



St. Dorothy

ROMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Spiritual, Academic, Moral Preparation for the 21st Century

Principal's Newsletter

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Dear Families,



This Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, is known as Gaudete Sunday; Gaudete means rejoice. In the early days of the church, strict fasting was required for 40 days for both Advent and Lent. A special day of rejoicing was established to help Christians endure the time of penance and prayer.

Joy is a feeling of deep pleasure and happiness. No matter our circumstances, joy gives us peace knowing we are sons/daughters of God. Let's make joy our prayer during the 3rd week of Advent.

Picture Retake

Friday, December 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m., Active Image will be here to take pictures of anyone who was absent on picture day or would like a retake.

Christmas Nativity

On Thursday, December 15, all students in grades K-8 will present a prayerful representation of the birth of Christ. The students, under the direction of Mr. Bill Mayo, are working hard to remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Church. Please have your children report to school no later than 6:45.

Students in grades K-3 will meet in the annex and 4-8 will go directly to their classrooms. Following the program, the students will process from the Church. Kindergarten through 3rd grades will go directly to the annex where parents may pick them up. Students in grades 4 & 5 may be picked up from their classrooms and those in grades 7 & 8 may be picked up from the parking lot.

Students are asked to be nicely dressed for the program.

**NO SCHOOL TOMORROW
DECEMBER 9
TEACHER INSERVICE**

Report Cards

On Monday, December 12, the students will receive their report cards for the first trimester. The report card reflects the learning they acquired and the effort they expended toward that learning. If your child has worked to his/her potential, praise the effort, not the grade. It is important to teach our children the value of a strong work ethic and how it leads to success.

If your child is disappointed that the desired level of success was not achieved, help him/her develop strategies which will lead to success. Students need to believe in the long-term benefits that come from some basic strategies for learning, such as facing challenges, staying the course, communicating well, and solving problems. When students give their best

effort toward these strategies, achievement will follow.

Many students pursue honors, which are recognized at the end of the school year. Students who wish to receive honors must understand that work ethic plays a huge role. Students who do not complete homework or do not hand in assignments on time, or the assignments are carelessly completed are demonstrating a poor work ethic, which will be reflected on the report card with a 2 or 1. The criteria for honors are:

First Honors - 93 cumulative average or above in each subject and a 3 or 4 in effort and conduct.

Second Honors - 88 cumulative average or above in each subject and a 3 or 4 in conduct and effort.

Help Wanted

We are in need of lunch monitors who can supervise the students during lunch recess. Lunch begins at 11:45 and ends at 12:40. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Fohner at fohner@verizon.net. We are asking interested individuals to commit to a specific day each week.

Christmas Break

Christmas break will begin with **Noon Dismissal** on Thursday, December 22. There will be **No CARES**. School will resume on Tuesday, January 3.

Prayer Corner

Please remember the following in your prayers: Madeline DiCandilo, Lizzie Kelly, and Katherine Protesto, a friend of Mrs. Buechele's daughter. Pray for the repose of the soul of Joey Patterson, the grandnephew of Sister Judy.

The following families will be remembered in our prayers next week:

12/12 Esposito (Lydia), Falls, Farley
12/13 Farren, Fearow, , Ferraro
12/14 Flatley, Fohner, Foody
12/15 Ford, Fosbenner, Frein
12/16 Fry, Funchion, Furey