

Today is the 2nd quarter midterm. Please login to Progress Book to check your student's progress.



Please look around your homes for any unreturned library books. Library books should be returned by the due date marked in the book. We have many library books that are not being returned. Thanks for your help with this.



The PTA notes from Monday's meeting can be found at the end of this newsletter.



We are asking each family to donate 4 dozen cookies for the Christmas cookie walk on December 19th. In the email attachments today, you will find more information about this year's cookie walk. We need volunteers to work during this event.

Important Dates:

December

- Fri. 12/8 – Mass @ 9:15
Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)
- Thur. 12/14 – Basketball Pictures
- Fri. 12/15 – Mass @ 9:15
- Advent School 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

Forms Coming Home:

- none

Classroom Spotlight

In first and second grade, we love to play math games to review the concepts that we are working on! The students are being amazing hard workers as we tackled some tricky concepts. We are working on place value in second grade, and first graders are working on addition using doubles facts. We have also been hard at work learning our songs for the Christmas Program. We are even incorporating ASL (American Sign Language) into one of the songs! Speaking of Christmas, the students helped to create some simple decorations for our "Charlie Brown" tree! They colored some beautiful Christmas coloring pages.





The boys (grades 3/4 and 5/6) and girls basketball team/individual pictures will take place on Thursday, December 14th. Coaches will send home order forms as soon as we get them from Lifetouch. The order will be:

3:30 - 3:45 3rd/4th grade boys

3:45 - 4:00 girls

4:00 - 4:15 5th/6th grade boys

After their assigned picture time, please make sure someone is here to pick them up.



Mr. Linder needs 2-3 people to help set up the Christmas stage and risers on Wednesday, December 13th. Email or text him if you can help, and we can set up a convenient time. Thanks!



Pastries with Parents!

Come and enjoy breakfast with your child before school. There will be donuts, muffins, coffee, juice and milk.

Date: Wednesday, December 20th

Time: 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.

School Gym

Sponsored by PTA and Student Council

Please RSVP to the office by next Wednesday, December 13th.

DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PTA AGENDA

DECEMBER 4, 2017

FINANCIAL REPORT- Julie

- Fall Fundraiser profit \$4,559.00
- Apple Pie Sales Profit \$9,985.00
- Combined equal to last year totals.
- Expenses – Gift Cards, basketball, teacher meals, Thanksgiving
- Total - \$22,606.24 (checking and savings)

VOLUNTEERS

- Cookie Walk December 19th: Chair Person(s) – Lyn Collis & Patty Lee will co-chair. We have 4 volunteers so far, we like to put 3 volunteers on every shift (there are 4 shifts total), we will start selling them immediately after the 1:30 program *****We need more cookies donated, we have had 11 families volunteer so far, thank you! We need more families to donate please! We are asking for 4 dozen per family and we will never turn away extra!**
- Volunteers needed – request will go home on the next newsletter.
- Volunteer form deadline is 12-13-17.

FUNDRAISERS

- Geranium Fundraiser- Schmidlin Greenhouse: There has been a slight increase in their prices for this spring; therefore, we may have to increase our selling prices to still make the same profit we have in the past.
 - Flats are going up 50 cents
 - Succulent and Mixed Bowls and galvanized pails going up \$1
 - Individuals going up \$3 per dozen
 - We buy by dozen, but sell individually
- We will increase prices accordingly, to \$4.
- We will see if the Greenhouse Effect will do Gift Cards again. Julie will check in January/February. Last year they furnished the gift cards.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Holiday Shop going on now December 4th – 6th/ or 7th. Maybe through Thursday – we'll make the decision as we go.
- Christmas Program/Cookie Walk December 19th
- All School Christmas PTA Pizza Lunch December 20th- applesauce & chips will be available as well. Drinks will operate as normal lunch – provided by students.
- Mardi Gras February 14th; Should we push start time back ½ hour since we are dismissing later?
 - Yes – starting at 1:30
 - Any games and suggestions are appreciated!
- 5th/6th Grade Lenten service project – Possibly feed the homeless in Ft. Wayne sometime in March – Kimra Williamson will help arrange
 - Still on the table and working through the details
 - Potentially two different Saturdays if we got enough participants
 - Go to a house in the vicinity of Concordia to prepare the meal, then pack up and deliver to Fryman Square (they also do clothes, medicine, supplies).
 - Then there's a social period – prayer, job opportunities,

- Supply Delivery comes last
- About 70 people come
- They also will accept donations
- School Dance update – Matthew O’Shaughnessey; April 7th
 - No new updates
 - Picking up post-holiday
 - Could we use this a “drive” to coincide with the service project for donations?
 - Kathy – the photographer is already lined up.
- Student Council working out great, they are coming up with great ideas (Nativity blessing, cookies & candy canes, & donuts with parents).
 - Energetic group that is very student-centric.
 - Pastries with parents – same day as the PTA Pizza lunch – December 20th.
- Trivia Night/Turkey Bingo/Game Night – Keep it on the radar for the future
 - Family Trivia in the gym – sell tables in a limited number
 - Could be family or adult oriented
 - Could this be the start of a sports booster club to help with sports expenses? We should find an expense to use this to cover.
 - Better to be done in the spring or early fall?
 - Weekend versus weeknight – schedule around high school sports schedules
 - Family version could be Sunday afternoon
 - We could do lunch/dinner – selling pizzas?
- Babysitting Night
 - For a fee, parents drop kids off and go Christmas shopping/Date Night
 - Older Students and parent chaperones could babysit.
 - Earn money toward service project or team expenses
 - Could the students use this to fund a project that they want?

Teachers’ concerns/Suggestions

- Mrs. Mumma would like some good tape (masking/scotch)
 - We’ll ask for specifics from her...
- Mrs. Gideon would like a stapler...

Annual Christmas Gifts for Staff – Staff Christmas Dinner will be at Mrs. Mumma’s house, there will be no PTA cost this year.

Next Meeting Monday February 5th at 6:30pm