



News & Notes

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy 7th day of the Octave of Christmas! I hope that everyone has been enjoying the beautiful Christmas season- snow and all! We were very disappointed that we were not able to gather together on those last two days before our vacation to light our fourth Advent candle- but God had other plans for each of us!

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday, January 4th. We are moving our traditional Christmas celebrations to the week when we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. On Wednesday, January 6th, we will gather in the gym at 9:30am to have our annual Reindeer Race. Only this year we will refer to these reindeer as camels, and they will race to the crèche. Thanks to your generosity- we will be able to donate over \$1,000 to the Oblate Sisters towards the construction of their new retirement home. We will then gather at 10:30am in the Church for the annual Christmas pageant. The show should be over by 11:35am and we will resume our regular school schedule. The school uniforms should be worn on this day. Gym uniforms are okay if students are scheduled to have PE on Wednesdays.

On Friday, January 8th, our 6th grade students will lead us in Mass at 10:15am. We will collect lunches for the homeless that morning. Please remember a non perishable sandwich (peanut butter and jelly or bologna) with snack and drink. Students will have their Christmas celebrations that afternoon. (Pre K will have their celebration immediately following Mass). Students may come to school out of uniform on Friday. Please consult the dress code section in the handbook for appropriate attire.

The free pizza lunch for the students has been moved to Friday, February 5th for Student Appreciation day during Catholic Schools Week.

As part of their commitment to service, and in keeping with recycling, the Environmental Club is participating in the St. Jude's Ranch Recycling Program. Our families' participation in the program requires that you simply send into school your family's used Christmas (or any other holiday) cards after we return from the Christmas break. The Environmental Club will collect the cards and send them to St. Jude's Ranch where they will be reused to create income for the Ranch. For more information: http://www.stjudesranch.org/help_card.php Thanks!

Parents, please remember that I asked you to take a second and look at your child's uniform and familiarize yourself with the Dress Policy found in our handbook on pages 15-18. We are seeing an increasing number of short skirts (need to be no more than 2" above the knee), students in need of haircuts, incorrect hair accessories, students wearing

incorrect shoes and no belts. Please make sure your child is in compliance upon return on Monday. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Please remember that starting on Monday, Kindergarten students will dismiss with the regular school down by the link. Pre-school will continue to dismiss at 3:30pm up by the playground.

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; and Mrs. Gaye Euler. May God bless them all with his healing presence.

May the New Year bring you and your families- good health, peace and contentment!

Peace,

Karen Murphy
Principal