



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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

"But as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will put my trust in God my savior, my God will hear me." Micah 7:7

Dear St. Mary Families,

Spiritual

Be ready! We hear these words many times during Advent. But how often do we really reflect on them. This past week certainly has had an impact and made it much easier to reflect on how we need to be ready to greet our Lord and Savior.



Monday we have our "Advent Reconciliation Service" for our students; the Parish Communal Penance Service is also Monday, December 18 at 7pm and confessions will be Saturday, December 23 at

Santa Workshop

A big thank you to Karina Barzouski and HASA for the fabulous Santa Workshop our students enjoyed today. Spending time personalizing special gifts is a wonderful way of finding the Christmas Spirit!

9:30am until 10:30am and 2:45pm until 3:45pm.

Advent is a time to reconcile our lives with God and commit to do more to demonstrate that we accept Jesus as our savior in our heart and in our actions.

May the peace of our Savior Jesus Christ enter your heart and remain throughout your life.

Student Council

Student Council wishes to thank all who donated items to "Cradle to crayons"! Mrs. Keeley is taking out five big bins today.

Advent Acts of Kindness

Leave out some water and seed for the birds!

Write thank you notes to those you thank the least, but need it the most!

Bake and take cookies to the local memory care facility.

Return some ones cart at the grocery store.

"Call" an elderly relative and take some time to talk with them.

Community

Thanks *Miss Beth* for thinking about a collection for the Lukens Family! We can always count on you to be thinking about "others"! Remember if you want to contribute to the St. Mary School donation, send your penny's to school and we will put them all together.

Red and Green day Thursday!!

Add Red and Green to your uniform to celebrate Christmas!

Remember Mass – Bells & other noise makers and lights must be removed for Mass

Mardi Gras Night at the Races and Casino – Feb. 10

Save the date!!

Have you bought or sold any Horses!!

Music

Great week of music! The seniors at St. Philip Neri Parish could not have been more thrilled with the performance of our choir. Standing Ovation!! On Thursday, the choir and instrument performance added to the holiday spirit. Great job by our band, especially since the majority of the members are new to their instrument's this year. Thank you, Ms. Horne, for the great preparation of our students.

The **Parish Christmas Concert** on Sunday, December 17.

Children should arrive by 2:30 PM AT THE LATEST, dressed in Sunday best. We will meet in the church. Concert begins at 3:00. Children's choirs are second on the program. After their presentation, children will proceed to the back of the church where they will be seated. When other groups are finished, Mrs. Weidemoyer will walk the children to school steps where we will sing as the concert goes on. The outdoor live nativity. This nativity scene will be located on the grass in front of the school. Concert culminates with the singing at this manger scene and is followed by snacks and hot chocolate. Concert lasts approx. one hour to one hour 15 minutes. Thanks so much to those participating in this event! We are very much looking forward to this very special happening! Please e-mail Mrs. Weidemoyer with any questions or concerns!

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!

*Please
remember to
let your
teachers know
that you
viewed your
child's report
card!!*

Annual Christmas Pageant is Thursday, December 21st at 1:45 in the Church! Please join us on

Have a great weekend!

Yours in the Peace of Christ,

Kevin Corwell

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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