

December 5, 2013

Dear Parents,

With the beginning of the Advent season, the children are experiencing various Catholic customs - the Advent wreath, the Jesse tree, and the lighting of our Christmas tree in the school foyer. Their teachers and I have explained to them that this is a season to await the coming of Jesus. They are learning that there are actually 3 comings of Jesus that we celebrate on Christmas Day...

- the commemoration of the birth of the historical Jesus when he came as a poor baby into the world,
- the coming of Jesus to us each day through the celebration of the Eucharist and through other people's love,
- and our belief in the second coming of Jesus to earth at the end of time in all of His glory.

It is a beautiful season and one of excitement and joy as young children also await Santa Claus and Christmas vacation.

Our Christmas Bazaar will be held this Sunday beginning at 11:00AM. The HSA board members have been very busy planning the event and we ask that all parents and friends support this important fundraiser.

We will be placing our Jesse Tree ornaments on the Jesse tree next Wed. Dec. 11th during the morning prayer service. All parents are invited to attend.

The children are very busy preparing for our annual Christmas program to be held Wednesday, Dec.18th at 7:00PM. Doors will open at 6:45PM.

Please remember that our school will be closing on **Friday Dec.20th at noon and will re-open on Monday, January 6th**. A reminder, also, if you wish to donate to Fr. Ken's Christmas gift which will be presented to him on that Friday, you may do so by sending your donation to school in an envelope with your child's name addressed "Fr. Ken's Christmas gift."

We are happy to report that we have purchased 7 new computers for the lab which have been received and programmed. Thank you to Mrs. Florczak and her husband who have spent much time doing so. All students are now able to work on individual computers.

Finally, it has been suggested that parents be able to attend morning prayer when it is their children's birthday. This is a nice custom and we can certainly allow this. Please feel free to join us at that time.

May God continue to hold you and your family in the palm of His hands.

Mrs. Patricia Graham

Christmas Program Notice

The following is a list of the songs and the outfits that the students will wear for the Christmas program. The Christmas program will begin at 7:00 on Wednesday, December 18. Students are not to wear jeans or sneakers.

The doors will open at 6:45 and the students are asked to sit in their places on the bleachers. Students in the play are asked to report to their teacher and then come to Mrs. Kubeck.

PreK and Grade 1: *Must Be Santa* Red, Green or White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt.
Santa hat.

Kindergarten: *Rudolph, The Red-Nosed Reindeer* Red, Green, or White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt. Santa hat or reindeer antlers.

Grade 2: *Rise Up Shepherds* Brown, Grey or White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt.

Grade 3: *Rock a Baby Bye* White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt.

Grade 4: *We Three Kings* Red, Purple or White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt.

Grade 5: *One Child* Red, Green, or White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt.

Grades 6-8: *Sing Noel* Red, Green, or White Top, Dark Slacks or Skirt.

If you have any questions you may reach me at dkubeck@sskschool.org.

Musically yours,

Mrs. Kubeck