

Adopt-A-Family Donations are Due

Classes are collecting toys, money, new clothing items such as socks, hats, mittens, and other items to be donated to the Adopt-A-Family Program.

Please send your donation to your child's classroom **this week** so that the committee can make sure these gifts get counted and distributed to the needy.

NEWSLETTER

Weekly Office Update

Calendar of upcoming activities

Monday, November 30 - School Board meeting-
6:30 PM.

Wednesday, December 2 - School Penance Service
grades 3-8.

Friday, December 4 - No School/Teacher Workshop
Club House Open.

Sunday, December 6 - Family Advent Activity after
10:30 Mass.

Tuesday, December 8 - Holy Day Mass -
Immaculate Conception.

Thursday, December 10 - Twins Stadium Training
5:00 in school cafeteria.

Thursday, December 17 Performing Arts Play 6:00
and 7:30 PM

Friday, December 18 - Marathon winners pizza
party.

Monday, December 21 - All School Musical and
Band Concert - 6:30 PM (PreK-8 - does not include
3/4 year old class)

Monday, December 21 - Preschool Pre-K 4/5 class
program at 11:00 in Church.

Tuesday, December 22 - 3/4 preschool program at
10:00 in Church.

Wednesday, December 23 - Kindergarten program
in Church at 1:30

Thursday, December 24 - School Closes until
January 4 for Holiday break.

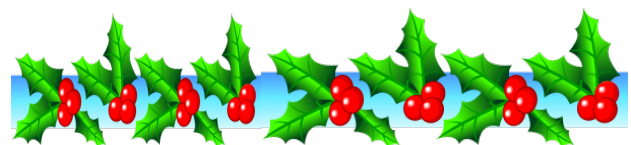
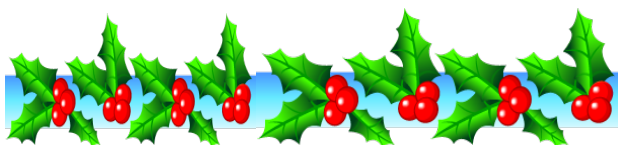


FROM THE DESK OF THE PRINCIPAL...

News from Kim Doyle

Dear Parent,

Have you considered how hard it would be to teach children about advent and the coming of Christmas if we were not allowed to bring our Faith into our daily lives? At a Catholic school we are totally free to do just this at any time during the day. As a matter of fact, we can focus on our Faith all day, over and over again as we move from one subject to the next. This time of year we all realize that our children need to "KEEP FOCUSED" on the REAL meaning of Christmas. The media and world around us makes sure that their ads for new toys, games, gadgets, are the like are well known. In our school, we will focus on good deeds, advent candles, the life of Jesus beginning with His birth, collecting food for the poor, donating to the Adopt-a-Family program, having a penance service to reconcile our sins, and making the most of the REAL meaning of Advent and Christmas. What a wonderful time of year to be enrolled in a Catholic School!



Saint Wenceslaus School Mission Statement

The St. Wenceslaus School community is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment so that each individual's potential can be realized. We are life-long learners called to make a difference in our changing world, as we are shaped by our Catholic faith and challenged to embrace the Gospel.

Looking Ahead!

Our School Christmas Concert/Program will take place **at 6:30 PM on Monday, December 21**. This will be for PreK 4/5 year old class - Grade 8. The 3/4 preschool class is NOT involved in this program. Our Band will also perform on this evening. Students can dress in their Christmas best.

