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*Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew Catholic School*

KINDERGARTEN

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:****The Second Week of Advent:  
Hope in the Lord**

We hope because when Jesus comes into our lives everything will be changed. So let us pray to be ready for new things.

*Suggested readings:*

Sunday: Isaiah 65:17-20 Monday: James 5:7-8  
 Tuesday: Romans 8:22-26 Wednesday: Sirach 2:7-10  
 Thursday: Psalm 119:164-168 Friday: Romans 12:9-15  
 Saturday: Isaiah 25:8-10  
 All Saints Press



**Fun Run:** For November, we decided to try something new for a prize. Since so many of us are blessed with enough food to eat, we wanted to show how thankful we are by providing a Thanksgiving meal for somebody who wouldn't otherwise have one. In lieu of a prize, MMSA donated the cost of a meal to the Union Gospel Mission in St. Paul on behalf of the students who won. Those students signed a card that we sent with the donation.

Over 75 students participated this month, and our winners were:

- K - Lucas Palkowitsch, Charlie Wallisch
- 1 - Jackson Kravik, Sam Swetland
- 2 - Marius Bennett, Mary Schabert
- 3 - Connor Sullivan, Katie Vavra
- 4 - Chloe Mick, Maria Gorde
- 5 - Tara Detailleur, Anna Weyandt
- 6 - Maddie Keroff, Matt Connolly
- 7 - Gavin Warner, Jacob Pinc
- 8 - Nick Lewis, Emma Epps

**Events****Thursday, Dec 1****4:00-8:00 Davanni's Night****5:00 8th Grade Girl's Basketball**

Home game vs. Trinity

**7:00 Dinner & Auction Meeting**

Davanni's Pizza and pop will be served.

Please RSVP to Mrs. Novack at:

[principal@mmsaschool.org](mailto:principal@mmsaschool.org).**Friday, Dec. 2****No Roseville Bus****9:00-noon 3rd grade field trip**

Ramsey County Courthouse

**Saturday, Dec. 3****4:45 Lifeline Event**

Contact Nicole Bettini for details:

[nbettini@maternityofmarychurch.org](mailto:nbettini@maternityofmarychurch.org).**Sunday, Dec. 4****2nd Sunday in Advent****Tuesday, Dec. 6****St. Nick's Day****8:00 Chapel Mass**

3rd grade attends

**6:30 HandS Meeting**

All are welcome - bring your favorite dessert to share.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### Hard Copy Newsletters:

We have heard from many people that since moving to electronic newsletters it is sometimes difficult to stay in the loop, as emails are sometimes overlooked. We have decided to send hard copies of the newsletter and attachments home with the youngest in each family to assist in keeping communication going. If you would like to opt out of receiving a hard copy please let Tara know.

### Alumni News from Como Park Senior High School:

Congratulations to Wyatt Johnson and Ben Hartmann who were inducted into the National Honor Society at Como Park Senior High.

### Craft and Bake Sale:

Students, have your Christmas shopping list ready! On Friday, December 9th from 9 to 2 the 4th and 5th grade Craft & Bake Sale will be open for business in O'Donnell Hall. A lot of little elves have been busy preparing for this event. They have been baking, sewing, painting, knitting and who knows what else they have been up to. Items are reasonably priced, prices range from \$0.10 to \$5.00. The proceeds from this event will help the 4th and 5th grade provide food and Christmas presents during this special time for families in need.

### Message from Dr. Kahn:

Two things you may be interested in: 1. You may purchase my parenting book from [www.drstevekahn.com](http://www.drstevekahn.com) for \$12.00 and get one free until Dec. 15. Enter subscriber code = **Subscriber**. Also I am offering a half-day workshop on Insightful Parenting on Feb. 4, 2012. More information at [http://www.drstevekahn.com/Parenting\\_Workshop.html](http://www.drstevekahn.com/Parenting_Workshop.html)

### Over heard in the Pre-School:

*"Together you are better!"*

*"What is family?  
they love one another,  
they help each other,  
they work together,  
and have fun!"*

### Yearbook:

Looking for a great last minute gift for your child? A yearbook is perfect! Send your money to the office and mention the yearbook is a Christmas gift. You will receive a nice certificate to stuff in a stocking or wrap in a box for your child. When yearbooks arrive in the spring your child will receive the yearbook to enjoy for years to come. Merry Christmas!

