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Second Graders lead our Advent prayer service last week (see picture at right).

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us, a great sign of your love. Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a family this Advent. As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son. Give us the grace and strength we need every day. Help us to always trust in you. Come, Lord Jesus, lead all people closer to you. Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love. Amen.

PTO MEETING

The PTO Meeting scheduled for tonight has been cancelled due to how busy everyone is during the Christmas season. Here are a few notes from our PTO:

The Christmas Fair did very well! We exceeded our expectations for our first year—making well over \$6,000, after expenses. We are so grateful to all who volunteered, donated, or attended. Next year will be even better! Please support our donor's businesses who helped us out! (Please see list at the end of the newsletter.)

Santa's Secret Shoppe – We had three successful days of shopping. Students loved buying for their loved ones! After expenses we cleared approximately \$1,000. Very excited to announce that next year, Mrs. Castagna and Mrs. Korbey will be chairing the event. They are dedicated to shopping right after Christmas so we are sure to get the best deals possible. Thank you to all our parent and staff volunteers.

POLAR EXPRESS

The Polar Express movie night will be held this Saturday, December 15th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. You may drop your children off with their favorite pajamas, blankets and pillows and enjoy a couple of hours to yourself! Forms and payments were due to be returned today! **We are still seeking Parent**



Upcoming Events

Friday December 14th our sixth graders will be attending the North Shore Music Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol".

Friday, December 14 – Preschool and Gr. K Christmas Show

Saturday, December 15th – Polar Express Movie Night 5-7PM

Monday, December 17 – Grades 1-8 Christmas Show

Important Announcement

NO Homework Club on Monday, December 10th & Tues, Dec. 18th

NO afternoon buses on Thursday and Friday, December 13th & 14th.

NO Gr. 4 Math Help on 12/13

NO Gr. 5 Math Help on 12/18

NO Gr. 1 Help today 12/10, and 12/17

Don't forget our Holiday Calendar Raffle!! These make great stocking stuffers or small gifts!

Volunteers. Please consider helping to facilitate this magical night for our students. All volunteers must have a CORI and PGC Certificate in the School Office.

60TH ANNIVERSARY GALA – Save the Date – The Gala is booked for May 17, 2019 at Lenzi's in Dracut

Our first Gala Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 4th at 6:30 PM in the School. We will break out into the following committees. Please think about which group will best utilize your talents:

Public Relations and Advertisements

Silent Auction

Ticket Sales

Invitations and Centerpieces

Entertainment

Program Book

DETAILS FOR GRADES 1-8 CHRISTMAS SHOW

Grades 1-5 – Students may wear their Christmas best! Students will meet in their reserved section in the Church.

Grade 6 – Be at the school by 5:45 PM. Meet in the Fine Arts Room (Music/Art). *Eat before you come. NO eating will be allowed.

Girls (all except for Aryhanna and Isabel):

- Plain white shirt/blouse/top
- Uniform khaki pants
- Heavy white socks, slip-off shoes
- Hair pulled back off your face but ling in back: ½ up, ½ down

Boys wear school uniform (all except Adrian, Austin and Luke)

- Adrian and Austin – dress slacks, dress shoes, shirt and tie (suit coat optional)
- Luke – all black

Grades 7 & 8 – Meet in the cafeteria at 6:00 PM

All students are to wear shite shirts/tops and uniform pants.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GOOD CHARACTERS OF THE MONTH

Pre-K3 – Austin Kiarie, Pre-K4A – Karoline DaSilva, Pre-K4B – Adriana Gizzi Drew, Gr. K – Jayde Wood, Gr. 1 – Alsali Rosario, Gr. 2 – Rasyiah Candelario, Gr. 3 – Daniel Banks, Gr. 4 – Aida Njuguna, Gr. 5 – Connor Furbush, Gr. 6 – Colin Bowler, Gr. 7 -Jaylenne Parra, Gr. 8 – Patrick Drouin

SNOW BALL

A great time was had by our Jr. High Students at our first Snow Ball Dance which was held this past Saturday night!

