

Spelling BEE



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Congratulations to **Jasmine Mattson** (pictured left) for winning our school Spelling Bee, and to the runner-up, **Raelyn Schweinsberg** (pictured right). The bee lasted 8 rounds, and a good effort was given by all participants! Jasmine will now advance to the County Spelling Bee held at the Antwerp Local School Auditoria on **Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.** A weather make-up date is scheduled for **Thursday, February 8th.**



The school Christmas program is on **Tuesday, December 19th.** Like last year, there will be two performances - one at 1:30 and the other at

Important Dates:

December

- **Thur. 12/14** – Basketball Pictures
- **Fri. 12/15** – Mass @ 9:15
- School Advent Confessions
- **Tues. 12/19** – Christmas Program @ 1:30 & 7:00
- Cookie Walk open after 1:30 & 7:00 performances
- **Wed. 12/20** – Pastries with Parents in Gym @ 8:00 a.m.
- PTA sponsored Pizza Lunch for students
- **Dec. 21 – Jan. 2** – No School Christmas Break

January

- **Wed. 1/3** – Classes Resume
- **Fri. 1/5** – Mass @ 9:15
- **Mon. 1/8** – First Reconciliation in Payne
- **Tues. 1/9** – First Reconciliation in Antwerp
- **8-12** – Winter MAP Testing
- **Fri. 1/12** End of 2nd Quarter
- Mass @ 9:15
- **Mon. 1/15** – No School MLK
- **Thur. 1/18** – Mass @ 9:15
- **Fri. 1/19** – 2 hr Delay – Teacher In-Service
- **Mon. 1/22** – No School for Divine Mercy Students only – Diocesan Conference

Forms Coming Home:

- none

7:00. Students may go home with a guest after the afternoon performance. The school will open at 6:40 p.m. for the students to come in and get ready for the program. Any student in the hall can **line up with Mr. Linder at 6:40 p.m.** to come back to school. Following the program all students will need to return to school with their teacher and may be picked up by parents from the classroom. **If school is cancelled, the program will also be cancelled – the stage and risers will have to be put away for upcoming basketball games.**

Cookie Walk

You can drop off your cookies for the cookie walk **starting on Friday, December 15th.** Cookies for the cookie walk must be to the school by **Tuesday, December 19th at 10:00 am.** The cookie walk will begin after the 1:30 show and run until 6:30 before the second performance starts. If there are any cookies left, they will be on sale following the 7:00 performance. **The cookie walk will take place in the hall kitchen again.**



Inside/Outside Recess

Here are some general guidelines that we use at school to determine inside/outside recess. At recess time, we look at the AccuWeather app. If there is a **RealFeel temperature of 20 degrees or below** students will go into the hall. Students should be bringing in hats and gloves to wear outside, but if they forget we do have some extras in the supply closet. When/if it snows and there are snow piles in the parking lot, students can bring in snow pants and boots to play on the mounds. If they don't have snow boots, students will remain on the blacktop so their shoes and socks don't become wet.



The boys (grades 3/4 and 5/6) and girls' basketball team/individual pictures will take place tomorrow, December 14th. **Lifetouch picture order forms were sent home during last week's practices. After their assigned picture time, please make sure someone is here to pick them up.** The picture order will be:

- 3:30 - 3:45 3rd/4th grade boys
- 3:45 - 4:00 girls
- 4:00 - 4:15 5th/6th grade boys

PIZZA PARTY

On December 20th, the last day of school before Christmas break, the PTA is providing staff and students with a pizza lunch (applesauce, chips, and milk also provided). There will be no lunches from Payne Elementary on this day. Thank you PTA!

Looking Ahead...

Next week...

Monday, December 18th

- Ugly sweater day for students and staff



Tuesday, December 19th

- Christmas program at 1:30 and 7:00 in hall
- Cookie walk following both performances



Wednesday, December 20th

- Pajama day for students and staff
- Pastries with parents 8:00-8:30 in gym
- PTA pizza lunch for students and staff
- Classroom Christmas parties
- **THERE WILL BE NO EARLY DISMISSAL THIS YEAR – WE WILL DISMISS AT THE REGULAR 3:25 P.M. TIME**



Classroom Spotlight

There just can't be a better place to be during December than Kindergarten! We keep on academics, with many themes: angels, reindeer, Santa, stockings, candy canes, and of course the best reason for the season: awaiting the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our joy is spread in many ways such as sharing cookies and milk with Father Poggemeyer (see picture), Christmas caroling at VanCrest on Thursday, and acting out the story of Mary of Guadalupe (see picture). May you have a Blessed Joyous Season!

