



Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. It's hard to believe, but we are now coming into the Advent season. Christmas will be here before we know it.

As we enter the Advent season, we prepare ourselves spiritually for the Lord's birth on Christmas. How will you prepare? Here are some suggestions:

- blessing/lighting of an Advent wreath
- subscribe to the "Best Advent Ever" at:
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever>

Once enrolled you'll receive daily emails that have short inspirational videos and practical tips to incorporate into your day.

- read sacred Scripture
- go to confession

Now is a great time to start/continue a family tradition that can spiritually impact your child for the rest of their life. I pray that you all have a blessed Advent season!

Mr. Linder

Important Dates:

November

- Thur. 11/30 – Mass @ 9:15

December

- Fri. 12/1 – 2 hr delay – Teacher In-Service
- Mon. 12/4 – Nativity Blessing - 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
- Wed. 12/20 – Pastries with Parents in Gym @ 8:00 a.m.
- Dec. 21 – Jan. 2 – No School Christmas Break

Forms Coming Home:

- Nativity Blessing Flyer
- Scholastic Book Orders
- Cookie Walk Flyer
- Pastries with Parents Flyer
- MAC league schedules (email)
- Parent Basketball Shirts Order Form (email)



Next Wednesday, December 6th, is the 2nd quarter midterm. Please login to Progress Book to check your student's progress.



Prepare the way of the Lord!

Please join us at school on **Tuesday, December 5th at 9:15 a.m.** for our **Nativity blessing**. I would like to thank the PTA for purchasing this for the school. After Father blesses the Nativity, there will be cookies, candy canes, and milk in the school for students and guests. Please RSVP (by this Friday) to the office by filling out the

attached form so we can have enough food. We hope to see you there!



Once again Divine Mercy is having a Christmas Shoppe for the students of Divine Mercy. This is an opportunity for them to shop for gifts for their friends and families. Gift

items are priced at \$.25, \$.50, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 and \$5.00. Gift bags will be provided to keep all the gifts a surprise until Christmas. The students will have the opportunity to shop before school and at lunch time (like the book fair). **Each student will receive \$2 in complementary Holiday bucks, and can bring additional money of their own too.** Like last year, the Christmas Shoppe will be open for 3 days. This year's dates will be: Monday, December 4th, Tuesday, December 5th and Wednesday, December 6th.



Every Child Deserves a Good Book

Scholastic book orders are coming home today, and they are due back by **Monday, December 4th**.

Cookie Walk

In the email attachments today, you will find information about this year's cookie walk. The cookie walk is the same day as the Christmas Program (December 19th). We need volunteers to work during this event. More information can be found in the flyer.

Classroom Spotlight

Grades 3 and 4 recently did an experiment to determine if the height of bubbles is affected by the amount of dish soap added to water. We learned that for an experiment to be valid, we can change only one variable at a time. The class loved the experiment!



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to work in the concession stand this year. We are still in need of a few games to be covered. **If you can't give the time to help in the concession stand, it would be helpful if parents of players who haven't signed up could donate muffins or donuts for the Saturday games.** The money raised from concessions goes to pay for referee costs, tournament fees, and other costs used from the athletic fund.

Girls Games:

Saturday, December 2nd, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

- Jason Williamson
- Kimra Williamson

CANCELLED: Wednesday, December 6th, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11th, 6:30 p.m.

- Kristen Karhoff
- Priscilla Kadolph

Saturday, January 13th, 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.

- **none**

Saturday, January 27th, 10:00 a.m.

- **none**

Boys Games:

Saturday, December 2nd, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

- Angie Slade
- Angie Wolford

CANCELLED: Wednesday, December 6th, 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 11th, 5:30 p.m.

- Angie Slade
- Erin Baumle

Tuesday, January 9th, 5:30 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

- Stephanie Schweller
- Elizabeth Cox

Saturday, January 13th, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.

- Michelle Davis
- Melanie Forrer

Saturday, January 27th, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

- **none**



Schedules for the MAC basketball league were sent home Monday after practices. They are also attached to this email.



The cost for all shooting shirts is \$22 (players and parents). Please send your payment into the school office. Checks should be made out to Signature Embroidery.



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 Wednesday, December 13th.