

12.22.11

Maternity of Mary ~ St. Andrew Catholic School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

Christmas: The Nativity of the Lord

Make me pure, Lord; thou art holy;
Make me meek, Lord: thou were lowly;
Now beginning, and always;
Now begin, on Christmas day.
Gerard Manley Hopkins, S.J.

Suggested readings:

Wednesday: Luke 1:39-45
Thursday: Luke 1:46-56
Friday: Luke 1:57-66
Saturday: Luke 1:67-79
Sunday: Luke 2:1-20

23rd Publications



Winter Weather

With the arrival of winter weather I would like to take the time to remind families to make sure that students have hats, mittens, snow pants and boots each day. All students will go outside, but only those dressed appropriately can play on the playground and in the snow.

Additionally, if the need arises to cancel school or start school later or end school early, you can find school information on WCCO 830, WCCO (4), KSTP (5), KARE (11) and the school website.

Events

Friday, Dec. 23

No School

Saturday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 25

Christmas

Dec. 26 - Jan. 2

No School

Tuesday, Jan. 3

School Resumes

8:00 Chapel Mass
3rd grade attends.

6:30 HandS Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 4

8:00 All School Mass
Planned by 8th grade

Boys
and Girls 7/8th
grade teams will be
playing in the St
Rose Tournament
January 5-8

DID YOU KNOW?

SCHOOL NEWS

Totino-Grace High School will hold an Open House for prospective high school students and their parents on **Wednesday, January 4th. Doors open at 6:30 with the presentation beginning at 7:00 p.m.** Come find out what makes Totino-Grace such a special place. If you have any questions please call T.J. Paal at [763-586-6314](tel:763-586-6314) or go to the school's webpage at www.totinograce.org

December Fun Run:

K - Peter Basso, David Sanchez
1 - Isabella Schaps, Jackson Kravik
2 - Alex Duginske, Mary Schabert
3 - Bella Proper, Connor Sullivan
4 - Jack Schabert, Mae Hyser
5 - Mychaela Bartel, Bridget Proper
6 - Maddie Keroff, Andrew Stoup
7 - Lexi Lasso, Oli Cervantes
8 - Stephanie Eberhard, Frances Thornton

All participants received a Christmas tree charm, and two students' names from each grade were drawn for the prizes of hot cocoa mix.

Middle School Dance

Thanks to all who supported the Middle School dance this past Friday, it was a huge success raising over \$800! All proceeds will be given to local families in need this Christmas.

Pohlad Challenge Grant:

This is our third year participating in the Pohlad Challenge Grant. Did you know we are one of only seven Archdiocese schools invited to participate?

Our involvement is directly related to the percent of students that qualify for Free or Reduced lunch - thank you parents for completing this important paper work.

This year the Pohlad Challenge Grant will donate \$8125 towards tuition assistance if we are able to match this amount in donations.

If you are interested in having your donation matched by the Pohlad Grant please note Pohlad Grant in the memo line on your check.

Attachments:

*Davanni's Night
Thursday, January 5th
Third Grade Open Gym Flyer
Friday, January 13th
Pre-School, Kindergarten and 1st
Grade Open Gym Flyer
Saturday, Jan. 14th
Pre-School & Kindergarten
Open House Flyer
Tuesday, January 24th
January Calendar
January Menu*

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

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 a few more parents to help in Extended Day after school on January 6th to allow our staff to gather for their Christmas Party. Please contact Tara in the office if you are interested in helping: tara@mmsaschool.org

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 31 and January 7 and 14.

Basketball Open Gym for MMSA Basketball Players Saturday 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. Date: December 31.

Home basketball games:

January 4 Boys 5/6 grade Basketball 4:15 at MMSA vs Holy Trinity
January 4 Girls 5/6 grade Basketball 5:30 at MMSA vs Nativity Blue
January 5 Girls 7/8 grade Basketball 4:15 at MMSA vs St Croix Lutheran

Home Hockey Game:

January 4 MMSA Boys and Girls 5-8 grade Hockey 4:00 at North Dale vs St Pascal

Swim Team:

First practice will be January 9, at Parkview Elementary School in Roseville 6:30-8pm

Yum Power Program:

On Thursday, January 5th, students in Pre-School through 5th grade will attend a Yum Power Presentation by Radio Disney to kick off a month of healthy eating.

The Yum Power Program is made available through Health Partners.

Students will track the amount of fruits and vegetables they eat over the course of the month and prizes will be awarded to schools!

Look for more information to come after the presentation.

