



St. Rose School

January 2012

SEASON of SHARING

Faith in action was evident throughout our school again this holiday season. Thank you to all the children and their families who participated in our many projects during the holiday season. We sent two van loads of toys to Sr. Paula's soup kitchen. The children collected items for our servicemen and women in the Middle East. They made Christmas cards for prisoners and residents of Garvey Manor. The Thanksgiving Oxfam "Hunger Banquet" raised \$533 for Oxfam America and \$389 for Sr. Paula's family kitchen. Also, our food drives provided many boxes of food and turkeys for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank.

POLICY for EMERGENCY CLOSING/DELAY/EARLY DISMISSAL

In the event of severe weather, St. Rose of Lima School always follows the decision of the Altoona Area School District concerning cancellations, delays, and early dismissals. You will be contacted through our **PARENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**. But please listen to local radio and television stations as well for the Altoona Area School District decision. The school district posts the information very early on Educational Access Ch. 13. St. Rose follows the decision of the Altoona Area School District. (Please check the handbook for specific information regarding pre school classes and Before Care.)



MORNING DROP- OFF

Please remember that parents should not be walking their children to their classrooms in the Gr. 1-8 hallway.

It is a very busy time, and teachers do not have time for conferences. If you need to speak to the teacher concerning an urgent matter, please come to the office for a visitor's pass. Thank you for your cooperation.

GEOGRAPHY BEE

Our school's final competition for the National Geographic Society's Geography Bee will be Friday, Jan. 6th at 1:20 in the parish center. Congratulations to our 10 finalists: Grade 8—Tristen Conrad, Josh Degol / Grade 7 — Delaney Myrick, Damian Runk, Michael Simanski, Joshua Trybus / Grade 6 — Kain Davis, Abby Koehle, Shane Zovinka / Grade 5 — Julia Wise.

CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from Jan. 28th to Feb. 2nd. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Academics. Service." We will begin our celebration with a school Mass on Saturday, Jan. 28th at 4:00 P.M. More information about the week's events will be sent home later.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Please remember that no one may be involved in any school activity (sports, field trips, parties, crafts, lunchroom/cafeteria, etc.) unless you have completed the "Protecting God's Children" program and have received all your clearances. This includes **coaches and assistants** in all sports and all levels of sports. Please call the school office for information (942-7835).

REDUCING ILLNESSES

As we enter the cold and flu season there are some things we can do to help reduce illnesses. Please,

DO NOT send your child to school if he is sick.

If your child has a fever, do not send him back to school for at least 24 hours after the fever has broken.

Teach your child to sneeze or cough into a tissue. Tissues should be discarded after one use. If he does not have a tissue, teach him to sneeze or cough into the crook of his arm not into his hands.

Teach your child to wash his hands thoroughly (20 seconds) and often using soap and water. Small children can sing the ABC song to learn the proper length of time for washing hands. If soap and water are not available, teach your child to use hand sanitizer. Remember hand sanitizers should not have less than 62% ethyl alcohol in order to be effective.



The school will reinforce these lessons so we can have a healthier winter.

HOMEWORK PICK-UP POLICY

Just as another reminder during the cold and flu season, if your child is absent you may call the school office by 1:00 to request homework. You may pick up your child's homework in the office at 2:45. Due to the teachers' schedules, we cannot have the homework ready any earlier. Thank you.

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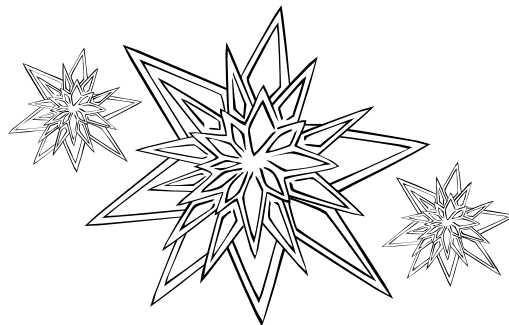
As time goes by in the school year, the dress code begins to slip. We are strictly enforcing it this year, so please refer to the Dress Code information in the 2011-2012 Parent/Student Handbook. Thank you for your cooperation.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Again this year the Maria Parish Center was filled with Christmas spirit at our annual Christmas program on Dec. 14th. Thank you to Mrs. Black, Miss Damiano, Mrs. Bagley, Mrs. Kepner, Mrs. Meintel and all the teachers and students for a charming Christmas program.

Thank you to the students, teachers, and homeroom parents for the beautiful Christmas baskets which we raffled at the program. We raised \$1,000 for the school!

Thanks, also, to all who participated in the raffle to win the front seats and special parking. The drawing was held on Dec. 13th, and the Gates family were the happy winners!



Happy Birthday!



1st. CLAIR CAMMARATA – Gr. 1

3rd TAYLOR BLUNT – GR. 4

4TH MRS. MAIER

NICHOLAS SCARAMOZZINO – GR. 6

7TH JULIA RUNK – GR. 3

9TH KRISTEN BETTWY- GR. 5

MR. MASCHUE

10TH ALHANA DAVIS – GR. 3

11TH SAMUEL STESSNEY – GR. 5

12TH NOAH TREXLER- GR. 7

14TH JEANA BOHN – GR. 3

VALERY BOHN – GR. 3

15TH MICHAEL BERISH – GR.5

JONAH BRANDT – GR. 4

16TH CORINNE WESNER – PRE K 4

17TH SOPHIA SIMANSKI – GR. 2

19TH EVELYN MCCONNELL – GR. 6

COLLIN CAMPBELL – GR. 2

20TH ABBY YAHNER – GR. 2

ERIN YAHNER – GR. 2

21st OLIVIA PRICE—PK 3

24th DAVID WOLFINGER – PRE K 4

26TH FINLEY STEINBUGL – Kdg.

28TH NATHANIEL MURPHY- GR. 7

30TH MATTHEW LENZE – GR. 4

31ST. ALANA HALLINAN – GR. 7



