



Principal Bryk's News December 6, 2017 Feast of St. Nicholas

Dear Parents,

A Blessed Advent Season to all! There is a hustle and bustle feeling around the building as we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ! Students are learning about the Season of Advent and are praying Advent prayers, making connections between the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah and the fulfillment of those prophecies in Jesus in the New Testament. Advent wreaths can be found throughout the building as well as Christmas trees, stars, mangers and more! There is so much symbolism at this time from the Christmas tree to the stories of the Christmas rose and the meaning of the candy cane. Students (and some teachers) left out their shoes in the hopes that St. Nicholas would leave a candy cane and of course he did! I think St. Nicholas that wonderful Bishop of Myra, knows and sees we have the best children in the world! Okay, I am a bit biased, but I can be! I see the growth each day, especially in being respectful and in choosing to do the right thing.

ELVES AROUND THE SCHOOL! Those silent but sometimes pesky elves are all over the building! The one in the cafeteria was found in the Christmas tree! In Kdg, the elf was watching from the top of the window! In 1st grade, the elves toilet papered the Christmas trees! Naughty or nice, I do believe that God and Santa Claus send those elves to us at this time not only to make sure we are being good, but to help us and remind us to always do the right thing... and to enjoy and develop a sense of humor!

Our students did well at the X-STREAM games held last week at St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute. Our Project Barbie Run Way was a hit, our Kitchen Chem chefs wowed people with their veggie dip and the Arcade games area was a busy place to be! Congrats to Shiv Patel and Dillon O'Neil who received a Shining Star Award Ribbon for their Roller Coaster!

Building STREAM: We are a part of the largest learning event in History: 100 million students in 180 countries: ***Hour of Code Dec. 4-10***

We entered the ***Second Trimester*** on Dec. 4 and students will receive their ***First Trimester Report Cards tomorrow: Kdg – 8th grade.*** (Pre-Kdg is in January) We will celebrate our First Trimester Achievements with an ***Awards Assembly on Friday, Dec. 8 at 1pm in the Parish Center.*** Mrs. Kindred and I have reviewed the report cards and we have much to be proud of and we have much to learn. Congratulations to our students on their effort, attitude, diligence and progress! Celebrate small and big successes! You should all be proud of where you have begun, how far you have come along and where you wish to go. Read your teachers' comments, see what you need to do and LET'S GO!

THIS SATURDAY!! St. Nicholas Day Party! December 9th. Please refer to the flyer for more information and join our parish for a FANTASTIC time! We are always looking for help... the members of the Pastoral Council request about 6 parents to help out. If you can help, please email Maria Falbo at mariafalbo@roadrunner.com.

A Note from Mrs. Rauscher: Artsonia, the fundraising site where parents can order their student's artwork printed on all sorts of things! St. Chris receives 20% of every order. The last day for Christmas delivery is Dec 14th. Any questions... contact Mrs. Rauscher.



You are invited to join us on Dec. 20/Dec. 21 at 9am in the Parish Center to see our Kindergarten classes' Nativity Christmas Play. I am not giving out any details, but all I can say is that it has something to do with a SUPER HERO from HEAVEN! **Our Pre-Kdg classes are the opening act for Kdg.** and they are sure to “warm” us with their singing.

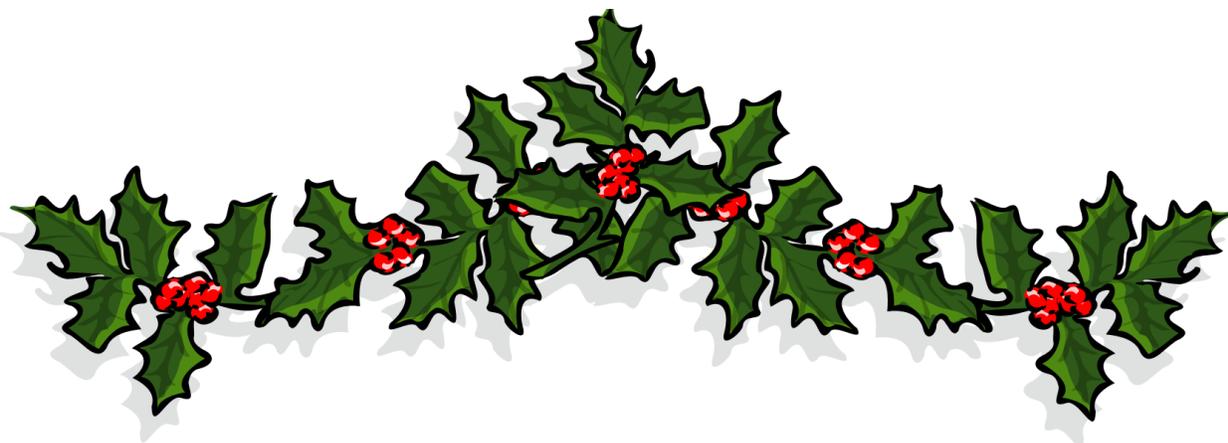
Also, on **Dec. 21 at 6pm in the Parish Center, is the Christmas Concert presented by Grades 1,3,5,7 and the Intermediate and Advanced Bands** directed by our Music teacher, Mrs. Siekierski.

We will be attending the 8am Mass on Friday, Dec. 8 to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation, so join us if you are able.



The Immaculate Conception refers to the teaching that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from original sin that all mankind has as a result of the fall of Adam and Eve. The Catholic Church teaches us that Mary was free from sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the birth of Mary, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on September 8; nine months before that is December 8 the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Both feasts offer the opportunity for us to offer gifts of thanksgiving to God for the gifts he has given us through
Mary.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation for Grades 3-8: Monday, Dec. 11

Bound for Broadway Permission Slip: can be found on the website. PLEASE FILL OUT AND SEND BACK BY THE DUE DATE! Please be sure to check the dates when the classes are attending.

Have a great week! May the Light of Christ, symbolized by the Advent candles, lead us on the journey to Bethlehem as Mary and Joseph did so many years ago.

God's Blessings,
Principal Bryk