



Shamrock Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Dec. 18th: Christmas Play (7:00 p.m.)

Dec. 19th: Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.)

Dec. 19th: No After Hours Care

Dec. 22-Jan. 5th: Christmas Vacation

Jan. 6th: School Resumes

Christmas Program and Video

The annual **Christmas program** is scheduled for this **Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Bring the whole family to this holiday event!

DON'T STRESS! Sit back and enjoy! Mr. Kelly of **Perfection Video** will do the work for you. He will video the program and offer **DVD's for \$20.00** each. You may sign up as you enter on Thursday evening.

SCRIPmas Tree Raffle

The **SCRIPmas Tree**, covered with **\$300.00 worth of SCRIP**, will be **raffled** during the **Christmas Program on December 18th**. You may purchase **one ticket for \$1.00** or **six tickets for \$5.00**. Please fill out the tickets on the green sheets, but *please DO NOT CUT the tickets* off the sheet. Extra tickets are available in the office. *This is not a mandatory raffle.*

Advent Service Project

The focus for our **Advent Service Project** this year is the **Care Lodge Abuse Shelter** in Lauderdale County. We are collecting **hats, gloves, underwear, socks, and toilet tissue** for the newborn to 12 year old clients of the Care Lodge. We encourage our students to "work" (do extra chores) for the money to buy the items. This gives them a sense of really taking part in the project.

Children's Liturgy

Our last mass before the Christmas break will take place **Thursday, December 18th at 8:10 a.m.** The Advent Service Project items will be presented to a representative of the Care Lodge at the end of mass.

Liturgical Dancers will perform at the mass. Please have your daughter arrive dressed and ready to dance. Bring uniform to change into after mass.

NO AFTER HOURS CARE

There will be **NO AFTER HOURS CARE** on Friday, **December 19th** due to the staff holiday lunch.

Annual Appeal

Many of you have seen the posters in the Church, Family Life Center, Parish Center and School reporting the results of our Annual Appeal for 2007/2008. We are very proud of this appeal and thankful to those who have supported it. The Annual Appeal has provided additional income to enable us to advertise (have you seen our ads on WTOK, Meridian Star on-line, and the billboard on Poplar Springs Drive?) In addition, this year we **DID NOT** have a tuition increase for the first time in many years. We can't help but think that the advertising is working with an increase in enrollment of 20% this year. We have recently mailed our brochures for the 2008/2009 Annual Appeal and hope, when you receive your brochure, that you will prayerfully consider a donation. With everyone working together, great things can happen. Remember, all donations are appreciated, and none are too small!

MORE IMPORTANT INFO ON BACK

Uniform Attire and Good Grooming

As part of our school pride, we are asking that all our students (with the help of their parents) make an effort to arrive at school well groomed (hair combed, face and hands washed, and teeth brushed), as well as wearing an appropriate, clean uniform. If we look good, we feel good. Also remember to eat a good breakfast each morning to get your day off to a good start and stay alert.

Lost and Found

Uniform Items: Please take a moment to **check your home and vehicles for jackets and sweatshirts** that may or may not belong to your child. There are a number of items in our lost and found pile that have not been claimed, and there are some items that have been reported missing and have not been found here at school. With the students all wearing similar uniform jackets and sweatshirts, it is easy for them to get mixed up --- especially when the child's name is not on the item. **TAKE A MOMENT TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN HIS/HER OUTWEAR!**

Important Date

This is to clarify some confusion regarding the return date following Christmas Vacation. **The students will return on Tuesday, January 6th.**

Attention, Homeroom Parents!

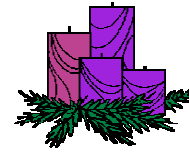
Please contact your home room teachers as soon as possible regarding plans for Christmas parties which will take place this week.

Science Fair

There is a great website to go to for science fair ideas: www.sciencebuddies.org

Photo Retakes

Sometime during the early part of January, a date for photo retakes will be announced for those who were absent for the original fall photo day.



May you be blessed this Advent Season!