



# ST. MARY SCHOOL

## FAMILY NOTES

November 20, 2017

### CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children's Christmas Program will be presented at 1:30 on Wednesday, December 13, 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 4. 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 14.

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

Help us show our children the rewards of giving.

**PICK UP for the Poinsettias** will be Thursday, December 7, in the school cafeteria from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. If you're unable to pick up your order please arrange for someone to pick them up for you. Thank you for all of your selling efforts!



### Second Tuition Payment

**For those making two tuition payments, the second installment is due Jan. 15. Statements will be sent before Christmas break.**

### CHILDREN'S MASSES

**No nursing home or school Mass this week.**

**Thurs., Nov. 30, Gr. 5 will lead 9:00 Mass.**

**The shoeboxes are packed, the book fair has ended, the donations went to the food pantry, poinsettias are sold, the butterbraids are all ordered—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!**

Families with students in Gr. 3-6: please take a moment to complete the survey sent out last Friday. We are gauging interest regarding 7th & 8th grade here at St. Mary's. The link to the survey should be active until Monday, Nov. 27.

**GIFT FOR OUR PRIEST**  
**Monsignor works very hard for our parishioners. I'd like for him to know we appreciate all they do.** 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 \$4 or \$5. Thank you!





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 12/14.

**Coming Events...**

- \*11:30 Dismissal—Tues., Nov. 21(no bus at 11:30 and no After Care)
- \*Thanksgiving Break—Nov. 22—26
- \*Picture Retakes—Nov. 28
- \*Mass—9:00—Gr. 5, Nov. 30
- \*St. Mary's Night at Florinda's—Dec. 6
- \*Board of Ed. Meeting—Dec. 7, 6:00, library
- \*Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Dec 8, 9:00 am Mass; no games/practices/meetings this day
- \*Christmas Program- Dec. 13 at 7:00, church
- \*2:15 Dismissal—Dec. 21 w/ bus service
- \*2:15 Dismissal—Dec. 22 w/ bus service
- \*Christmas Break—Dec. 23—Jan. 7
- \*School Reconvenes—January 8

**Board of Education Meeting  
Thurs., Dec. 7, 6:00 in the library.**

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Tues., November 21**  
Bus service at dismissal and After Care are not available  
*Have a Happy Thanksgiving!*

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**'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 Tuesday, Dec. 5. 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.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com). We can do another order on Dec. 12 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*