

MISSION STATEMENT

Providing excellence in academics and a deepening faith in God and Gospel Values in an environment that is caring, challenging, and respectful, striving to develop in every student the habits of thinking critically and acting responsibly in daily life.



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive.

Thanks to your generosity we were able to help restock the shelves at HIS Pantry.



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SEASON OF ADVENT

This season of Advent is, of course, is like no other. Even though we are in the midst of a pandemic, it might be good to focus our thoughts on other things right now such as preparing for the birth of Jesus. He was able to bring hope and light to the world. We need that now more than ever.

Advent began on Sunday, November 29. Each day in our morning prayer this month we will be praying about preparation for something wonderful that is about to happen. In our parish bulletins that you will be receiving weekly now, there are activities that will give you and your family an opportunity to fully prepare for the

coming of our Lord.

Our students have also received Advent calendars to help them understand how important the season of Advent really is and that Jesus is the reason for the season. Discussions with your children centered around the calendar will definitely add to the richness of the seasons of Advent and Christmas.

Please try to encourage your children to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas during the weeks ahead by fully understanding the need for peace in so many different ways.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!





REPORT CARDS/PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

CALENDAR NOTES FOR DECEMBER

We have several dates in affecting the month calendar. They are noted below:

EARLY DISMISSAL (NOON)

FOR CONFERENCES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11

EARLY DISMISSAL (NOON)

ON FRIDAY

DECEMBER 18



CHRISTMAS VACATION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

THROUGH

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

SCHOOL RESUMES ON

MONDAY, JANUARY 4.

Report cards will be emailed to you on Wednesday, December 9. Parent Teacher Conferences will be held virtually or by phone (this year only) on Thursday and Friday, December 10 and 11. Conferences will

Many times during the Christmas season parents and friends wonder if there is something in particular that the school needs and how can they can help. If anyone is willing to donate a special gift during the holidays, the following

There will not be a Harvest Bazaar this fall due to COVID, but we will still have our HARVEST/HOLIDAY Big Money Raffle. This year's drawing will be held on the third Sunday of Advent,

As cases are rising, we must continue to be practice good safety habits if we want to keep everyone healthy. Please remind your children about wearing masks appropriately, washing or

take place on an "as needed" basis. If you feel it is necessary to meet with any of your child's teachers, please reach out to them. If the teachers feel the need to meet with you, they will contact

you.

It is always important that we praise our children for what they have done well and encourage them to do better in areas where they may be having difficulty.

CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

items are suggested:

- postage stamps
- sidewalk salt
- Staples or Wal-Mart gift cards
- latex free Band-Aids
- colored copy paper or card stock
- #10 Letter Envelopes
- paper towels
- coffee/hot chocolate Keurig pods
- glue sticks

BIG MONEY RAFFLE

December 13, "Gaudete" Sunday. This is a day to rejoice; and if you win, you just may be doing that.

Every family received two books. We are asking you

to sell or buy your two books for \$10. You can always ask for more books and we would be happy to get them to you. Thank you for helping our school.

SAFETY UPDATE

sanitizing their hands frequently, and social distancing.

Governor Scott of Vermont has also asked that there be no multi-household gatherings such as parties,

sleepovers, play dates, etc. Anyone who does must quarantine for fourteen days or seven days and a negative test result. Please follow the rules.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Every holiday season comes with the delight of creating a wish list; (see ours on the previous page); the joy of decorating the Christmas tree; and much anticipated family time, gifts, and celebration. Amidst all of this excitement, it is important that we take time to appreciate the countless gifts we already have and to think about what and why we are celebrating.

Here are a few tips to keep your holidays bright and full of joy, while enjoying your family time and reminding your family what is really important during the holiday season:

Remember to be kind and a model of thankfulness: You are your children's most important role model, and our families are one of our greatest gifts. When you express thankfulness to your children for having them in your life and provide a caring family support system, they will learn to appreciate you and one another. If you model kindness in your home by taking time to really listen to your children, provide help when needed, and treat them with respect, your children will be more inclined to treat others this way.

Focus your family on Christ this Christmas: Work to keep Christ and the gift of love at the center of your holiday celebrations. The very first Christmas gift was a gift of love in the infant Jesus. If you want to make this a very special Christmas, help your family give some gifts of love: give encouragement where there is fear, companionship where there is loneliness, and hope to those who are hopeless. Spreading your love and helping your children do the same is a

powerful way to teach the importance of faith, and of opening our hearts to God.

Give back to your community: Give toys to a local homeless shelter, send cards to patients in nursing homes or the Veterans' Home, donate food to His Pantry or decide with your family some new way to give back to your community.

Wishing you and your family a very happy holiday season that is full of joy, thankfulness, and the spirit of the season.

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