



November 30, 2016

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving break. It's hard to believe, but we are now 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 the Advent wreath
- using an Advent calendar that has daily reflections and activities (usccb.org) search "Advent wreath"
- read sacred Scripture
- take the time for 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 fruitful Advent season!

Mr. Linder



In today's Wednesday Envelope, you will find information about the cookie walk. The cookie walk is the same day, December 20th, as the Christmas Program. This year's cookie walk will begin following the conclusion of the 1:00 Christmas Program, and it will end just before the beginning of the 7:00 performance.



In this Wednesday Envelope you will find a Divine Mercy Catholic School Spirt Wear order form. Please note that orders are done online at:

<https://divinemercury2016.itemorder.com/>
Orders must be placed by Dec. 4th.

CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS

Thanks to everyone who donated. Even with the horrible fog the support for Christmas for Kids was once again tremendous. Rick Small did surprise the students yesterday by stopping in and thanking them for their donations.





Club's Choice Holiday Shoppe is coming to Divine Mercy. Once again Divine Mercy is sponsoring a Holiday 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 \$5 in complementary Holiday bucks, and can bring additional money of their own too.** Like last year the Holiday Shoppe will be open for 3 days. This year's dates will be: Monday, December 5th, Tuesday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 7th.



Thank you to everyone who came to the guest lunch and purchased items at the book fair. Over \$2,000 worth of items were sold! The money we raise through Scholastic is used to buy books for the library and classroom books for teachers.



We are still looking for volunteers to drive to area nursing homes on December 15th, to do

Christmas Caroling. We would leave the school at 1:00 pm and get back in time for students to ride the buses home.



Edgerton Wesleyan church is putting together food baskets for their "Big Give" where they give food baskets to families in need. If you would like to help, they are accepting canned fruit to place in the baskets. Items should be brought to school by December 9th.



Don't forget to pack **hats and gloves** for recess!!!! The winter weather has officially arrived, and students will go outdoors for recess unless there is a wind chill advisory in effect.



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



We are still in need of volunteers to work the concession stand at boys and girls home basketball games. Here are the dates that still need to be covered:

Boys

Monday, December 5th, 5:30 & 6:30
 Monday, January 9th, 5:30 & 6:30
 Thursday, January 26th, 5:30 & 6:30

Girls

Tuesday, December 13th, 5:30 & 6:30
 Tuesday, January 10th, 5:30 & 6:30
 Tuesday, January 17th, 5:30 & 6:30

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to work. The money raised from concessions goes to pay for referee costs, tournament fees, and other costs used from the athletic fund.

Coach Emilie Linder was surprised by the girls basketball team last week. The girls threw her a surprise bridal shower, and boy was she surprised :) Thank you to all the parents who made the party possible.

Upcoming Dates:

- Wed 11/30 Midterm reports go home
- Fri 12/2 - Mass @ 9:15
- Father religion classes
- Tues 12/6 PTA meeting @ 6:30 in Mr. Grant's room
- Thur 12/8 - Mass @ 9:15
(Immaculate Conception)
- Fri 12/9 - The "Big Give" canned fruit must be to school by today
- Father religion classes
- Thur 12/15 Christmas Caroling at nursing homes @ 1:00
- Fri 12/16 - Mass @ 9:15
- Father religion classes
- Tues 12/20 - Christmas Program showings @ 1:00 and 7:00
- The Cookie Walk will start after the 1:00 afternoon performance and end right before the 7:00 performance
- Weds 12/21 Last day of classes before break
- Dec 22- Jan 2 NO SCHOOL - Christmas Break**
- Tues 1/3 Classes Resume

