Sacred Heart Catholic School DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

As we journey through the season of Advent, may we pray for patience and for hope as we await the celebration of the birth of Christ. We continue to pray for thase in our community who are ill and in need of prayers. May they find the Advent season a time of solace and peace.

On behalf of the staff of Sacred Heart Catholic School, we extend our wishes to all families for a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace, the gladness of Christmas give you hope and the warmth of Christmas grant you love.

Respect, Safety and Fair Play on the School Yard

We continue to focus on respect for staff and fellow students especially in the school yard, classrooms and hallways. Students are well supervised on the playground. Our staff works to encouraging good decision-making, fair and safe play. One of the basic rules is "hands off". This rule is not subject to a lot of interpretations and most children understand its meaning and purpose. When students decide to make friendly exceptions to this, it most often ends up in injury, both physical and emotional. Examples: checking during soccer or hockey, "pokemon", tackle games, tag on the climber, play fighting, or "just kidding". Staff end up dealing with situations that are a result of making poor decisions. It then becomes difficult to decipher who was responsible and for students to learn from their mistakes. We talk with students to understand the circumstance and develop plans for improvement. There are times that the message needs to be firm and direct. Often, students lose privileges in the school yard as a natural consequence. Rough and reckless play cannot and will not be tolerated, nor will constant teasing and racial slurs. We will continue to work on this issue. Students are always encouraged to report any incidents that they witness and/or are involved in to the yard supervisor. Continued opposition to staff and the rules can result in suspension from school. We thank you for your cooperation.

Holy Night

"For unto us a child is born ... '



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Concert December 20th at 1 pm. Our students have been working hard on their classroom presentations and are anxious to perform for you.

Christmas Turkey Luncheon

Our school community will be treated to a free turkey lunch on Friday, December 16. Turkey with all the trimmings, dessert and a refreshment with be provided for all students and staff. We would like to extend a big thank you to members of the CWL, and our parent and staff volunteers for their help.

Bake Sale

We will be holding a bake sale on Thursday, December 22nd to raise money for our school yard improvement basketball court. We are asking parents to contribute baking such as cookies, squares, cupcakes, muffins, fudge, etc. Items can be dropped off the day before or in the morning of the 22nd. The sale will begin at lunch time. Please help us make our yard a better place for our students to play in. Thank you for your assistance!

Spirit Day

Our spirit day for December will be held on the 23rd. Students are welcome to wear their pajamas to school and will enjoy a Christmas Movie in the afternoon in the gym. They may bring pillows, blankets and treats for the movie.

Christmas in Song

Ensemble Melodia will be performing at Holy Name Church Sunday, December 18th at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per adult and proceeds will go towards and Holy Name Renovation Fund.