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### **CO-OP NEWS**

- **Cookie Dough** orders are to be picked up tomorrow, **Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** between the hours of **3:00-6:00 p.m.** in the gym. Please make plans to pick up your orders during this time. We do not have storage space and we want to make sure you have your orders for the holidays. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Cook Book** orders are still being taken. Order forms are available in the school office.

### **ADOPTED FAMILIES**

Our "Adopted Christmas Family" program has been very successful. Thank you for your generosity. We do have three "unadopted" families. Can you help? Each has a single parent and only two or three children. **All gifts are due to the Religion Education Office on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> by 11:00 a.m. (If sending gift certificates, please put them into a small box to wrap. Thanks!)**

### **EARLY DISMISSAL – NO AFTER SCHOOL CARE AND P.M. BUS SERVICE FRIDAY**

Please note there will be dismissal at 11:00 a.m. There will be **no after school care or p.m. bus service** on this day.

### **EXAM SCHEDULE – GRADES 6-8**

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

### **SPECIAL THANKS**

Special thanks to Michael Brinks and American Luxury Limousine. The donation of the limousine added to a most enjoyable outing on Friday for the winners of the raffle ticket contest.

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Congratulations to our participants in the Celebration in the Oaks for a job well done. The Choir did a beautiful job of sharing the spirit of the season. Their voices sounded like little angels. Their rendition of "O Holy Night" brought tears to my eyes! Special thanks to our choir director, Diane Kratochvil and accompanist, Peter Weilbaecher for doing such a beautiful job with these children, not only at this event, but all year round. Some of our third graders portrayed the story of the Nativity that evening and also did a great job. It was a very meaningful presentation. Our third grade Christmas tree was also very well done. Thanks to Mrs. Casebonne, Mrs. Pratt, and Mrs. Plaisance for their efforts. I am very proud of the representation of St. Angela Merici School at Celebration in the Oaks.

As we approach the upcoming Christmas season, I would like to wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. Christmas is a time to focus on sharing and family. I hope that you count your blessings during this season as you are all so blessed to have such wonderful children. I hope that you can step away from the "hustle and bustle" to truly enjoy your family during this Christmas vacation. I am looking forward to celebrating with your children during this week as follows:

Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> – Kindergarten program @ 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 – Whole school Mass

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup> – 9:15 – Program in gym and 10:15 Class Christmas parties – 11:00 dismissal.

### **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS TREAT!**

All students are invited to "**Dress Up**" on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. It's a great opportunity to dress in your Christmas clothes, or wear red and green. Please follow the guidelines for "Out of Uniform" days in the Parent/Student handbook on page 17. (Christmas attire optional)

### **PIED PIPER PLAY NEWS**

Audition results are posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Students were given a notice about a mandatory meeting on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> in Room 1 at 6:00 p.m. for cast and crew and their parents.

## **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. The parish 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.

## **PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Grounds Committee will be having a workday on Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. They will be working on various projects around school to help prepare for Open House. Please try to volunteer some time on this day. For more information, you may contact Paul Bruiglio or Scott Elston.

## **NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BEE**

Any students in grade 4 – 8 who are interested in competing in the Geography Bee please meet in Mrs. Pretus’ classroom (#13) after school until 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW ORLEANS BOWL TICKETS**

Ms. Polly Thomas has donated 2 tickets to the New Orleans Bowl to be played in the Superdome at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. The game is North Texas vs. Memphis. Any students with “A” and “B” in conduct can put their name “in the hat” to be picked as the winner. Talk to your parents to make sure one of them will go to the game with you then give Mrs. Gandolini your name and phone number tomorrow morning. Drawing will be tomorrow at 12 noon.

## **SPORTS NEWS**

### **Boys Basketball**

Thurs. 12/18 vs. St. Elizabeth Jr. 3:00 and Sr. 4:00

@ Hornet’s Basketball Arena

Thurs. 1/8 vs. St. Clement Jr. 4:00 @ St. Clement  
vs. St. Mary Mag. Sr. 5:00 @ St. Clement

### **Cheerleading**

Perky Icebreakers @ St. Angela 3:45-5:45 today.  
December 17, 18 and 19 – new dance practice –  
3:30-5:30 on Wed. and Thurs; 11:30-4:00 on Fri.  
(bring lunch on this day). Please show up for the  
games and practice. Have a Merry Christmas from  
all the coaches. Start checking the school website  
for cheerleader info @ [www.stangelaschool.org](http://www.stangelaschool.org)  
Jan 8 – Super Penguins @ St. Clement – 3:45-5:45.

## **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.

## **CHOIR NEWS**

We have a lot to do in the coming week! Make note of the following dates:

**Wed. Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Practice 3:30-4:30

**Thurs. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Sing for 9:30 Mass

**Sun. Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Parish caroling in the gym.  
Arrive by 6:00 p.m. Don’t wear choir uniforms!  
Dress in Christmas attire.

**Christmas Eve, Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** – We will sing for the 6:00 vigil Mass. We will be singing *before* Mass. Please arrive at church *no later than 5:15 p.m.* We will meet in Mrs. Gallardo’s downstairs classroom.

## **BAND NEWS**

- All band and precorder classes will meet on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. This will be an important practice day!
- All 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade band members will perform in the gym on Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Band members, please bring your instruments to the gym before you go to class.
- All of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade precorder classes will perform on the 19<sup>th</sup> as well.

Questions? Please contact Ward Smith.

## **JANUARY CALENDARS**

The monthly calendar and lunch calendar for January is included with this bulletin.

## **THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Three Wise Women would have: asked directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stables, made a casserole, brought practical gifts, and there would be PEACE ON EARTH.

## **KID’S THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**

Daddy says Santa gets into our house through the hole in his wallet.

## **WAYS TO PRAISE KIDS**

What an imagination!