

Divine Mercy School

November 18, 2015

Dear Parents,

Parents – School begins each day at 8:50. Students that walk or are brought by parents should not be at school before 8:40 in the morning. If you have a pre-school student, they are not to be here until 8:55. Teachers use this time for planning and preparing for the day. Thank you for your support!

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\Z8RJ3E6C\praying-29965_640[1].png]()Monday during prayer in the hall we prayed for the people of France, new babies, grandparents and those traveling this Thanksgiving holiday. We continued our prayers of gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon each of us as we prepare for the start of the Advent season.

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RX7KHY9V\Advent-2[1].png]()The Advent season is a time of preparation for the anniversary of the Lord’s birth on Christmas. Advent begins this year on Sunday, November 29th. Advent devotions remind us of the meaning of the season. Special Advent Devotions : the lighting of the Advent wreath each Sunday during Advent; the Advent calendar helps remind us of the season with daily thoughts and activities; Advent prayers prepare us spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ. Do you have special customs and practices? It’s not too late to begin your own family Christmas traditions. Let us continue to pray for one another during this Advent season asking God to create in us hearts open to receive His Son on Christmas.

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\K9XM53ND\christmas-cookies-in-color[1].jpg]()Thursday, December 17th - The cookie walk this year will be held from the conclusion of the afternoon performance of the Christmas program at 1:30 p.m., till just before the evening performance at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. You will find a cookie walk form enclosed in today’s envelope asking for cookie donations and workers to help. Please return this form by Wednesday, December 9th. Thanks in advance for all your help with this endeavor.

*![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\RX7KHY9V\radio-36275_640[1].png]()Tomorrow, Thursday, is definitely going to be a busy day!* ☺ Rick Small of 98.1, “The Mix” radio station will begin his broadcast for Christmas for Kids at 6:45 a.m. All donations of new toys, non-perishable food items, and cash will benefit kids in Paulding County. Sacks were provided a few weeks back to bring items easily to school. Please join us in making this a blessed and memorable Christmas for all members of our *community.*

*![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SD1Z9J42\162661451[1].jpg]()Next,* - Our annual Thanksgiving lunch for the students and staff will be held at noon in the parish hall. We will not be ordering lunches from Payne Elementary on that day. The menu consists of turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, dressing, green beans, roll and butter and a cookie. Thank you to everyone for making this meal possible! A “special” thank you goes to Rhonda Stabler and Suzanne Yenser for preparing the dressing again this year.

*![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OLRJML4E\Parent-TeacherConference[1].jpg]()Finally -* Parent-teacher conferences will be held from 3:45 till 7:00. It is important that your child understands that you and the teacher are there to support them and assist them in making their school experience as successful as it can be. (Conferences are also being held Wednesday evening.)

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\OF5NKMBY\party-clip-art-6[1].jpg]()Our fall fundraiser party will be held on Tuesday, November 24th. Ryan, from Clubs Choice, will be providing music for dancing and playing games. Ice cream, complete with toppings and sprinkles, will be enjoyed by all. Four students; Eli Stuart, Leslie Pollock, Molli Shepherd and Brody Rosswurm will get to grab an envelope from the money box for a chance to win money and other surprises. Thank you to Mrs. Stuart for organizing this party.

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![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\DJ5J79Z8\8595329912_56b2d26968_z[1].jpg]()Today, Monday, as I am working on this letter, it is in the 60’s and we are practicing our fire drill. By the end of the week the weather person is talking a wintery mix, so I’m sure our beautiful weather will soon end. Cold weather is coming! ☹ Students will be required to have a hat and gloves in order to go outside for recess. We will be going out unless there is a wind-chill advisory. If they are dressed appropriately, the short recess time gives them a chance to run off excess energy.

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\VD2WLUBR\ironyalert[1].gif]()Our Ohio weather is unpredictable! We need to do some planning ahead just in case school would have an early dismissal because of deteriorating conditions once we are in school. Please go over the routine you would like your child to follow should this occur. Honeywell Instant Alert System is an essential tool and will be used to notify you of a school closing or early dismissal. **If you are not receiving these calls, please notify the school office.**

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\SD1Z9J42\stock-vector-nativity-baby-jesus-6902875[1].jpg]()Let’s see , , , have I mentioned this before? I’m not sure! ☺ In case I have forgotten, Divine Mercy School will be presenting their Christmas program Thursday, December 17th, in the parish hall. There will again this year be two performances, one at 1:30 and again at 7:00. Mark your calendars and plan on attending the best Christmas program ever!

![C:\Users\claudia\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\MEFJZE9V\PeanutsThanksgiving[1].jpg]()This will be the last letter before Thanksgiving since we have only 2 days next week. The students and staff of Divine Mercy School would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a blessed Thanksgiving! We are thankful to have all of you in our “school family!”

Respectfully in Christ,

Divine Mercy School Staff