



# 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

This Saturday evening we begin Advent. Remember that Advent is the time of year when we prepare for the coming of our Lord into our heart and mind. Recall that Jesus first came to us over 2000 years ago; we celebrate this fact and work at

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keeping His presence in our daily life. It is easy and human to slip and forget that Jesus is always with us, we ignore Him, we neglect Him, yet he remains and is ready to accept us into His Kingdom. All we need to do is accept Him and live as He did.

## Uniform Reminder

Have you taught your children how to tuck a shirt, many need some lessons! Also, many of our girl's skirts and skorts have become short. Skirts or skorts should not be shorter than 1 inch above the knee. This policy is in the handbook which is on our website. We appreciate the students that have their uniforms at the correct length and always tuck in their shirts. Thank you for your help in this matter.

## Music

This year's seventh grade play: **A CHRISTMAS DE-LIGHT** – is a lighthearted comedy which focuses on the motivations for several families to attend Mass on Christmas. This play will be presented on Monday, December 4, at 1:30 and 7:30 PM in the hall. Both performances are free. Come join us!!

Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs, along with our Instrumental Program will present an afternoon Christmas Show on Thursday, December 14 in the Hall at 1:45 PM. Don't miss these talented children!

Cherubim and Seraphim Choirs will also join with our CYO Children's Choir and other members of our Parish Music Ministry in a performance at our Parish Christmas Concert which culminates with an outdoor live Nativity scene on Sunday, December 17, at 3:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. Hope you can join us!



*Rejoice!  
Your king  
comes to you.*

## Advent Acts of Kindness

Best way to teach our children kindness and courtesy is to practice it ourselves!

Donate to St. Vincent DePaul – take your children shopping for donations and remind them of the reasons.

Donate coats and socks to area shelters – leave an Apostolic message in a pocket!

Make Christmas cards for the neighbors you never see or talk to.

# 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!

Finally, our traditional school Christmas Pageant will be held on Thursday, December 21, at 1:45 PM in the church. Join us as we bring the Christmas Story to life!

## **CYO NEWS**

*"Come out this Friday Night as the CYO basketball season kicks off Friday Night Lights style! The St. Mary Varsity B Boys' teams will square off against each other to start the night at 7:00pm followed by the Varsity A Boys taking on Upper Perk at 8:15pm. Let's pack the gym on Friday! GO SPARTANS!"*

## Community

*As the weather turns colder and students are wearing scarves and hats and are spending more time in close quarters, we need to become diligent in checking your child for lice. While lice don't spread disease, they can be very frustrating. The best cure for lice is prevention. Checking your child every night, girls wearing their hair up every day in school and not sharing coats, hats or hair brushes are all ways to ensure your child will not get lice. Remember, head lice do not crawl, hop or fly- they need direct head to head contact to spread and lice cannot live off a human head for longer than 24 hours.*

*If your child does present with lice- don't panic. There are ways to safely and methodically remove them from your child and your home. Below are 2 links that are very helpful in guiding you on how to recognize and treat lice. And you can always contact our school nurse, Amy Torrence at [atorrence@pvsd.org](mailto:atorrence@pvsd.org) with any further questions.*

<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/head-lice.html>

[https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen\\_info/](https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/)

**Have a great weekend!**

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

*Kevin Corwell*