



Shamrock Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Dec. 10th: Early Dismissal (1:30 p.m.)

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

Santa's Secret Shop

Thank you to our volunteers and to those who shopped at our 2008 Santa's Secret Shop. A special **BIG thank you** goes out to Marti Snowden, Susanne Delaney, Katie Caffey and Adrian Perry for all their many hours of work in ordering, setting up coordinating, and managing this holiday event. We hope that this was an enjoyable experience for all the students.

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.

Christmas Program

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

The Meridian Community is invited to attend the annual Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration to be held **Sunday, December 14th**, with the **procession** beginning at **2:00 p.m.** in the parking lot of **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, and ending at **St. Patrick Church** in time for the **3:00 p.m. 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 INFO ON BACK

Liturgical Dancers to Perform

The St. Patrick School Liturgical Dancers have been invited to perform at the celebration in honor of **Our Lady of Guadalupe** at **3:00 p.m. Sunday, December 14th** at St. Patrick Church.

Children's Liturgy

The **children's liturgy** this week took place today in honor of the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**, a holy day of obligation. There will be **no** Thursday morning mass on the 11th.

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.

Important Date

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

Lost and Found

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!**

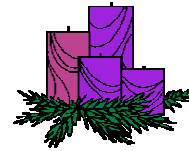
Family Challenge Night

Family Challenge Night was a huge success! Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who attended and participated in this event. A **BIG Thank You** goes out to Adrian Perry and Bill Costello for all their work in organizing this first annual evening of family FUN! Let's do it again next year!

Please take one minute to complete and return the enclosed Family Challenge Night Survey. Thank you.

Attention, Home Room Parents!

Please contact your home room teachers as soon as possible regarding plans for Christmas parties.



May you be blessed this Advent Season!

