



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

12.9.21

COMFY DAY: As part of our Advent Acts of Kindness, we will be collecting monetary donations for the Odell Christmas Angels fund. This drive, which is sponsored by the Odell Knights of Columbus, uses funds to purchase new clothing for children in need in the Odell area and will help over 60 children this year. Anyone who brings in a monetary donation for the Christmas Angels fund on Friday can have a **COMFY DAY!**

LIFETOUCH: There will be a spring time opportunity for any families that missed the previous picture days or wants to have retakes. Our students will be able to go to Odell Grade School during their spring pictures on March 10. Please let Kelli know now if you need pictures taken so names can be submitted to Lifetouch.

COVID: Winter is indeed coming and with it a slew of coughs, colds, flu, and more. Please continue to get checked for COVID if you come down with any related symptoms. Cases are still on the rise so we need to be extremely cautious both at school and at home. We know that many area schools are also being hit by multiple illnesses so please keep your children home when they are sick and reinforce with them the importance of washing their hands, coughing into their elbow, etc. Our students have done a good job this semester following the safety protocols so please keep it up!

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 in advance for your kindness and generosity.

MENU CHANGE: Next Wednesday the 15th will now be breakfast casserole, applesauce, and a muffin. Yum! :)

PIZZA!: Forms for our annual pizza fundraiser will be going home early next week. Be sure to check folders and book bags for more information!

CHEESE & SAUSAGE: Supplies are getting **LOW** so get your Chuck's Cheese and "Famous Miller Family Sausage" before it's gone! One pound packages of sausage are \$6 or \$10 for two. The 10 oz. cheese tubs are \$5.50 each. Thanks to everyone that has supported these fundraisers!

STEWARDSHIP MASS: Our next Stewardship Mass will be at St. Paul Church on Christmas Eve at 4:00. Please let us know if you plan on attending so Mass parts can be assigned. Thank you!

HELP! WE NEED SOMEBODY!: Cue The Beatles! We are still searching for cooking and cleaning help next semester. We are so appreciative to those who have stepped up thus far and can help here and there. Please prayerfully consider helping at school if you are available or know someone that is. Unfortunately if we are unable to fill the cook position, some days of the week will have to be sack lunch days.

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. LOVELL'S ROOM: It is December, so Advent has begun. The 7th and 8th grade class created Advent journals, concentrating on one Bible verse a day then reflecting on that verse in their journals. We are not only contemplating the coming of Jesus but also learning to really talk to God and give him quiet prayer time daily. The kids are continuing their study of the Civil War in History, and they have begun Book Reviews in Literature. The 5th and 6th graders have started their rough drafts and peer edits of their Christmas short stories, working on not only designing dioramas to go with their papers, but also really learning the writing process of drafts, peer edits, corrections and modifications.

“The Lord is coming...let us wait for him!”

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
- ✠ Monday, January 3..... Return to School