### Acceptable Use Policy:

If you have not returned your Acceptable Use Policy for technology, given to you at conferences. Please return ASAP. If you need a new copy please contact Mrs. Zobel or find on the school website as a digital attachment to this newsletter.

### Drop Off & Pick Up and Parking

With the winter weather upon us we would like to review our Drop Off and Pick Up procedures. If you do not wish to be part of the Drop Off and Pick Up line please park on the south side of the church. This should eliminate the need to walk in front of and through the Drop Off and Pick Up line.

### \*\*\*DATE CHANGE\*\*\*

Please note that the Spring Book Fair (May 8-13), Grandparent's Day (5/11), and First Communion (5/12) have been pushed forward one week from the original calendar. The correct dates are listed above.

## News from Mrs. Carlson

### Volunteer Help Needed!

I am looking for volunteers to help make a variety of archery target games and floor quivers. I will supply the materials. You would need a carpet knife (or something that can cut outdoor carpeting), a saw that will cut PVC pipe, a saw for cutting wood, and a drill.

Also, during the course of the unit, for insurance purposes, adult volunteers will be needed to help supervise the students while they practice their archery skills. Class times and days vary. If you are interested in helping in this capacity please stop in to see me for more details or email me at [carlsonj@mmsaschool.org](mailto:carlsonj@mmsaschool.org).

The archery unit will begin in January. If anyone can help out with these projects please contact me by phone call or email. Thank you!

## More Events

### Wednesday, Dec. 7

#### 8:00 Chapel Mass (note change)

8th grade attends

#### 6:30 Family Formation

Contact Nicole Bettini for details:

[nbettini@maternityofmarychurch.org](mailto:nbettini@maternityofmarychurch.org).

### Thursday, Dec. 8

#### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

#### 8:00 All School Mass (note change)

Planned by 5th grade

#### Trimester 1 Report Cards sent home

With our new Cornerstone grading system we are aware that the format for the new report cards is not yet user friendly. Cornerstone is working on improving the design and layout for future report cards.

### Friday, Dec. 9

#### Craft & Bake Sale

Hosted by the 4th and 5th grade students and open to all MMSA students Pre-School through 8th grade.

#### 8:45-11:30 Pre-School Field Trip

Youth Performance Company's production of Reindeer Line.

### Sunday, Dec. 11

#### 3rd Sunday in Advent

### Tuesday, Dec. 13

#### 8:00 Chapel Mass

7th grade attends

#### 6:00 School Board Meeting

#### 7:15 Development Meeting

MMSA K-8 Christmas Program  
Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00  
flyer available next week

## NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

### **Basketball Skills Clinic for Boys and Girls in First and Second Grade**

John Kelly will host six-basketball sessions for girls and boys in first and second grade. There is no fee to participate. It will be held in the MMSA gym on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The dates the clinic will be held are: December 3, 10, 17, 31 and January 7 and 14.

### **Basketball Open Gym for MMSA Basketball Players Saturday's 9-10am**

There will be an open gym for all registered MMSA basketball players Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Current MMSA basketball coaches will supervise the open gym. Come and work on your shot, dribbling or any other area you would like to develop. Dates: December 3, 10, 17 and 31.

### **Support MMSA Basketball Players - Pizza Party**

Attend the 8th grade Boys **and** Girls Basketball games on Thursday, December 15th and at the conclusion of the girl's basketball game you will be invited to a pizza party - free! You are probably thinking what is the catch... you need to attend both the Boys' game beginning at 4:00 and the Girls' game beginning at 5:15. Pizza will be served at the end of the Girls' game at approximately 6:30. We encourage parents to come with their children as they too will receive a ticket to the pizza party.

