

December 12, 2022

School Newsletter ~



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 Tuesday, January 3).

The Christmas Parade was well attended! A HUGE thank you to Kelly Herrold (decorating) and Travis Muhle (truck and trailer) and to the parents who helped walk and brought their kids to participate.

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Toys for Tots toy drive last week. Collectively we donated 30 toys which will be distributed locally to those in need.

Please mark your calendar: Friday, December 16th 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.

- Mark your calendars for the **Saint Ann Christmas Program** on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:30 PM in the Church. Following the program, we will be celebrating the students' hard work with a reception in the parish hall. Each family is asked to please contribute to the reception: a dozen cookies/ package of cupcakes/ bowl of snack mix/ etc. Hot drinks will be provided.
- **Free Dress**-Students who wore their uniforms to the 10:00 AM Mass this past Sunday are allowed to free dress. Please wear appropriate clothing that would follow the school dress code.
- **Christmas Spirit Day**-Wednesday, Dec. 14. Students are welcome to wear an ugly Christmas sweater, Christmas shirts and accessories (socks, headband, etc.). **Students must wear uniform bottoms and appropriate shoes.**
- **Twinkle Candy Grams** and money are due Wednesday, Dec. 14. They will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 16. 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 3. To ensure that you receive credit for hours you have volunteered, please enter your hours into the log book on or before Friday, December 16th.
- **Advent Mite Advent**- Bishop Brennan has asked that our schools participate in raising money for the Missionary Childhood Association (MCA). The money raised will go to support self-help programs for building schools, health and nutrition programs, medications, school fees, teaching and learning resources, for children around the world that do not have the resources we have in the United States. It is an Advent program (like the Rice Bowl

program during Lent). Attached is a letter signed by both Bishop Brennan and Joan Bouchard explaining the program in more detail. Please return your Advent Mite boxes in January 2023. Thank you!!

- **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 – Pizza – hosted by 4th grade class.
- **Pajama Day**-Thursday, December 15th is Pajama Day! If you participated in the second grade service project, you are allowed to wear appropriate pajamas on Thursday.
- **Correction: Christmas Mass**-The green calendar is incorrect with Christmas mass times. Here are correct times.
Christmas Eve 5:30 PM Children's Mass
Christmas Day 12:00 AM Midnight Mass
8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM Mass
- **SCRIP Preorders** – Due to the minimum day on Friday, preorders for this week will be due by Monday @ 8:30 to ensure delivery by Thursday. Please plan ahead for gift cards.
- **SCRIP** – No Preorders Dec 19th – Dec 30th.
- **Holiday Scrip Hours:** The school will be open Monday, Dec. 19th and Wednesday, Dec. 21st from 10:00-12:00.
- **Yearbook Pre-Sales** - Pre-sales yearbooks are \$35.00. The deadline to purchase yearbooks at this price is December 16th, 2022. After that, the yearbooks will cost \$37.00.
-Icons are .50 and personalization is \$2.00
-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 Tuesday, Jan. 3rd. The Benefit Dinner is **February 4!** 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 **Raffle PTG meeting** Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at 6:30 PM in the school library to continue planning for the Benefit Raffle. ****Parent Hours****

Upcoming Events:

Tues. Dec. 13.....Saint Ann Christmas Program at 6:30-Church
Wed. Dec. 14.....Christmas Spirit Day-wear Christmas shirts/accessories
With uniform bottoms
Wed. Dec. 14.....Twinkle Grams due
Thurs. Dec 15.....Pajama Day
Fri. Dec. 16.....**Minimum Day 11:30 am Dismissal; Last Day of 2nd Quarter/ No EDP**
Dec. 17-Jan. 2.....Christmas Recess; **No School**
Tues. Jan 3.....Classes Resume

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