



Shamrock Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

Dec. 9: Photo Retake Day
Dec. 14: Box Tops Contest Ends
Dec. 15: Christmas Play, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 16: Early Dismissal
Dec. 16: NO After Hours Care
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2: Christmas Holiday
Jan. 3: School Resumes

Advent Service Project

Our service project for Advent will be collecting items for the **East Mississippi Animal Rescue**. Specific items have been requested for this project: **Pet Beds; Purina Kitten Chow; Purina Puppy Chow with only brown colored food (specified on bag); Cat Litter; and Pet Collars**. Your generosity will be appreciated by the director and little critters alike.

Early Dismissal / NO After Hours

Friday, December 16th is an Early Dismissal Day. There will be NO AFTER HOURS CARE on that day. Students must be picked up following 1:30 p.m. dismissal.

Christmas Play

The Christmas Play is scheduled for next **Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Family Life Center Gym! We are looking forward to a very entertaining evening.

Please watch for information from your child's teacher regarding costumes for the play, as well as when and where to bring your child to meet his/her teacher the night of the play.

SCRIPmas Tree Raffle

Enclosed in today's green folder you will find tickets for this year's **SCRIPmas Tree Raffle**. You are under **NO** obligation to purchase or sell these tickets. However, purchasing tickets increases your chances of winning the tree containing over \$400.00 worth of SCRIP cards. **Please DO NOT cut the tickets**. Turn in full or partially-filled sheets as they are along with money. The **drawing** will take place prior to the start of the Christmas Play **Thursday, December 15th**. You may visit the office to see the SCRIPmas tree.

SCRIP CARDS

If you are interested in ordering SCRIP Cards in time for the holidays, please contact the school office. We have cards for gas, groceries, restaurants, department stores, hotels, cruises, airlines and more. How does it work? You pay for a \$25.00 card you get a \$25.00 card. When purchasing the cards, the school receives a discount, the percentage of which varies from business to business.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

T-SHIRT ORDERS

The dates for Catholic Schools Week 2012 are January 29 – February 4, 2012. In order to place the order and receive the CSW t-shirts in time, we have enclosed order forms in the green folders today. If you are interested in purchasing any shirts, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the school **no later than Wednesday, December 14th**.

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS ON BACK!

Class Photos and Fall Photo Retakes

If your child was absent on picture day, or if there was a problem with your original photos, please contact the school office prior to Friday, December 9th in order to obtain a form. **Retakes** will be taken along with class photos at 8:15 a.m. on **Friday, December 9th** following prayer and announcements. **Envelopes are enclosed in the green folders today to order class photos.**

Trees of Christmas

The theme this year of the Merrehope Trees of Christmas is "A Touch of the Brush," focusing on different types of art concepts, artists, or periods of art. Each tree has its own theme and the St. Patrick School tree revolves around Blue Dog art inspired by Louisiana artist, George Rodrigue. Decorations were made by our 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes. The tours began November 18th and continue through New Year's Eve. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$9 for seniors, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12 years of age, and free for children under three years of age. Make this a part of your holiday enjoyment.

School Store

The School Store is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:15 a.m. until 7:50 a.m.

The Gift of Music

Give your child a gift that will last long after the toys and games of Christmas are gone. Music develops discipline, self-confidence, and promotes good study habits. Now is the perfect time to enroll your child for piano lessons. Sign them up today and they will be playing Christmas music by Christmas. Please contact Mrs. Peggy Joyce Johnson at (601) 527-4330.



In accordance with the Civil Rights Act of 1964, there will be no discrimination on the grounds of race, creed, color, national origin, or handicapping condition in regards to student enrollment or staff employment.

Box Tops for Education Contest Update

The total collected during the third week of the Box Tops for Education Contest is 331 box tops. That represents \$33.10 for the school. Our current grand total is 2714 box tops and \$271.40.

Our top 5 classes are: 1. Ms. Butler – 598; 2. Mrs. Hines – 436; 3. Mrs. Munn – 380; 4. Mrs. Blackledge – 321; 5. Mrs. Pressly - 316

Our top five (5) students are: 1. Emma Ward – 200; 2. Audrey Rush – 193; 3. Kaden Murray – 150; 4. Hayden Donnelly – 125; 5. Jean Karol Mayo – 103.

Congratulations and keep them coming!

This week's hint: Don't throw away those Ziploc and Hefty brand product containers with the trash. Clip the Box Tops for Education points off first so your class can win the Box Top for Education Contest! Each box top gets us closer to our \$1,000.00 goal! Please cut your box tops neatly on the dotted lines, being careful to not take off too much or cutting/tearing the coupons. The expiration date needs to be visible. The last day to send in box tops is **Wednesday, December 14th**. I will pick them up in the office at **2:45 p.m.** and anything dropped off or sent in after then will NOT be counted as part of the contest.

Campbell's Soup Labels and Coke Points are NOT part of this contest. If you wish to send them to the school, please use the cans by the library. Do not send them in your baggies; they will NOT be counted in your child's total. If there is a discrepancy in what you think your child should have and the number I have, one of the reasons above is why.

When the contest is over, we will continue to collect Box Tops in the container in the lobby of the school. Our goal is to earn \$1,000.00 this year with one \$.10 Box Top at a time!!

~Thank you.

Box Top Chairperson, Carissa Murray