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This Friday, December 5th, is First Friday. Grades 7&8 will attend the 8:30 a.m. mass. Grades 2-8 will attend Benediction at 2:45 p.m.

CO-OP NEWS

Cookie dough . . . tomorrow, December 2nd, is **ABSOLUTELY** the last day to turn in your order form!!! Money is due with your order. Cookie dough will be delivered before Christmas break. Thanks for your participation.

CELEBRATION IN THE OAKS

Our choir will be singing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10th. Our third graders have decorated a Christmas tree (#24) and will be performing a living nativity scene at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00. (Part of the proceeds from tickets sold through school will benefit St. Angela.) Each person 4 years and older must present a ticket for admission. (In case of rain, tickets may be used from Sunday through Thursday the week of our school night.) ***Absolute deadline*** to purchase tickets at school is 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 9th.

ADOPTED FAMILIES

Each homeroom is adopting a family and will provide clothing, toys, gift certificates, and more to make their Christmas season bright. What a wonderful blessing it is to give!! Family profiles will be distributed to homeroom teachers later this week. Please begin sending your donation to your child's homeroom mother.

NO P.M. BUS SERVICE THIS FRIDAY

Please note there will be no p.m. bus service this Friday, December 5th.

QUIZ BOWL REMINDER

Quiz bowl tryouts in Room 1 tomorrow, December 2nd from 3:30 – 4:30.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

The Advent season, once again, promises to be a very special time at St. Angela Merici School. We remember Jesus' family tree by placing the symbols on a Jesse tree at assembly each morning (weather permitting). Each class (gr.1-8) is taking turns decorating the tree with symbols of various Biblical people leading up to Jesus' birth. Ask your child about it each day. We are also encouraging students to do good deeds during Advent in order to make a "comfortable crib" for baby Jesus. The student is asked to write the deed on a strip of yellow/gold paper that can be gotten from the teachers. This "piece of hay" will be added to the crib for each good deed. The students can keep their good deeds in their school bags and can place them in the crib at morning assembly as scheduled. (Third grade and below is M-W-F, 4th grade and above is T-Th-F). We are also lighting our Advent wreaths for closing prayers each afternoon. We look forward to a very meaningful Advent season as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

We will continue to prepare our hearts through service as well. I would like to thank you for your generous support of our Thanksgiving food drive. This food will feed many needy people. During this Advent we will continue with our homeroom "adopt a family" program. Your support of this worthy project is greatly appreciated.

PICTURE RE-TAKES

Our picture re-take day will be next Friday, December 12th. Please send your packet to the office on or before this date to have your picture re-taken. Any students that were absent on our picture day will take their picture on this date.

DRESS DOWN DAY

Junior Beta Club is raising funds to purchase toys for Children's Hospital/Toys for Tots. Dress down Thursday, December 4th for a cost of \$1.00. Your \$1.00 will make a child's Christmas happier.

CYO REMINDER

Meet Sunday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. in the bank parking lot. We will return to the school yard about 9:00 p.m. Please be waiting to pick up your child.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR “IN PARISH”

TUITION RATES NEXT YEAR

Each parish family must contribute at least \$375.00 using the envelopes during this calendar year. We cannot accept contributions in January of next year. If you have any questions regarding the status of your contributions, please call the rectory at 835-0324.

CUB SCOUT NEWS

- Parents’ meeting this Wednesday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the annex meeting room. **NOTE CHANGE OF DATE!** Please have one adult from each den attend.
- Christmas Pack Meeting – Friday, December 12th at 7:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Kern Center.
- Scout Mass – Sunday, December 14th at 9:30 a.m.

ATTENTION GRADE 6-8 TENNIS

PLAYERS/FANS

St. Angela has the opportunity to send 10-15 students on a special field trip on Friday, December 5th. It is a charity tennis exhibition between Andre Agassi and Andy Roddick. If your child is interested, please sign the permission form attached to this bulletin and return to school by tomorrow. The names of participants will be drawn at random on ***Tuesday, December 2nd***.

