



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Elementary School

School Newsletter

December 2017 Parent Newsletter

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News from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This season of Advent is filled with activities preparing for Christ's birth. Every Monday during December we hold an **Advent Prayer Service at Morning Prayer/Announcements and our Virtue of the Month is Patience.** "We patiently wait for Jesus' birth." We have a Advent wreath on the cafeteria wall signed by each student.



In the past our Advent community service projects were chosen by each grade for a local cause. This year, we decided to have one **all school collection for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.** Details are attached with the information and the reason for this cause. The classrooms will be learning about the hospital's good deeds. Please see the attached flyer about the Jeans for Jesus and the St. Jude's collection.

Three Christmas trees adorn our hallways. We continue to display our annual "**Mitten Tree**" which is located at the Sherwin Avenue entrance. Please contribute by decorating the tree with mittens, gloves, hats, and/or scarves to be donated to Sojourner House. The other **two Christmas trees** will soon be decorated with ornaments created by all the students. The last day before Christmas vacation the students will bring their craft ornaments home.



The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception** is on Friday December 8th with the all school Mass at 8:45am prepared by Mrs. Lutz' 4th graders. I will distribute holy cards in honor of Mary that day.



St. Nicholas will visit Tuesday, December 6th. He will place special treats on each students' desk before they arrive at school. How nice he remembers our students!

The Diocese requires us to complete their Safe Environment Training with the children. On December 5th Police Officer Nicks will visit our school and discuss "**NO, GO, TELL**" if a stranger approaches children in an unsafe manner. These three words are good discussion points between you and your child.

Our Energy Bus Principal 3 for the month is "No Bullying." Mrs. Clements, school counselor, is visiting the classrooms to discuss the subject. Rule #1; use kindly words to communicate your displeasure with a behavior. Rule #2; remove yourself from the situation. Rule #3; if the behavior continues tell an adult. Mrs. Clements illustrates numerous examples on how to be pro-active and not become a victim. She also reviews the differences between telling and tattling.

Have you heard about the **Battle of the Books?** The 4th and 5th graders will compete in a reading contest at the end of February. Students form teams of four and read 12 books which have already been distributed. During the sectional quizzes, the team will answer questions about the books. Nancy Lynch, our Librarian, and Heather Halfen, parent, organized the competition and the students are enthusiastically reading! Watch for more details about the battles in February and March.



May Jesus' presence be part of your Advent preparations. Honor Christmas all year and keep it in your hearts!

Merry Christmas,
Mrs. Renée Cassidy
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*Christmas Program
"Carols from Around the
World"*

Tuesday, December 12

7:00pm, IC Gym

*Students are to dress-up for the
program.*

(No blue jeans!)

Doors open at 6:30pm.



*The Lord bless you and
protect you; the Lord make
His face shine on you, and
be gracious to you.
Numbers 6:24-25*



**Save the Dates!
Catholic Schools
Week**

Jan. 29-Feb. 2

Jan. 30, Pajama Day

Feb. 1, Open House

& Talent Show

**Watch for more
details in future
Friday folders.**



Our "Mitten Tree" will soon be located in the front entrance of the school. Please place gloves, hats, and scarves on the tree and we will distribute items to "Sojourner House."



Christmas Vacation begins Friday, December 22 and school resumes on Tuesday, January 2. Enjoy the holidays!

Mid-quarter Progress Reports

Friday, December 15

Students who are in need of behavior or academic reminders will receive reports.