



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

November 19, 2018

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas Program will be presented at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 12, and again in full costume at 7:00 that evening. The afternoon performance may not have full costuming. The 1:30 performance is for those who prefer to attend during the day, and it gives our children one last opportunity to practice for the full evening production. Our Band students will play carols of the season at 6:30 p.m., prior to the evening performance. We hope that you will join us for this special event.



'Tis the season for buying lots of food. Don't forget to use your Kroger Card. St. Mary's receives a 3% rebate on all purchases if your card is registered. Contact Mrs. Robertson if you'd like to participate!

Because this is such a short week, eligibility for student athletes in Grades 4, 5 & 6 will not be checked again until Monday, December 3. I'm very proud of the good efforts of our students! Keep up the good work!



### Advent Angel Project

This year's Advent service project supports our parish youth group as they host Santa's Workshop. Through Santa's Workshop needy families are able to select gifts at no cost to give to their children on Christmas. Our school will contribute in two ways. First, we ask that each school student donate a toy. This toy drive supplies a majority of the gifts available at Santa's Workshop. These will be collected at Mass on December 13.

We also raise money for Santa's Workshop through special fun days. More on these after Thanksgiving.

There will be a 2nd collection at the Dec. 1 & 2 Masses for Santa's Workshop.

Poinsettia forms are due today! Turn in money when ordering. Pick up for the poinsettias is December 6th from 3:00pm - 6:00pm in the school cafeteria. Thank you for your selling efforts. Any questions, please call Vanessa Wiseman at 622-4304.



### GIFT FOR OUR PRIEST

If you wish to donate to the all school gift for Monsignor Lantz, please send in any amount you wish to the school office in a labeled envelope. Suggested amount is \$1 to \$5. Thank you!



### CHILDREN'S MASSES

**Nursing Home Mass—**  
**Tues., Nov. 20, 10:30—Gr. 4**  
**at Taylorville Care**

**No school Mass this week.**

**Thurs., Nov. 29, Gr. 5 will**  
**lead 9:00 Mass.**

### Preschool Drop Off

Preschool has dibs on the driveway between Monsignor's house and the parish office every morning.

If you wish to cut through after dropping off a child for big school—enter at your own risk!!! If the driveway is clear, feel free to cut through and turn onto Adams. If anyone is stopped in the alley, they may be in line to drop off for preschool at 8:15. You will be trapped behind them.

Don't pull in if there's a vehicle in the drive! The north alley line moves quickly so be patient. You can also drop off in the south alley. Students can walk through the building to get to their rooms!

**Conferences are over, shoeboxes are packed, the chili supper is done, book fair has ended, donations went to the food pantry, poinsettias are sold, butter braids were delivered—It's been a busy month!**

**December will also be busy, but things will slow down after Christmas. Thank you for all you do for St. Mary's!**





Have books or board games that your kids have outgrown, but are in good shape? Donate them to our toy drive. Mrs. Harrison's goal is that families leave Santa's Workshop with one board game and books for every child on their list! Donations will be accepted through 12/13.

### Coming Events...

- \* 11:30 Dismissal for Thanksgiving break—Tuesday, Nov. 20
- \* Picture Retakes—Tuesday, Nov. 27
- \* Sign up for Santa's Workshop—Tuesday, Nov. 27, 4:00-6:00 in parish office
- \* Scrip Order due—Wednesday, Nov. 28, by 3:00
- \* School Mass—Thur., Nov. 29, 9:00, Gr. 5
- \* 1st Sunday of Advent—December 2
- \* Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Dec. 4, Gr. 3, Hickory Estates, 10:30
- \* St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Wed., Dec. 5
- \* School Mass—Thur., Dec. 6, 9:00, Gr. 4
- \* Eucharistic Adoration—December 7
- \* Parish Penance Service—Sunday, December 9 at 5:00 p.m. in church
- \* Nursing Home Mass—Tuesday, Dec. 11, Gr. 4, Taylorville Estates, 10:30
- \* Christmas Program, Wed., December 12 at 1:30 and 7:00 in church
- \* School Mass—Thur., Dec. 13 9:00, Gr. 3—Toy Collection Mass
- \* Board of Education Meeting—Thurs., Dec. 13, at 6:00

Did Remind Work? One phone in your household should have received a text from the school on Thursday, Nov. 15, around 5:45 a.m. saying school was cancelled. If not, please send me an email and I'll check into it.

At the 11/14 Booster Club Meeting, a new idea for fundraising was presented. I've attached a summary. It could replace the golf ball drop or could be added into the mix in the spring.

It's hard to realize that we are at the end of our 3-year pledge commitment to the We Believe building fund.

If you paid a monthly pledge that was deducted from your bank, the debits will stop automatically following the final payment.

If you have not finished paying your pledge, you will receive a letter with an updated balance.

We ask that all who pledged please fulfill this obligation as soon as possible. The longer it takes the parish to repay the loan for the building, the more we owe in interest.

If you or a family member would like to make a donation toward cost of the new school, contact me.

Mrs. Robertson



### 'Tis the season!

Through the Scrip program, school families, relatives, co-workers, and friends can order gift cards from hundreds of different businesses. The school receives a percentage of the amount of each card. We'll send an order Wednesday, Nov. 28. Turnaround time is about 4 days. Cards ordered will be here in plenty of time for Christmas giving or shopping. I've attached the order form with many of the retailers in our area. The full list can be found at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). We can do another order in December if there's enough interest.

We'd love to see our Scrip gift card program participation grow. Right now, several staff members are supporting and just a couple parents/grandparents. I personally buy gift cards to use mainly for my own use by buying gift cards to restaurants and stores that I frequently go to. Every order helps support our school! I'm the coordinator, so if you have any questions, ask! :) Miss Murray

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Tues., November 20**

**No bus service  
at dismissal  
and No After Care**

***Have a Happy  
Thanksgiving!***



**Second Tuition  
Payment  
For those making  
two tuition payments,  
the second installment  
is due Jan. 15. State-  
ments will be sent be-  
fore Christmas break.**