

Dear Parents,

In second grade religion class, we were discussing who our heroes were (stay with me - it was related to religion). The students started listing off mom, dad, uncles, grandpa, and soldiers. I had to tell them about my hero (my dad). We eventually turned the page, and the next page was titled, "The Real Hero." The real hero the book was talking about is Jesus. I am so thankful to the heroes of this school who are constantly doing thankless work. This school would not exist if it wasn't for generations of people who give selflessly time after time after time (all starting with Christ on the cross). Why do we give and give and give? That's what we're all called to do. That's why we live out the Gospel, and we pass it down to each generation. If we're honest with each other we're probably not thinking that Jesus is sitting right beside us peeling apples on a Saturday morning, but isn't He? Whether it's volunteering for school functions, donating time in the classroom, sending in a kind note to a teacher, giving to Christmas for Kids or food pantry, or coming to school Mass with the students. Thank you all for being heroes to our students, and passing down the Faith.

God bless all of you!

Mr. Linder

Important Dates:

November

- **Thur. 11/16 – Christmas For Kids**
 - PTA Thanksgiving Lunch for students
 - Geography Bee First Round
- **Fri. 11/17 – Mass @ 9:15**
 - Geography Bee Final Round
- **Nov. 22-24 – NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING BREAK**
- **Wed. 11/29 – Second Quarter Midterms**
- **Thur. 11/30 – Mass @ 9:15**

December

- **Fri. 12/1 – 2 hr delay – Teacher In-Service**
- **Mon. 12/4 – PTA meeting @ 6:30**
- **Dec. 4-6 – Holiday Shoppe**
- **Wed. 12/6 – School Spelling Bee**
- **Fri. 12/8 – Mass @ 9:15 Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)**
- **Fri. 12/15 – Mass @ 9:15**
- **Tues. 12/19 – Christmas Program @ 1:30 & 7:00**
 - Cookie Walk open after 1:30 & 7:00 performances
- **Dec. 21 – Jan. 2 – No School Christmas Break**

Forms Coming Home:

- **December lunch menu**
- **December Basketball Schedule for girls/boys**
- **WT Cheer Camp Info**



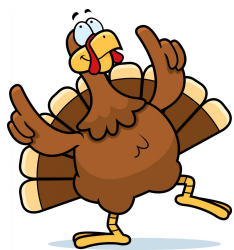
Thank you to everyone who had a part in the school PTA apple pie fundraiser. We sold 1,000 apple pies again this year! Thank you for the great support!



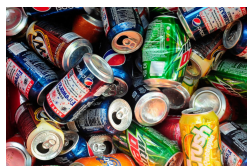
The first and second grade classroom has new desks and chairs, and we're selling the old ones to defray the cost. **If you are interested in purchasing a school desk and chair, please contact the school office (cost is \$40).** The funds raised from the sales will go towards the cost of the new desks/chairs.

**CHRISTMAS
FOR KIDS**

The Christmas for Kids donation barrel will be in the school hallway until Friday, November 17th. **There will be a live radio broadcast on Thursday, November 16th, from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m.** If you'd like to stop into school that morning, everyone is welcome to be part of the broadcast. All donations of new toys, non-perishable food items, and monetary donations will benefit kids in Paulding County.



Tomorrow, November 16th, is our PTA sponsored **Thanksgiving meal for students**. There will be no lunches from Payne Elementary cafeteria on this day. If you're student doesn't want to eat the Thanksgiving meal, they can still pack their lunch.



We will be collecting aluminum cans for basketball this year. Cans should be crushed when turned in. You can drop them off at school, or to any of the following volunteers:

- Priscilla Kadolph
- Angie Slade
- Tim and Angela Wolford

The money raised from the cans will go towards additional boys' basketball uniforms for the third and fourth grade team. Thank you!



Looking way ahead...

There will be no school on Monday January 22nd for Divine Mercy Catholic School. Bishop Thomas will be holding a Diocese-wide conference titled ***Ensuring Human Dignity: Addressing Modern Cultural Realities for Catholic Leaders***. Our entire school staff will be attending to hear the Bishop's message.

Classroom Spotlight

Students have been learning about sequence of events in reading class. During the week of October 30th, the students were able to make special treats in reading class. They were able to follow a recipe using the skills they know about sequence of events. The students made ice cream, apple sweet potato bake, fresh-squeezed lemonade, brownies, and pumpkin pie. The students had a great time and enjoyed all their special treats. Thank you to Mrs. Gerardot for organizing this, and to all the parents who donated the items to make this happen. (pictures on the following page)

