

We want to **wish all of you a blessed Christmas** filled with the joy that only Christ can bring. We hope that during the break you will find the time to enjoy your family and friends at a slightly slower pace. See you Next Year! (School will resume on Monday, January 3).

The Christmas Parade was well attended. A Huge Thank you to Chachy, Laurie Ostermann, Mr. Muhle and to the parents who helped with keeping the children safe.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Toys for Tots toy drive last week. Collectively we donated 160 toys which will be distributed locally to those in need. The winner of the Toys for Tots Drive is 2nd grade! They brought in the most toys at 35. There was a two way tie with Kindergarten and 1st with 30 toys each. All three grades will share a pizza party on Tuesday Dec. 14, hosted by Little Caesars.

Please mark your calendar: Friday, December 17 will be a minimum day with an 11:30 AM dismissal time. EDP will not be available. The faculty will be having their Christmas luncheon.

Due to holiday/COVID shipping delays, the school's order of both adult and child masks is taking longer than expected. PLEASE send your child to school with multiple masks each day. Also, all students need a refillable water bottle brought to school each day. Because of COVID restrictions, students may not use the traditional drinking fountains to get a drink of water when they are thirsty; the only option for students is the refillable station at each water fountain. Thank you for your assistance!

- **Alex's Lemonade Stand** – Show your support for Childhood Cancer Fighters by wearing **GOLD** on Wednesday, Dec. 15. Bring in \$1 and **wear a yellow/gold shirt and jeans**. All proceeds will be donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand, which is a foundation that funds major grants for childhood cancer research. Cora is a kindergartener at St. Ann's this year and is a very brave cancer warrior. She's been fighting Leukemia for a little over a year. Childhood cancer is more common than you think, and together we can make a difference!
- **Pickup for Mrs. Fields** - Will be Tuesday, Dec 14 from 12-3 in the Parish Center.
- **Ugly Sweater Day** is on Thursday, Dec. 16. Students are welcome to wear an ugly Christmas sweater and Christmas accessories (socks, headband, etc.). Students can also wear a sweater or shirt with Christmas spirit. **Students must wear uniform bottoms and appropriate shoes.**
- **Minimum day with 11:30 AM dismissal** for students on Friday, Dec. 17.
- **Christmas program has been cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.**
- **Twinkle Candy Gram** and money are due Wednesday, Dec. 15. They will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 17. This is a fundraiser for Eighth Grade graduation. Extra forms will be available in the school office.
- Half of the **parent participation hours** required of each family are due by January 1. To ensure that you receive credit for hours you have volunteered, please enter your hours into the log book on or before Friday, December 17th.
- **Hot Lunch** - The pink order slips are in the Monday envelope. The slips and the money are due back tomorrow. If you are using vouchers, please attach to the pink slip. (Vouchers are still available for purchase in the school office) *Hot lunch – Quesadillas – hosted by 3rd grade class.

- **SCRIP Preorders** – Holiday shipping is going to take longer this season. We are going back to Monday @ 8:30 to ensure delivery by Thursday. Please plan ahead for gift cards. Last Preorders will be Monday, Dec 13 @ 8:30 am.
- **SCRIP** – No Preorders Dec 20th – Dec 31st
- **SCRIP Reports** – Coming home in today’s Monday envelope.
- **Holiday Scrip Hours:** The school will be open Monday, Dec. 20th and Wednesday, Dec. 22nd from 10:00-12:00.
- **Big Lots Scrip, Panda Express and Chipotle** - Now in our scrip inventory!
- **Lost and found** - We have a buildup of water bottles, sweatshirts and lunch boxes. Please stop by the office to see if these items belong to your child (ren).
- **Yearbook Pre-Sales** - Pre-sales are starting today for \$30.00. The deadline to purchase yearbooks at this price is January 7, 2022. After that, the yearbooks will cost \$35.00.
 - Icons are .50 and personalization is \$1.00
 - Make checks payable to: Saint Ann School
- **Volunteers-** If you would like to volunteer at the school you will need to do the Safe Environment online training, finger prints, TB screening and sign the Code of Conduct. The paperwork is available in the school office. If you want to drive for Field Trips, we will also need a copy of your Driver’s License, Registration and Insurance Declaration showing that you have coverage for \$100,000- \$300,000 liability and also sign a Volunteer Driver statement (available in the school office). **All of this must be on file in order to volunteer in the classroom and or drive for a field trip.**
If you are serving hot lunch you don’t need Safe Environment paperwork

Reminders:

- **Benefit Dinner & Raffle tickets** will start selling on Monday, Jan. 3. The Benefit Dinner is **February 5!** As you will remember from your registration information, each Saint Ann School family is responsible for selling or buying one ticket for this dinner. Since only 200 tickets are sold, your chances to win the grand prize of \$13,000 or one of the other great prizes are pretty good!
- We will have a **PTG meeting** Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 PM in the school library to continue planning for the Benefit Raffle. ****Parent Hours****

Upcoming Events:

Tue. Dec 14.....PTG Meeting at 6:30 PM - school library
 Wed. Dec 15.....Wear a yellow/gold shirt and jeans – Bring in \$1
 Thur. Dec.16.....Ugly Christmas Sweater day
 (Christmas shirts, socks, and accessories with uniform bottoms)
 Fri. Dec. 17..... **Minimum Day 11:30 am Dismissal; Last Day of 2nd Quarter/ No EDP**
 Dec. 18-Jan. 2.....Christmas Recess; **No School**

Have a blessed week and Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!