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Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew Catholic School

3RD GRADE WITH JUDGE HIGGS

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

The Third Week of Advent:
Rejoice in the Lord

We rejoice because we know Jesus is always near and eager to be with us. So let us pray to recognize God at work in us and our world.

Suggested readings:

Sunday: Philippians 3:4-6
 Monday: Psalm 5:11-12
 Tuesday: Psalm 96:10-13
 Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 16:8-12
 Thursday: Psalm 35:9-10
 Friday: Psalm 13:5-6
 Saturday: Psalm 40:16-17

All Saints Press

**Events****Thursday, Dec. 8****Feast of the Immaculate Conception****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. Also, report cards are sent home with students in grades K-5 and are mailed home for middle School students.

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****Monday, Dec. 12****4:00 5/6 Girls Basketball Game**

at MMSA vs. New Life

5:15 5/6 Boys Basketball Game

at MMSA vs. St. Jerome

1:30 & 7:00 Band Concert

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.

Middle School Ski Club:

There are only 10 spots left! Turn in permission slips and money ASAP. Final deadline is Friday, December 16th.

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!

Message from Dr. Kahn:

Two things you may be interested in:

1. You may purchase my parenting book from www.drstevekahn.com for \$12.00 and get one free until Dec. 15. Enter subscriber code = **Subscriber**.

2. I am offering a half-day workshop on Insightful Parenting on Feb. 4, 2012.

More information at <http://www.drstevekahn.com/>

www.drstevekahn.com/Parenting_Workshop.html.

thanks, Dr. Kahn

Seen Around School:



Acceptable Use Policy:

If you have not returned your Acceptable Use Policy for technology, given to you at conferences. If you need a new copy please contact Mrs. Zobel at zobelk@mmsaschool.org. Please return this form before Christmas Break. The Acceptable Use Policy is a necessary document for e-rate which allows our school the opportunity to save money on our telecommunications bills.

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 as you will have access to the sidewalk.

Cones have been placed as a reminder to not park in that section of the parking lot. Not only is this a safe practice to begin but it allows more plowed space for the students to play during recess.

More Events

Tuesday, Dec. 13

8:00 Chapel Mass

7th grade attends

6:00 School Board Meeting

7:15 Development Meeting

Wednesday, Dec. 14

8:00 All School Mass

Planned by 4th grade

1:30 & 7:00 Band Concert

Thursday, Dec. 15

8:00 Chapel Mass

5th grade attends

4:00 Basketball Games at MMSA

Come watch our boys game at 4:00 followed by the girls at 5:15 and you will be treated to a pizza party at the conclusion of the girls game.

Friday, Dec. 16

Fun Run during recess

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Leah Sullivan at leahjsullivan@yahoo.com

7:00 Middle School Dance

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Beth Sullivan at sullivanb@mmsaschool.org

Saturday, Dec. 17

7:00 Youth Night

Contact Nicole Bettini for details at nbettini@maternityofmarychurch.org

Sunday, Dec. 18

4th Sunday in Advent

MMSA Christmas Concert

**Our annual K-8 Christmas Concert
will be held on Tuesday, December 20th at 7:00.**

Students are asked to arrive in their classrooms at 6:40 dressed in their "Sunday Best".

Students have been busy practicing and memorizing their songs for this beautiful all school event.

Congratulations to the Stoup family for winning the front pew and two reserved parking spots at the 2011 Faith in Every Child Dinner & Auction

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 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 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.

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 or 651-487-5814. December games are: 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 or 651-487-5814. December games are: Dec. 12th 3:45-6:30 and Dec. 15th 3:45-6:30.

Middle School Dance hosted by Student Council on Friday December 16, 2011 7-10 p.m. in the MMSA School Gymnasium

Come to join with other Catholic school students to dance, mix, enjoy the concessions and do something for someone in need! The dance is \$10 per student, and the proceeds will go towards giving a family in need the Christmas celebration they can't afford at this time. The students will need to be dropped off and picked up in the school entry by parents for safety. Please pick up by 10 p.m., thank you!



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

Band Concert:

If you are interested in helping with the reception that follows the 7:00 Band Concert of Wednesday, December 14th please let Joan Ludowese know: jbfa931@hotmail.com

Pizza Party:

If you are interested in helping with the Pizza Party on Thursday, December 15th for the fans and 8th grade basketball players and parents please contact Steve Weber at: stephen.weber@ubs.com

Middle School Dance:

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

Archery Building:

Mrs. Carlson is looking for volunteers to help make a variety of archery target games and floor quivers. Mrs. Carlson will supply the materials. Volunteers will 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. Please contact Jeanne Carlson at carlsonj@mmsaschool.org for further details.

Archery Supervisors:

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 contact Jeanne Carlson at carlsonj@mmsaschool.org.

Extended Day:

We are looking for parents to help in Extended Day after school on January 6th to allow our staff to gather for their Christmas Party. Please contact the office if you are interested in helping.

Attachments:

Ski Club - due Friday, December 16th

MMSA Christmas Program Flyer - Tuesday, December 20th

Pre-School & Kindergarten Open House Flyer - Tuesday, January 24th

Campbell's Labels For Education Flyer

JMT Subs Family Meal Deal for MMSA

Perkins Dine & Donate Flyer



All School Thanksgiving Prayer Service

MATERNITY OF MARY ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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 or call the school office at 651.489.1459.



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