### **MMSA Basketball Teams Update:**

The 5th and 6th grade boys played their first basketball game Monday, November 28 and defeated Immaculate Conception 34-18. The 5th and 6th grade girls played their first basketball game Monday, November 28 and defeated Nativity White 21-20. Congratulations to both teams on a great start! Keep up the good work!

Come and support the 7/8th grade girls basketball team as they play their first game December 1 at MMSA at 5:00 pm

### **Swimming:**

If you are interested in joining the swimming team please return your registration form to the school office by December 6.

### **Concession Stand:**

Any student interested in working in the concession stand during basketball games should fill out the concession stand volunteer form and return it to Sandy Stoup or the school office. Any parent or student interested in working in the concession stand should contact Sandy Stoup at [stoup001@umn.edu](mailto:stoup001@umn.edu) or 651-487-5814. December games are: Dec. 1st 4:30-6:30, Dec. 12th 3:30-6:30 and Dec. 15th 3:30-6:30.

### **Score Table:**

Anyone interested in working the score table for basketball games should contact Sandy Stoup at [stoup001@umn.edu](mailto:stoup001@umn.edu) or 651-487-5814. December games are: Dec. 1st 4:45-6:15, Dec. 12th 3:45-6:30 and Dec. 15th 3:45-6:30.

## Volunteers Needed

### **Concession and Score Table:**

Volunteers are needed for home basketball games to work in the concession stand and to operate the score table. Parents please contact Sandy Stoup at: [stoup001@umn.edu](mailto:stoup001@umn.edu)

### **Band Concert:**

If you are interested in helping with the reception that follows the 7:00 Band Concert of Wednesday, December 14 please let Mrs. Novack know: [principal@mmsaschool.org](mailto:principal@mmsaschool.org)

### **Pizza Party:**

If you are interested in helping with the Pizza Party on Thursday, December 16th for the fans and 8th grade basketball players and parents please contact Steve Weber at: [stephen.weber@ubs.com](mailto:stephen.weber@ubs.com)

### **Middle School Dance:**

We are looking for parents to help chaperone the Middle School dance on Friday, December 16 from 7:00-10:00. Please contact Beth Sullivan at: [sullivanb@mmsaschool.org](mailto:sullivanb@mmsaschool.org)

### **Volunteer Hours Check In:**

With the end of the first trimester past we would like to check in with our families in regards to the 15 volunteer hours. Remember that in order to qualify for the break in tuition as outlined in your tuition contract you must complete your hours by April 30, 2012. Please complete the attached Parent Record of Volunteer Hours form and return to the school office by December 2, 2011.

Volunteer hours can be logged by participating in a variety of events here at school or within your parish.

At school, we keep a running list of volunteers needed in this area of the school newsletter. Also, with our annual Faith in Every Child Dinner & Auction planning beginning we will need a wide variety of volunteers - **join us tonight (12/1/11) at 7:00** to learn how you can be a part in making our largest fundraiser a success.

### **Attachments:**

*Davanni's Flyer - use on Thursday, December 1st*

*Christmas at the Guild - Saturday, December 3rd*

*Parent Record of Volunteer Hours - "Check In" - return by Friday, Dec. 2nd*

*Swimming Registration - due Tuesday, December 6th*

*HandS Flyer - Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30*

*Ski Club - due Friday, December 16th*

*Holy Childhood Milk and Story Time with Santa - Saturday, December 17th*

*MN Vikings Student Appreciation Day - Sunday, December 18th*

*December Menu & December Calendar*

*BoxTops for Education Product Flyer*

*Dr. Kahn's monthly article - Gratitude and Entitlement*

*Cretin-Derham Hall Youth Basketball Night*



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# MATERNITY OF MARY ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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## MISSION STATEMENT

In answer to the call of Jesus Christ, Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew Catholic School is dedicated to providing a Catholic education that develops the unique gifts of each student, in an environment that promotes academic excellence, spiritual growth, and social responsibility.

If you are looking for the attachments for this week's newsletter please visit our school website at: [www.mmsaschool.org](http://www.mmsaschool.org) or call the school office at 651.489-1459.



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