



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Feast of the Epiphany! How appropriate that we held all of our belated Christmas celebrations on the feast of the three kings! We started the day with an annual blessing of the classrooms for the new year. We then moved to the reindeer race/camel crawl in the gym where all students had a wonderful time. We are thrilled to announce that we raised over \$1,660.00 for the Oblate Sister's retirement home. Our annual Christmas pageant was entertaining and the 8th graders once again had a moving performance of the Nativity story. Many thanks to Mrs. Bowie and our teachers who did a terrific job of drawing out the students' many talents!

Finally, we are looking forward to our belated Christmas parties and middle school dance that will be held this afternoon. Our parents always do an amazing job of providing delightful parties, a fun dance and delicious treats for the children. We are especially appreciative that our parents were able to prepare and set up with less than 24 hours notice! We are so blessed. Thank you to all who participated in any way with today's festivities.

Our values for the month of January are Tolerance and Respect. This month, we celebrate respect for human life. For our January Outreach Project, our 5th graders are taking on the task of a school wide baby shower to benefit the Pregnancy Center of Howard County. Coming home today is a flier with details about the donations they are seeking. Items may be placed in the bins outside the school office over the next few weeks. Our 8th graders will be attending the Right to Life Youth Rally and Mass on Friday, January 22nd. Permission slips and an informational letter is coming home today with our 8th graders.

Please join us for Mass this Friday, January 8th, at 10:15 am. Our 6th grade students will lead us and representatives from the Oblate Sisters will be in attendance to receive our donation. We will collect lunches for the homeless this morning as well. Please remember a non- perishable sandwich (peanut butter and jelly or bologna) with a snack and drink.

The free pizza lunch for the students (previously scheduled for December 22nd), has been moved to Wednesday, February 3rd. This will be a part of our Student Appreciation during Catholic Schools Week.

This Friday evening, students in grades 6-8 are invited to gather in the youth room here at Resurrection for games, crafts and snacks from 6:00-8:00pm. Grab your friends and stop on by!

During the Christmas break, Mrs. Gaye Euler needed to have surgery. She has asked me to let you know that she has been diagnosed with cancer and will be receiving chemotherapy over the next several weeks. She has asked that I pass this information along to you with a request for prayers as she starts her journey towards healing. Mrs. Renda Costa has been hired as the part time aide while Mrs. Euler is out.

This week we also welcomed Ms. Kelly Sexton to RSPS as the new full time aide for Ms. Frederick in 2A. Ms. Sexton replaces Mrs. Roles who left in October. Many thanks to Mrs. Zalucki who filled in the past two months!

Mrs. Suarez needs parent volunteers to assist with vision and hearing screening in the morning and afternoon of Thursday, January 21. If you are available to help, please e-mail her at ksuarez@resstpaul.org.

The Knights of Columbus are pleased to announce the winners of the Keep Christ in Christmas Contest! The winners will be awarded their prizes and certificates at the 9:00am Mass this Sunday at the Church of the Resurrection. Congratulations to Cameron Mack, KB, who won the K-3rd grade category, Jack Greenman, 4A, who won the 4-6th grade category, and to Sophia Santiago, from the 7th grade Religious Ed Family Program, who won the 7-8th grade category. Thanks to all who entered. There were over 60 entries to choose from this year.

Next Tuesday is our next Blue Tuesday! Students are allowed to wear their Blue Ribbon T-shirts with jeans and tennis shoes instead of their regular school uniform.

Mrs. Finamore, our KA teacher, is in need of dozens of empty one gallon plastic milk and juice jugs. Please send them in if you have any.

Our Environmental Club is still collecting “used” plastic gift cards and greeting cards of all types for recycling. Collecting boxes are in the school office. As you are using your gift cards or taking down your Christmas cards please remember to send these items into school.

Buy your Gala ticket on or before Wednesday, January 13th and be entered in a drawing to win \$75.00 (the cost of a Gala ticket). The names of two lucky winners will be drawn on Friday, January 15th. It promises to be a terrific night. Don't miss out on the fun!

Coming home today is a letter from both of our pastors, Monsignor John and Father Matt about tuition assistance for the upcoming school year. Please take the time to review it for updated information.

Coming Home this Week:

- Tuition assistance program letter from Msgr. Dietzenbach and Fr. Buening
- Flier for St. Vincent DePaul food collection for grades 4 and 5
- 8th grade permission slip and information letter about upcoming field trip

In your prayers this week, please remember all those who are seriously ill and in need of God's healing presence, especially, Brother James Kelly, President of Mt. St. Joseph High School; Tom Herbert, brother in law of Valerie and uncle of Graham Bateman; Addison Dewey, step-father of Mrs. Patton; Annette Garib, grandmother of Sarah and Meghan Hudson; Ben Price, nephew of Mrs. Mansfield and cousin of Jack and Mark Mansfield; Delma Ramsay, grandmother of Bella and Alena Nosel; Eileen Ballenger, my mother; Mary Murphy, mother of Mrs. Clar; Patti Antone, aunt of Erin, Sean, Gabe and Gianna Antone and Mrs. Gaye Euler. Let us also remember in prayer all those who have died, especially Donald Gray, Sr., grandfather to Ricky, Bridget and Jay Farrell and Vivienne Dorsch, grandmother of Julianna Dorsch. May God bless their family with peace.

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal