



News & Notes

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December 14, 2011

Coming Home Today

- No fliers today



Save the Date!

Mon., Dec. 19

Christmas Pageant
2pm

Tues., Dec. 20

Out of Uniform Day

Reindeer Race 9:30am

Class Christmas Parties 1:15pm

Wed., Dec. 21

12:30 Dismissal
No PM Bus Service
No Aftercare

Dec. 22-Jan. 1

Christmas Break

Mon., Jan. 2

Classes Resume

A Message from Mrs. Murphy

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our third week of Advent. There are several years that due to the calendar, we are unable to light the fourth candle while we are here in school. This year we will be blessed to be able to do so!

Our week has started off with a wide variety of music. Many thanks to Mrs. Susan Day and her bands for the enjoyable concert on Monday. They sounded great.

We have a couple of last minute reminders as we get ready for our Christmas break. First, our SCRIP sales are in full swing. We offer a HUGE variety of gift cards that can be given as gifts or used to make Christmas purchases. Mrs. Sharon Tornatore will be out in the parking lot once again tomorrow morning (at drop off) by the parish office, selling the gift cards for your convenience. Please remember that purchases of SCRIP come back to families in form of a 2% tuition rebate. It's a win-win for all. Thank you to all those families who use the SCRIP program regularly.

Second, we are really trying to abide by our value of Responsibility. Many students are forgetting lunches, books, clothing, and assorted school items at home each morning and are then coming in to the office to call home and ask their parents to please bring it to them. This not only creates a hardship on the front office to track down the student, but puts those students whose parents who cannot come back to the school for any reason at a disadvantage. It is our policy that only band instruments will be delivered to the students after school begins due to the fact that parents pay the extra fee for the lessons.

Third, please remember the parking lot rules for both dropping off in the morning and picking up in the afternoon. We really need everyone to follow the rules and respect the teachers out on duty who are giving directions. Thank you!!!

Fourth, our Christmas performance will take place next Monday, at 2pm in the church. In order to accommodate all of our parents and visitors, the students will come into the church, perform and then return to their

classrooms. This is the second year we have done this and it is so much more convenient for our parents. We hope you can join us!

Fifth, we will have a 1/2 day next Wednesday with a 12:30pm dismissal and NO BUS service home and NO AFTERCARE. Please make arrangements for your child to be picked up on Wednesday afternoon.

Finally, our first day back to school after the New Year is Monday, January 2nd. This is a Federal Government holiday, but we made a decision last May to follow the Howard County buses as much as our calendar will allow, as a convenience to our parents.



On behalf of the faculty and staff of Resurrection-St. Paul School, please know how much we appreciate all that you do for us to reflect Christ's light to us! Your generosity of your precious time, money and talent do not go unnoticed and are very much appreciated. May you each find the peace and joy that was experienced in that manger on that first Holy Night. May God bless each of you and your families this blessed Christmas season and keep you safe in all of your travels to see family and friends.

Peace,
Karen Murphy
Principal

In Our Prayers

For all of those who are sick and are in need of God's healing presence. Especially:

Lewis Goode

Donna Kissler—great aunt of Lauren Davidson

Eve Mahowald and two children— friends of the Lempke Family

Charlie Trethewey

Julie Rice—school nurse

For all those who have died, may God grant them eternal rest. Especially:

Ruza Josic—great, great aunt of Victoria and Jessica Iveljic

Anton Mahowald—friend of the Lempke family



Notable Notes

Honors Corrections

Jamie Warner received First Honors and Drew Funk received Second Honors.

Welcome Baby Evans!

Eric and Holly Evans welcomed Eaghan Conall on Dec. 3. He joins big brother Wilson.

Holiday Concert

On Friday, December 16 at 7pm, the Music Ministry from Church of the Resurrection will perform at Bon Secour Spiritual Center (1525 Marriottsville Rd.). This annual holiday concert and sing-along will include traditional and contemporary carols as well as the Ellicott City Trombone Choir (a crowd favorite!) under the direction of Mr. David Fetter. For more information, contact Stephen Lay at [410\) 461-9111 x205](tel:4104619111).

Thank You for Your Support!

