be spread out in the choir loft. Those students need to be upstairs and ready to sing Christmas carols **by 3:40**. All other students are asked to sit with their families, but are invited to join in the Nativity procession during Mass.

COMFY DAYS: Both Monday and Tuesday next week will be GREEN & RED CHRISTMAS comfy days! Really get into the spirit on Tuesday for our class Christmas parties!

EARLY DISMISSAL: Just a reminder that we dismiss at 11:30 this coming Tuesday the 21st for Christmas break! We will see everyone back on Tuesday, January 4.

NO OGS BUS: There will be no Odell Grade School bus at dismissal this Tuesday.

AFTER CARE: There is also no after care this coming Tuesday.

PIZZA!: Forms for our annual pizza fundraiser went home on Monday and will be due back Monday, January 10. If it didn't make it home or you need an additional form, please contact the office.

SPRING RAFFLE: Tickets for our \$20,000 grand prize raffle will be coming home when students return from break. We are looking forward to another successful raffle and online auction. The drawing will be held on March 5!

CHEESE & SAUSAGE: Thank you to all that supported our cheese and sausage fundraisers. We again want to give thanks to Matt & Tammy Miller and alumni Hannah, Holden, & Hayden Miller for generously donating the meat.

THANKS!: Thank you to the two wonderful ladies that have answered our call for kitchen help next semester! If anyone else is able to help here and there or with custodial work, we would certainly appreciate it!

STATEMENTS: Any payments made towards tuition and after care fees by December 31 will go on your 2021 tax statement that will be sent out in January. If you need your balance, please contact Kelli in the office.

UPDATE FROM MRS. HART'S ROOM: This is an exciting time of year, especially if you are 3-6 years old! We have had fun in PreK and Kindergarten with Christmas stories, work, songs, and painting large Christmas trees (tape resist style) and decorating them. We enjoy being outdoors as much as possible. Plus what a treat to be preparing for our Christmas program. Most importantly, we have been practicing the virtues of patience and peace as we invite Jesus to "come" into our hearts daily throughout Advent. We hope you are enjoying our Advent thoughts posted each day on the school's Facebook page. May God bless all our many supporters this Advent season. We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas. With love from Mrs. Hart, Ms. Jess, Ms. Rebekah, and the PreK & Kindergarten students.

UPDATE FROM MRS. HARBACK'S ROOM: Third and fourth graders have been working hard. In social studies, we are studying the Midwest and Great Plains region. In math, 3rd grade has learned their multiplication facts and 4th grade is working on division. We are studying verbs in language arts and have written an informational paper on the continents. We are studying the Ten Commandments in religion. By obeying God, we are showing love and respect to God and to one another. We have also read reflections and prayers each day for our Advent journey and are adding ornaments to a Jesse Tree. We are thankful for all our blessings and to the generous benefactors of St. Paul School.

*"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21*

UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:

* Monday, December 20.....	Christmas Program - 6:00
* Tuesday, December 21.....	11:30 Early Dismissal
* Friday, December 24.....	Stewardship Mass - 4:00
* Tuesday, January 4.....	Return to School
* Friday, January 7.....	End of the 2nd Quarter
* Monday, January 10.....	Pizza Forms Due
* Wednesday, January 12.....	Report Cards Go Home
* Monday, January 17.....	No School - MLK Day