CHILDREN WHO ARE ILL

We would just like to remind you that if your child is not feeling well in the morning, please keep them home from school, especially if they have vomited or have had a temperature in the last 24 hours. It does not do them any good, or anyone else for that matter, if you send them to school when they do not feel well. Thank you for your cooperation.

NEW SIBLING APPLICATIONS

Any families who have new siblings that will be attending St. Monica School next year should fill out an application before the end of January. We will start looking at applications after February vacation. The application can be found on our website. Please make sure all required documents are included along with the \$50 application fee. Requirements may be found on the Admission Policy.

REMINDER

Just a reminder that anyone not returning to St. Monica School for the next school year (2019/2020) must inform the school office in writing before January 1, 2019 so that their re-registration fee will not be charged. All returning students will be assessed a \$150 re-registration fee though their FACTS Tuition account in February for the 2019/2020 school year. Even if you have told someone your child is not returning, we need to have it in writing. Thank you.

OUR ADVENT PROJECT IS ONGOING

We will be collecting mittens, hats and gloves for Lazarus House. Students may hang them on the tree outside of Mrs. Henderson's office. Thank you for all you do for others!

HOLIDAY RAFFLE CALENDAR

We would love to have everyone participate in this great fundraiser! Your ticket is good for all 31 days! Cost is \$10.00 and you have 31 chances to win, and they make great stocking stuffers! We will be picking the winners for January 1 and 2 when we return from Christmas vacation. If you still want to sell them over Christmas vacation that is fine! Just send them in on January 2!

CHRISTMAS COOKIE SOCIAL

Every year a parent has held a Christmas Cookie Social for the staff of the school. This year Mrs. DeMattia is heading up this event on December 19th. We are so grateful to all who participate in this! It is so much fun to go and see all of the wonderful treats you have made! The staff truly appreciate all you do for them. If you have any questions, please contact Kerry DeMattia at 978-729-2926 or kerrydemattia1@verizon.net.

DON'T FORGET!!

Our two Christmas Shows are on the following dates:

Preschool and Kindergarten – Friday, December 14th at 6:30 PM, doors open at 6:00 PM.

Grades 1 – 8 – Monday, December 17th at 6:30 PM, doors open at 6:00 PM.

We hope you can join us for these two wonderful shows. They are sure to get you in the Christmas spirit!!

MORE UPCOMING DATES – Please also check the school calendar at www.methuencatholic.org/school

December 12 – Progress Reports (WILL BE EMAILED HOME)

December 13 & 14 – No afternoon buses

December 14 – Gr. 6 to see “A Christmas Carol”

December 15 – Polar Express Night (More info will be coming home)

December 19 – Spirit Day

December 20 – 11:00 AM Dismissal, NO BUSES AT DISMISSAL AND NO EXTENDED DAY. Please make sure all students are picked up at 11:00 AM so our staff can enjoy their Christmas Luncheon. Thank you!

December 21- January 1 – Christmas Break

January 2 – Return to School

PLEASE SUPPORT THE FOLLOWING DONORS WHO HAVE DONATED TO OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS THIS YEAR:

Cowabungas, Apex Entertainment, Santa’s Village, The Butterfly Place, Texas Roadhouse, Lowell Spinners, Academy Lanes, Story Land, Jay Gee’s, Raymond’s Turkey Farm, Bada Bing, North Country Rivers, McKinnons, Portland Sea Dogs, T-Bones/Cactus Jacks, 110 Grill, Westford’s Family Fun & Fitness Center, Pest-End Exterminators, Just Like Home, Butcher Boy Market, Funspot, Pleasant Street Designs, Cheesecake Factory, Vertical Dreams Indoor Rock Climbing, Jen Hamilton-Bower Keller Williams Realty, Stachey’s Pizza, Harrows Chicken Pies, MGR Electrical Services, Inc., GC Contracting, Cranmore Mountain Resort, Manchester Monarchs, Annie’s Hallmark, Maggiano’s Little Italy