



# SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

A Middle States Accredited School Building the Faith One Student at a Time  
Office of the Principal, Kevin Conwell

*“The King of Israel,  
the Lord, is in your midst.”* Zephaniah 3:15

Dear St. Mary Families,

## Spiritual

As we continue with Advent it is important for us to reflect on our discipleship. How disciplined are we in our Christian living? Most of us live a very hectic life style and it becomes very difficult for us to slow down and prioritize. Advent is our time of preparation for the coming of Christ into our lives, the time to slow down and prioritize the activities that we need to practice to be good **disciples**.



How much room do you make for Christ in your life? Do your children know that you work at making room for Christ in your life? Prayer must be our first priority, this is where our relationship with God starts. Our faith and Christian action is sustained through the grace we receive in the Eucharist each Sunday. Keeping ourselves right with God our Father is possible through regular participation in the Sacrament of reconciliation. When was your last confession? Are prayer, Eucharist, Sunday Mass and Reconciliation priorities in your life?

### **Santa Workshop**

*Friday, December 15th*

*We are not having a big response to the Santa Shop this year. The changes that were made last year had a very positive response, but to continue we need participation. I have attached the order form - it is not too late to participate.*

### **Advent Acts of Kindness**

Children should sort through old toys and donate those ignored!

Leave positive chalk messages on the sidewalks of your neighborhood!

Write a letter to your brother or sister telling them why you love them!

Thank your neighbors who have brought the “Christmas Light” into your nights.

## Student Council

**Student Council continues their Advent service project.** Cradles to Crayons is an organization that collects and distributes the below items to children who need them. The collection continues through next week. New and gently used items needed:

Boys and Girls Winter Clothing – for ages 0-6 months & 18-24 months

Boys Winter Clothing – Sizes 7/8, 9/10, 11/12, 14/16

Winter Coats – all children’s size Winter Boots – size 4 to 9.5

Chapter Books and Board Games

# Mardi Gras Night at the Races and Casino

*Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup>*

Save the date and look for ways you can support St. Mary Catholic Education through this event!

Participation Pack was sent in this week's Communication Envelope! Let's start selling Horses!!

**Green Bins have been placed in the hallway near the elevator on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to collect the "Cradles to Crayons" items!**

## Music

Congratulations 7<sup>th</sup> Grade on a job well done with your Christmas play. Every year the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade performs the Christmas play as a way to introduce the theater. Mrs. Weidemoyer works for many weeks with the students teaching voice projection, stage presents, taking on character so they are ready for our Spring Play. Great Job Mrs. Weidemoyer!!

*Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs, along with our Instrumental Program will present an afternoon Christmas Show on Thursday,*

*Report Cards  
will be  
published on  
Monday*

*December 14 in the Hall at  
1:45 PM. Don't miss these  
talented children!*

We have begun our rehearsals for the Annual Christmas Pageant. Of all the various activities that we have our students engaged in outside the classroom our pageant has been around the longest. The pageant is a beautiful way to begin our transition from the Advent Season to the Christmas Celebration. Please join us on Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:45 in the Church!

Please save your slightly used shoes, Saint Mary School will be collecting "**Shoes for a Cause**", after Christmas. Our shoe drive kicks off Tuesday, January 2nd – more information to follow. Please collect "slightly used" shoes this Christmas from your family members!

## **Have a great weekend!**

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

*Kevin Conwell*

Applications for **BLOCS Scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year** are now open.  
**Priority deadline for submitting tuition assistance applications is December 31, 2017**

In order to apply, you will need to have your most recent tax documents available. 2017 tax documents will need to be uploaded after January to complete your application.

For questions about the application process, please contact FACTS at 866-441-4637.

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