EXAM SCHEDULE – GRADES 6-8

- Monday, Dec. 15 – 7th & 8th grade Spanish
- Tuesday, Dec. 16 – Social Studies/Science
- Wednesday, Dec. 17 – Literature/Religion
- Thursday, Dec. 18 – Math/English

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

On Wednesday, December 3rd, Mrs. Gandolini will hold a craft class for any student in grades 5 – 8. Students will be making a RAG CHRISTMAS WREATH. Class is from 3:15 to 5:00 p.m. Sign up with Mrs. Gandolini and pick up a list of supplies needed for the class.

CHRISTMAS BASKETBALL CAMP

Mr. James will be having his Basketball Camp during the Christmas holidays. The dates are as follows: December 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, and 31. Fliers have been distributed and are available in the office.

HORNETS TICKETS AVAILABLE

The St. Angela Boys’ Basketball teams will be playing St. Elizabeth on the Hornet’s Court on Thursday, December 18th at 3:00 and 4:00 p.m. For the cost of the ticket you can watch our own teams and the Hornets/Kings Basketball game at 7:00 p.m. that same night. The cost of a ticket is \$20.00 (checks payable to St. Angela). There are a limited number of tickets available. If you would like to buy a ticket, please send your money and request to the school office as soon as possible.

SPORTS NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

- The runners of the Cross Country Team in the District Meet held November 8th. The girls placed 7th out of 22 teams. Morgan Passman came in 7th of the top 10 district runners. The boys placed 15th out of 27 teams. We had a great season!
- The Jr. and Sr. Girls basketball teams for attending the Lafayette basketball tournament over the Thanksgiving holidays. The Jr. girls won 2nd place and the Sr. girls won 1st place. Thank you to all the parents – without you it would not be possible to make this enjoyable trip.

Girls Flag Football

Friday, December 5 at 3:40 p.m. vs. St. Benilde and 4:15 p.m. vs. St. Christopher. Both games will be at St. Benilde School.

Boys Basketball

Thurs. 12/4 vs. St. Benilde Jr. 4:00 @ SAM
vs. St. Benilde Sr. 5:00 @ SAM

Boys Volleyball

Practice schedule for this week is as follows:
Tuesday and Wednesday, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 7:10 a.m. - Tournament this weekend beginning Friday, December 5.
Schedule TBA.

SCIENCE CLUB

The Young Scientists – Einstein and Socrates groups meet in the Science lab on Thursday, 12/4 from 3:20-4:20.

CHOIR NEWS

This Wednesday we will have an extended practice until 5:00 p.m. to prepare for Celebration in the Oaks. Next Wednesday, December 10, we will have an abbreviated practice until 4:00 p.m. Our performance is that evening at 7:00 p.m. We will assemble at 6:30 p.m. behind the performance area. More details will be available at practice. ***It is not necessary to purchase a ticket for choir members.*** They will be admitted free at a specified gate. We will sing on December 14 at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Christmas Eve we will sing for the 6:00 p.m. vigil Mass.

PLAY AUDITIONS

Auditions for the play will be held Saturday, December 13th. Please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board by Wednesday, December 10th.

CHALLENGE GROUP

A purple lunch kit and a pink Disney "Princess" sweater were left on the bus last Wednesday after the field trip.

BAND NEWS

Important Reminder – Band and Precorder students will have classes on Tuesday, December 2nd instead of Thursday, December 4th.

Christmas Band and Recorder Concert – December 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at St. Christopher gym. Dress is school uniforms. Jazz band members should wear their T-shirts. Report times – 6:30pm – 4th grade and middle school drummers; 6:45pm – 5th – 8th grade; 6:50pm – 3rd grade (form lines).

Please note there will be no supplemental classes on Saturday, December 6. Questions? Please contact Ward Smith at ward.smith@att.net

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be.

KID'S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Listen and Silent are spelled with the same letters.

WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS

Unbelievable work.