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Virtue of the Week – Courage

December 9th - Wednesday Bulletin



Principal's News

Breakfast with Santa was a huge success! There were more than 200 people in attendance. Special thanks to our 8th grade volunteers, Julia Constable Allen, and Romina Vos.

The staff had a delicious special H&SA Christmas lunch today. Special thanks to Beth Fagan, our hospitality coordinator, and all the parents who volunteered to watch our children while we ate.

Picture Make-Up Day is **tomorrow, Thursday, December 10th**. If your child was not here on picture day or would like to re-take his/her picture, please return your pictures on re-take day. Extra order forms are in the school office if you need one. **Children may dress-up for his/her picture, but must change into his/her uniform afterwards.**

Attention Band Members Parents: Next Tuesday, December 15th, our band concert will be at Little Flower School. All beginning and advanced band members need to be there at 6:30 p.m. and bring a dessert to share. Please wear your “Sunday Best”. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m.

Our Christmas Pageant will be held on Thursday, December 17th at 7:00 p.m. The Pageant is one of the most memorable nights of the year. All of the students in PreK-8th are involved in the pageant. They have been working hard, and they sound beautiful.

(Important Pageant information is included in this bulletin). Parents should pick up their children from aftercare **early** so that they can rest, eat dinner and change before the Pageant.

For the pageant, the children should be dropped off no earlier than 6:30 p.m. to their homeroom. Parents need to make sure a teacher is in the homeroom before leaving. 8th graders only should arrive at 6:00 p.m. Boys should go to the library; 8th grade girls should go to Mr. Bartl's room.

Friday, December 18th, we will have a *Christmas Liturgy* at 11:15 a.m. and be dismissed right after to start our Christmas break. **NO Aftercare.** All children are to be picked up no later than 12:30 p.m.

Kathleen Miller, Principal

Home & School News



It's not too late! A letter was sent home awhile ago in Wednesday envelope for a *Christmas Gift Fund* collection for St. Bartholomew's priests, teachers, and staff. This gift is a way to say "thank you" for their hard work and dedication to our children. There is still time to contribute to this fund! Please enclose your check, made payable to "Jennifer Bautista" in an envelope labeled *Christmas Gift Fund*. We are postponing the gifts to the staff until the last week of school. Thank you in advance for your generosity. May God bless your entire family during the Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Jennifer Bautista, President



Important Christmas Pageant News

Attention Fathers: We need your muscle power after the pageant to disassemble the risers, equipment, etc. from the pageant. Please stay in the church after the pageant. It shouldn't take more than 20 minutes.

Each family is asked to bring one dozen cookies for the reception following the pageant in the Church Hall. Please bring them to the hall before the pageant.

If you have any questions regarding the pageant, please call the school office. It's going to be a wonderful evening for all!



Advent Project for Baby Jesus Shower

Each year, we ask that each of our families at St. Bartholomew School bring one wrapped gift of the following: sleepers, sweaters, long pants, and socks, from sizes new born to 2 toddlers. Diapers are also always needed in various sizes.

Please send the wrapped family gift, label it with the enclosed gift tag, and send it to school with your oldest child by Wednesday, December 16th. Additional gift tags are available in the office.

If you have more than one child in your family, we ask that the younger child bring in toiletries for the babies mother, such as deodorant, tooth brush/tooth paste, lotion, comb/brush, soap, or shampoo. **Please do not wrap the toiletries just put a gift tag on them.**

At the 11:15 a.m. *Advent Liturgy* on Friday, December 19th, the children will bring up their wrapped gifts to place around the altar. A basket will be provided for the mother's toiletries. Thank you for your generosity.



Snow Policy/School Cancellation



There is **No Before/Aftercare if there is a late opening or early dismissal**: St. Bartholomew School follows the Montgomery County Public School System in case there is a school cancellation, late arrival, or early dismissal. A two-hour delay means school starts at 9:45 a.m. Please listen to your TV/Radio Stations for updates.

St. Bartholomew Christmas Concert

St. Bartholomew Church is having their annual Christmas concert to benefit the *Mount Carmel House Shelter for Homeless Women* on Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 7:30 pm in the Church. Pieces to be performed include the Schubert Mass in G, the Vivaldi Gloria, and other vocal works of the season. The concert features Carole J. Wysocki, conductor, Jeanne Hisle, soprano, Carol Rollie Flynn, mezzo-soprano, H. Vincent Kelly, tenor, and John A. Martino, baritone, the Chamber Ensemble, and the *St. Bartholomew Choir*. This is an open donation concert. All contributions will benefit *Mount Carmel*. For more information, please call 301-229-7933.

Christmas Candy Cane Sale

Student Council will be selling candy canes during lunch the week of December 8th – 12th for 2 for \$1.00. You and/or your child can buy 2 candy canes with personalized tags! For parents interested in buying candy canes for their child, please send your money and order in to Mrs. Constable-Allen. The candy canes will be delivered by 12/13. All proceeds are to benefit Sr. Nena's Mission charity.

Hot Lunch Schedule

Thursday, 12/10	Beef Tacos with all the fixings
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Anne Park, Nancy Palermo, & Nick Triandafilou</i>
Friday, 12/11	Mama Lucia Pasta, bread, and salad
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Gena Conte, Maria Orozco, & Julie Pflieger</i>
Monday, 12/14	Pizza, salad & dessert
<i>Parent Volunteers</i>	: <i>Elisa De Angelis & Barb Henry</i>
Tuesday, 12/15	Chicken nuggets, chips, & salad
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Patty Keith, Mimi McLearn, & Tanya Thomas</i>
Wednesday, 12/16	Macaroni & Cheese, bread & fruit
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Allison Cox, Michele Hutter, & Carol Omelchenko</i>
Thursday, 12/17	<i>Cold Cut sandwich, chips, & fruit</i>
<i>Parent Volunteers:</i>	<i>Lillian Argilagos, Jennifer Allison, & Nancy Travis</i>
Friday, 12/18	12:30 p.m. dismissal, No lunch or Aftercare