**Advent - A Time for Watching and Waiting**

Advent is coming - Mark your calendar for a Family Activity Time here at our church. All families from the school and parish are welcome. Activities include advent prayer and reflection - advent activities to make meaning of the advent season. Families with youth and children all welcome. Lunch included. School families let's have a good showing of our families to participate in this event planned by the faith formation staff. **It is time to register your family. RSVP's are due on December 2 for this event which takes place on Sunday, December 6 after the 10:30 Mass.**

**Marathon Winners**

Pizza Party with the Principal - TJ Pexa, Libby Olson, Luke Sheppard, Cael Berg, Josh Anderson, Emma Anderson, Alice Schmid, Kelly Sletten, Simon Dietz, Jeremy Schmid, Andy Capaul, Chloe Coldagelli, Maria Berg, Maddie Asse, Maggee Becker, Madison Simon, Brad Gillen

Highest Pledges = Brad Gillen

Highest Number of Sponsors = Brad Gillen

Change a School Rule - Mrs. Stavos's Class, Mrs. Kreger's Class, Ms Christy's Class

iPod winner = Andrew Scheiber

Pizza party scheduled for December 18.

Thanks to everyone once again!

Twins Stadium Training Sessions
Training will take place at 5:00 on December 10 in the church basement cafeteria. Call to Sign up.



Contact Gail Hunt 758-3133,
Lu Tupy 758-4097,

Club House will be open on December 4 for anyone needing childcare. This is a teacher workshop day so there is no school. Call Karry Helgestad, our Club House Director to register. Club House Kids will be going skating on this day to the New prague community center from 1:00-2:30. cost is \$3.00 to skate and \$3.00 if you need to rent skates. Cost of Club House on this day is \$14/4 hours or less and \$28 for 4 hours or more.
PARENTS- NEED TO GO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITHOUT KIDS? - USE CLUB HOUSE!

St. Wenceslaus Open Skate - Join Club House during the open skate time - see above times. Kids who come without parents will be under the supervision of Club House and will be charged accordingly. Parents who bring kids and stay to watch their own kids can come just for the FUN! Rates of the ice/skate rental still apply. Join together with other families of St. Wenceslaus for a fun afternoon. December 4 - 1:00-2:30

Keeping the Czech Traditions of our Community Alive.

Many Eastern European children, including those from Czechoslovakia receive gifts twice during the Christmas season. The first opportunity for gift-giving is on December 6, the Day of St. Nicholas (Mikolas), when children receive small presents like candy or small toys in shoes that have been placed on the windowsill or door step the night before. As a reminder to be good, some children will receive coal or branches from trees in their shoes alongside the other small gifts. Mikolas sometimes appears in the flesh to groups of children. Mikolas may wear the more traditional bishop's clothing and be accompanied by boys representing good and mischief (or sometimes only mischief), but he serves a similar purpose as the Western Santa Claus in that he keeps track of the good and bad deeds of children all over the world.



Mikolas is planning a visit to the children of St.

Wenceslaus on December 7. He may be bringing with him an angel and a devil to represent to the children good and bad behavior. The Czech Heritage Club of New Prague will explain to the children the customs and traditions of the visit of Mikolas.

Monday 9:15 Advent Prayer

Join us by the Advent Wreath in the PAC each week as we try to fill our manger scene with hay for the Baby Jesus.



We have begun to build a place to represent a stable where the Baby Jesus will be born. There is an empty cradle in the scene which we will fill with straw. Each piece of the straw is a sign of a good deed, a prayer or a good act that the students will do during Advent. Students will collect the straw to line the Baby's cradle.

We will be sending home strips of yellow paper representing the straw. You can use this straw to reward your child for their good deeds and prayers around home. They can bring their straw to school on Monday mornings to place in the cradle.

School Tuition!

This year we are falling far behind in collecting school tuition. Just as you have bills to pay at home - we also depend on tuition to cover our school expenses. PLEASE pay up if you are behind. We will now be charging a 5% fee to those who are not up to date with tuition. 1/2 of your total tuition payment should be paid by this time.

Mosaic Alley of New Prague,

has offered us a great opportunity. On Thursday, December 10.

They will be offering a fundraiser from 5:30-7 PM just for YOU!

10% of your purchase price will be donated back to St. Wenceslaus School. Help stir the local economy and make money for your school by doing your shopping locally. Special treats and sales on this special night.