To the Religious Education Students, Parochial School Students and all their Parents:

Last year, 2010, all the students did an outstanding job collecting canned goods, and it was most appreciated. This year, 2011, the canned goods collection surpassed last year's collection and this enabled us to help many families have a better Thanksgiving. This also enabled us to pack our food pantry shelves with all the excess canned goods. It is through your abundance of canned goods donations that we can assist additional families during the Christmas season and the winter season. The additional donation of \$180 allowed many families to purchase a turkey or ham for Thanksgiving dinner.

Every year we are so grateful for all of your efforts. Through this team effort of the religious education students and the parochial school students you have managed to exceed our expectations of canned goods donations.

The volunteers from the St. Vincent de Paul Society express their deep gratitude to each of you for sharing your faith through giving to others. We wish every student and their parents a Blessed Christmas. May God bless you for your kindness.

Sincerely,

**Church of the Resurrection Conference
Members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society**

Middle School Youth Ministry Christmas Extravaganza!

Who: Open to all 6-8 graders

What: Games, Food, Christmas Outreach to the Homeless, Prayer Service

Where: Multipurpose Rooms

When: Friday, Dec. 16
7-10pm

Encounter the Emmanuel this Christmas!

A Glimpse in the Classroom

Students in sixth grade are just starting a unit on ancient Egypt. They are using technology, like the ePad (connects with the Epson projector) to interact with the lesson and make it come alive.



are learning like mummification, gods and goddesses, or ancient Egypt. In addition to that, not only are they doing traditional testing, they are doing creative projects like writing a mummy poem to show that they understand the process of mummification. The sixth graders will be creating 3D pyramids, as well as writing their names in hieroglyphics and creating hieroglyphic

bookmarks. They will write secret messages that they will exchange and then decode. In a multidisciplinary approach, students will do projects in computer class with Mrs. Carpenter related to their studies of Ancient Egypt.

The students explore their creative side by "time traveling" in the classroom. They do this by acting out some of the things they learned in the past unit.

In Language Arts, sixth grade students are finishing up reading "The Witch of Blackbird Pond". They have done research papers on colonial times, where they used portable laptops in the classroom. As a culminating activity, they will do two things: cast a movie, and act out scenes from the novel. Students have an opportunity to choose current actors who they think are best suited for characters in the novel, and they themselves will get a chance to be actors.

***News and Notes submissions are due by 10:00am on Monday. Submissions received after 10:00am on Monday will be printed the following week. Please email submissions to nheadley@resstpaul.org.**



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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Earlier this month the School Board Chair, Sean Costello, and Mrs. Murphy wrote to you asking that you support the Annual Fund at Resurrection-St. Paul School so that we can continue to fulfill our promise to provide your children with an education rich in Catholic traditions while still incorporating state-of-the-art resources into the curriculum.

If you have already contributed to the annual fund this year, I ask that you please forgive this reminder, and on behalf of the faculty, staff, and School Board of Directors, **thank you for your generosity!** If you have not responded as of today, I ask that you prayerfully consider this request. In just a few weeks, we have raised \$6,515 from our generous community. Your prompt reply, of whatever amount you are able to give, is requested as we strive to keep tuition as low as possible. Tuition has been set below the actual cost of educating a child. In order to afford our students with unique opportunities, innovative technology, and an incredible staff dedicated to providing educational excellence, we need to raise funds through the Annual Fund campaign, the 50/50 raffle, and the Annual Gala. These fundraising initiatives defray the significant expenses associated with the operating budget. Your participation in these activities directly impacts every child at Resurrection-St. Paul School.

The season of giving is upon us, as you plan your charitable contributions this Christmas, please consider generously giving a gift to Resurrection-St. Paul School's Annual Fund. Thank you in advance for considering this request and helping to the best of your ability.

Blessings and peace to each of you this joyous holiday season and always,

Natalie Headley
Director of Development and Public Relations

P.S. You can double the impact of your most generous tax-deductible gift, by checking to see if your employer offers a matching gift program.



Resurrection-St. Paul School

Educating Children in the Catholic Tradition of Excellence & Values



Yes! I will support the Annual Fund at Resurrection-St. Paul School

Enclosed is my donation to the Annual Fund in the amount of:

\$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 Other \$ _____

Donor's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

My Company Has a Matching Gift Program

Please make checks payable to Resurrection-St. Paul School with "Annual Fund" in the memo line.

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