



January 4, 2017



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break.

In case you missed the email sent out last week, I wanted to share the following news again with everyone. I am pleased to announce that we have hired Miss Jessica Schuster as our first and second grade teacher. Miss Schuster comes to us directly from her completion of a bachelor's degree at the Franciscan University of Steubenville, a top-notch Catholic university that is very well-known in the United States and beyond. She triple-majored in Catechetics (where she had a couple pedagogy courses), Theology and Music. She excelled in all of her majors. Father Poggemeyer has known Miss Schuster and her family for some years from his previous assignments. Because Miss Schuster is straight out of college, we are asking Mrs. Judy Mumma to mentor her, being very present in the classroom for the first few months. Mrs. Mumma taught kindergarten, first and second grades, reading, and French at Paulding Elementary for 30 years. I am grateful to Mrs. Mumma for her willingness to help us.

Mr. Linder



Second grade students have been preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Father Poggemeyer will be hearing their first confession on

**Monday, January 9th, at 7 PM in Antwerp OR Tuesday, January 10th, at 7 PM in Payne.** Congratulations to Evan

Benschneider, Lucy Conley, Elizabeth Graham, AJ Mead, Isabelle O'Shaughnessey, Brody Rosswurm, Eli Treece, and Arianna Viola. This Sacrament is in preparation for the Sacrament of their first Holy Eucharist. **First Communion will be celebrated at all the weekend Masses on the weekend of May 6 and 7, 2017.** Each First Communion family will be able to choose which Mass their child will attend that weekend for First Communion. Each family will have one reserved pew at their chosen Mass. Any questions about First Reconciliation or First Communion can be directed to Theresa Conley or Mr. Linder.



On **Tuesday, January 10th**, students in grades 5 and 6 will compete in the school Spelling Bee. This is always an exciting day of school, and the students always do a fantastic job with the

event.

The winner of our school competition will advance to the **County Spelling Bee**, which is at the **Paulding Middle School** this year on **Monday, January 30th, at 7:00 pm.**



There are revised boys and girls January basketball schedules in this Wednesday Envelope (for anyone who has a student playing). There were a few gym time conflicts; so a few changes had to be made. Please let Mr. Linder know if you have any questions.



**FEED THE HUNGRY**

At this first Friday's Mass, January 6th, students can bring in food pantry items. These donations go to the Methodist Church to use in their food distribution program. Thanks for your help in supporting this ministry.



Don't forget to pack **hats and gloves** for recess! If there is a wind chill advisory students will go in the gym for recess, but if there is no wind chill students will go outdoors for recess. If students bring snow pants and boots they can play in the snow piles. If they don't bring in snow gear, they have to stay on the blacktop so their shoes don't get too wet.



Our next scheduled PTA meeting is **Tuesday, January 31st**, and it will be at 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room.



This year's cookie walk raised \$575!! Thank you to everyone who baked cookies and volunteered to work the event.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

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| Fri 1/6   | - Mass @ 9:15<br>- Father religion classes<br>- Food Pantry |
| Tues 1/10 | - School Spelling Bee                                       |
| Fri 1/13  | - Mass @ 9:15<br>- Father religion classes                  |
| Mon 1/16  | - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day                    |
| 1/17-1/18 | - School Geography Bee                                      |
| Thur 1/19 | - Mass @ 9:15<br>- Father religion classes                  |
| Fri 1/20  | - 2 hr delay - Teacher In-Service                           |
| Fri 1/27  | - Mass @ 9:15<br>- Father religion classes                  |
| Tues 1/31 | PTA meeting @ 6:30  |