



DECEMBER NEWS

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ADVENT SEASON

This special time in our liturgical year started Sunday, November 27. Over the next few weeks, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, let us take time to appreciate and be thankful for all the gifts that we have in our lives.



HOLIDAY CALENDAR RAFFLES

Last week, every family received ten calendars as part of the mandatory fundraiser we have each year. We want to make it a success, so your support is greatly appreciated.

Calendars' entry forms and payment must be received by December 21. A winning raffle will be drawn daily for the entire month of January 2012. Prizes will be mailed directly to the winners. Therefore, you must provide us with the correct mailing information. **PLEASE PRINT!** *Names of winners will be posted on the school's website.*

Students will receive prizes based on the number of calendars sold:

15 -19 = 3 Free NUT Day Passes (per child)

20 - 24 = \$25 gift certificate to Collegiate House

(1 per family) + 3 NUT Day Passes

25+ = 1 Coupon good 1 free *After School Program* Activity (\$60 value) +\$25 Collegiate GC and NUT Day Passes

Overall Top Seller = Principal for a Day (Plus all of the above prizes)

If you do not sell the calendars, you will still be responsible to pay the \$100, as stated in the registration agreement. Payment is due by Wednesday, December 21. A late fee will be assessed if the money is not received on time.

WINTER UNIFORMS

Students may begin wearing them December 1st; girls may wear pants with the uniform sweater. Winter uniforms may be worn until March 1st. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for more details.



REPORT CARDS

They will be sent home on Wednesday, November 30. Criteria for the Honor Roll are outlined in the Parent/Student Handbook. Keep in mind that students who have three or more behavior-related detentions will receive an N in conduct and will not be able to make the Honor Roll, regardless of the grades. Prolonged absences and habitual tardiness will also have a detrimental impact on students' performance.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES



Parents are invited to meet with our teachers to discuss their child/ren's academic progress. We will have two sessions to accommodate everyone's working schedule. The first one will be held on Thursday, December 1, from 6pm to 8pm. The second session will take place on Friday, December 2, from 12:30pm to 2:30 pm. No appointment is needed. However, since teachers want to meet with as many parents as possible, meeting time is limited. If you have major issues/concerns, you can schedule an appointment for another day.

Conferences are for parents only. Therefore, the *After School Program* will be available during both sessions. The rate will be \$5 per one child, \$7 for two and \$10 for three or more.

EARLY DISMISSAL

On Friday, December 2, students will be dismissed at 12:00 o'clock. Those that are not picked up on time will be placed in the *After School Program*. Parents will be responsible for accrued fees.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/WREATHS



On Sunday, December 4, our PTO will be hosting this wonderful event. A continental-style breakfast will be served, starting at 10am. We hope all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to have your child/ren's take a picture with

Santa. Tickets can be preordered for \$5 each or can be purchased at the door for \$6.00.

Ornaments/holiday crafts and wreaths, decorated by our students, will be available for purchase. Items can also be preordered. Please use the form that was sent home last week to buy your child/ren's ornament/wreath in advance.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

Our PTO is once again sponsoring this shopping bonanza, which will be held December 6-8, in the school library. All of our students will have the opportunity to do their own holiday shopping for their parents and loved ones.



MONTHLY LITURGY



Everyone is invited to attend Mass on Thursday, December 8, to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Grade Six is in charge of the liturgy.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

It will be held on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:30pm, in the school hall. Everyone is invited to attend. All of our students will participate in the program. Students must be in school by 6:15pm, so we can start on time.

N.U.T. DAY

We will have a N.U.T. Day on Wednesday, December 14. Students are encouraged to wear Christmas colors. The cost is \$1.00 per student.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

On Thursday, December 22, students will be dismissed at 12 o'clock. Please note that the *After School Program* will close at 3:00pm. Regular classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3.



IMPORTANT DATES

December 1 ----- Parent/Teacher Conferences, 6-8pm
December 2 ----- Early Dismissal, 12:00 o'clock
Parent/Teacher Conferences
12:30-2:30pm
December 4 ----- Breakfast with Santa, 10:00am
December 8 ----- Liturgy, 8:30am
December 14 ----- N.U.T. Day
Christmas Pageant, 6:30pm
December 22----- Early Dismissal, 12:00 o'clock

December 23 - January 2 – School Closed

January 3----- Classes resume
January 6 ----- Early Dismissal, 12:00 o'clock

Father Dominic and I, along with the faculty and staff, wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!