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From the Principal's Desk

December 10, 2015



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Festivities Abound!

Thank you again to all who contributed to the annual Toys for Tots campaign. Our Giving Mass was beautiful and Father Peter gave a wonderful homily in which he told the children that bringing the toys to be blessed before they are distributed helps to truly spread the Christmas message of hope and love.

The school building is certainly beginning to look very festive. If you have some time, please come in and take a look at all of the classroom doors. The Student Council is sponsoring a door decorating contest and everyone is meeting the challenge with enthusiasm!

The band Christmas Concert was last night; your children had the opportunity to hear all of the wonderful selections during dress rehearsal. The band students gave two wonderful performances and all of their hard work and practice time was in full display.

Remember that next week we have two additional Christmas programs:

K-4 Christmas Concert: December 15, 7:00 pm
5th Grade Pageant: December 17, 2:00 pm

A few date reminders:

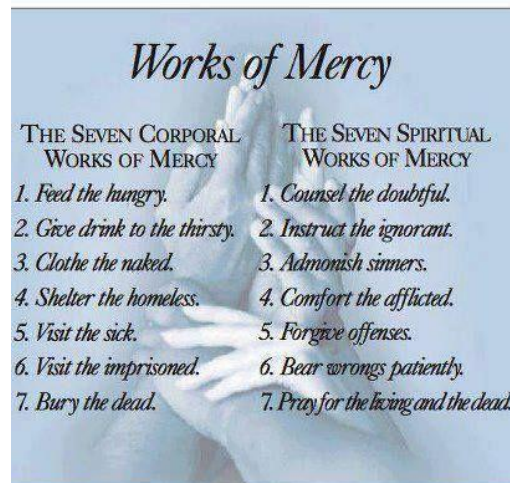
Friday, December 18th is the date that 2nd Quarter interims will go home;

Monday, December 21st is a regular, full day of school;

Tuesday, December 22nd is an 11:30 am dismissal with NO Extended Day;

Monday, January 4th is the first day back after the Christmas break

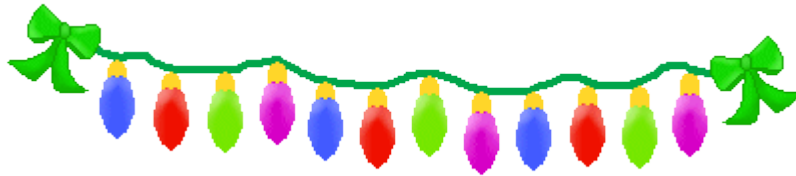
On Tuesday Pope Francis opened the Year of Mercy; may we all find and embrace ways to show mercy in all of our encounters with others.



-Maureen Ashby

Principal

"The future starts today, not tomorrow." - Pope John Paul II
Holy Spirit School Class of 2015



Costume Sheet for the Christmas Concert Three Wee Kings Grades K-3

The Christmas Concert is on December 15th

Students should come to school on 12/15 in their Christmas Concert Costumes for the dress rehearsal.

They should return that evening at 6:30 pm to their home rooms. The concert starts in the gym at 7:00 pm.

Kindergarten- "Lions"

The Kindergarteners will wear a yellow/golden shirt with black/brown pants. They will be provided with lion manes that will fill them with pride.

1st Grade- "Lambs"

The 1st graders will wear their gym sweats inside out to give them that wooly look. They will be provided with lamb ears so they will not feel sheepish.

2nd Grade- "Stars"

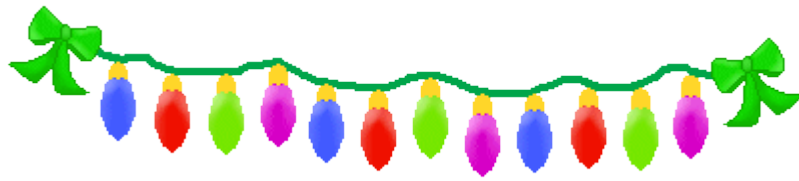
The 2nd graders will wear dark blue shirts and black pants to represent the night sky. They will be provided with star hats to help them shine.

3rd Grade- "Camels"

The 3rd graders will wear a brown shirt with black/brown pants. They will be provided with camel hats to get them over the hump.
Parent Volunteer Opportunities!

Combined Rehearsal Monitors

The combined rehearsals will take place the two weeks before the week of the concert, December 1st - 5th and December 8th - 12th. Come help keep our little stars in line! Times for grade levels will vary.



If you have any costume questions, or you're a parent who would like to earn some hours by volunteering, contact Mrs. Gullickson, lgullickson@holyspiritflames.org
Thank you so much for helping make this year's Christmas Concert a great memory you and your child!
In Christ, Mrs. Lisa Gullickson

*This announcement may also be found in the Family Folder flyer section at the bottom of the page.



Christmas is right around the corner and so is the Annual Holy Spirit "Santa's Secret Shop"

This event will be held on Thursday, December 17th and
Friday, December 18th 2015 in Room 3!

All students, PK through 8th grade will have the chance to shop for their loved ones (homeroom teachers will be sure you know on which day your student will be shopping).

Prices are very affordable, ranging from \$1.00 to \$15.00.

Each student will receive an envelope on Monday December 14th.

Please be sure they bring it back on the scheduled shopping date with the cash for their shopping. Our Santa's helpers will be there to assist the students with their purchases. All gifts will come home, wrapped, and ready to go under your Christmas Tree!

If you have any questions please
email: anavickyu@hotmail.com or ynlcastellon@gmail.com

Volunteer opportunities are available through the SignUpGenius.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10cob4aa8a82eab9-christmas>



Christmas Dress Down Day!

**The National Junior Honor Society is hosting
a
Dress Down Day on Monday, Dec. 21st**

**Prekindergarten thru 2nd Grade should dress
as Santa, or Mrs. Claus**

**3rd Grade thru 5th Grade should dress
as Elves**

Middle School students should dress
as Christmas Ornaments



January Lunch Calendar

The January lunch calendar is now available.
Please see the link below in the Family Folder
Flyers section or under the Current
Families tab on the school website click on
Lunch Menu.

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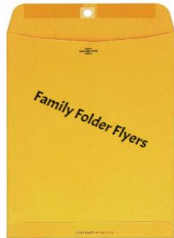


Respect for Life Club

Coat Drive

The coat drive has been a huge success thus far with over 100 coats having been donated. Thank you for your generosity!

The drive will continue until February.



Family Folder Flyers

The following flyers can be found on the website in the folder labeled "December 10, 2015" (or follow the links here) For your convenience, some flyers are repeated with the newest flyers at the top:

School Flyers:

1. [Wee Three Kings Costume Call - Grades K-3](#)
2. [January Lunch Menu](#)

Parish Flyers:

1. [Breakfast with Santa](#)
2. [New Year's Eve Family Event](#)

Community Flyers:

1. [Arlington Diocese Job Fair flyer](#)
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