



December 10, 2015

Important Dates for your Calendar:

Thursday, December 10 - Progress Reports sent home
Monday, December 14 - Christmas Program A-L
Tuesday, December 15 - Christmas Program M-Z
Friday, December 18 - **12 Noon Dismissal** - No lunch or extended care after school - Christmas Vacation begins
Tuesday, January 5 - School Resumes

The **Giving Tree** is sponsored by the **5th grade Confirmation class**. Take an ornament from the tree in the narthex and return the unwrapped gift with the ornament attached by **Monday, December 14**. If there are no ornaments left on the tree you may still purchase a gift for a child. Gifts are distributed by CSS to those in need.

Student Council is still taking donations of **coats, hats, gloves, scarves, mittens and socks!** Please drop them off in the boxes in the school lobby.

The **Year of Mercy**. Pope Francis named **December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016** a Jubilee Year of Mercy. I wish you could have all witnessed the faith of your children as we had a **Eucharistic procession** with blessings for every classroom and office in the entire school on Wednesday. I asked that the children stay quiet through the entire procession and that we would have music over the intercom. The intercom didn't work, as is the case with most best laid plans, but those kids far surpassed my expectations. There were a few kinks, but the students were amazing. I was so impressed with their prayerful expressions and signs of faith. The blessings that will be brought about by this are yet to be seen, but I am so grateful we did it. The entire **Year of Mercy** will be one of grace. If you haven't been to confession in a while, if you need to talk to a priest or get right with God, this is the year to do it. Allow yourself to experience His mercy and grow in love for Him and His love for you. God bless you, Sr. Janelle Buettner, M.S.

The **Christmas Programs** will be at **7 pm** in the church.
Monday, December 14 - last names beginning with **A-L**
Tuesday, December 15 - last names beginning with **M-Z**
Youth Choir members will attend both performances.

Doors will open at **6:40 pm** and students should be in their classrooms at **6:45 pm** wearing **nice clothing**: **No** jeans, jeggings or sleeveless tops; dress length should be to the top of the knee when standing. PTO will serve refreshments in the Parish Hall!

We are running low on donated paper, and are asking that **each family** please bring another ream of paper (8½ X 11) to the school at the start of the new year. Paper may be dropped off in the school office. Thank you!

Chess News!

NAM Members Only Tourney is **Saturday, December 12** in the Parish Hall. Register at 8:30 am, play begins at 9 am. Concessions and trophies. Round robin format with 4-6 games for everyone. Parents needed to help with tourney and concessions. Play should conclude by 1 pm.

Reminder: All library books need to be returned by this **Friday, December 18!** Report cards will be held if all fines are not paid before the end of the semester.

Propelr card sign up is this weekend after all the masses (**December 12 & 13!**) Stop in the computer lab to sign up have a donut and ask questions. If you have questions email lisa-merrill@cdolinc.net.