



November 29, 2018

Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

Sunday brings us to the start of what Christian churches call **Advent**, the period commemorating waiting for the Savior to be born, as foretold in the Old Testament. We remember that waiting period during the four Sundays before Christmas. We will have an Advent wreath here in school, with four candles signifying the four weeks of waiting. We will also have a Jesse Tree, remembering the events and people leading to the birth of Jesus. (Jesse was the father of King David. Jesus was one of his decedents through Mary and Joseph.) This week's folder has a Family Advent Calendar that you might like to use for ideas of how to celebrate Advent with your family at home. It also lists some of the important feast days in December, like St. Nicholas, a bishop known for giving anonymous gifts to the poor. That is where the name Santa Claus (Santa Nicholas) comes from! There are some fun things, too, like family movie night on Dec. 14. Check it out! And enjoy the coming days! Just don't forget that JESUS is the whole reason for the season!

Friday Grades K through 4 will be meeting their Mercy/McAuley buddies at their high school. Students may pack their own lunch, or the school will supply one (PBJ).

Mark your calendar now for the Christmas musical, **Christmas Around the World**, presented by grades 2, 3, and 4 on Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 PM. More to come!

The **raffle** in honor of Sisters of Mercy (Sr. Ann and Sr. Mary Ann) celebrating 175 years of service in Cincinnati, netted \$250 to send to Jinks Middle School in Panama City, FL. Thanks to all who contributed!

The Kindergarten had the most participation and the top seller (Jace Howington) in our Buddy Card fund raiser. Kindergarten had a pizza party to celebrate on Wednesday. We still have a few **Buddy Cards for sale**. Cards are \$10 each at the office.

Don't forget to return your applications for the **Smile (dental) Program** if you haven't already done so. The dentists will be here right after Christmas break, so we need to have your input before the break!

Winter weather reminder: when CPS calls **either a closing or a 2-hr delay, St. Boniface is closed**. If we have your phone number, you will receive a robo-call announcing the closing. We also list closings on all the major TV stations.

Coming Events:

- Friday, Nov. 30 – Primary prayer service in gym. All are welcome!
- Tuesday, Dec. 4 – Big Brothers to 4:15
- Wed' day, Dec. 5 - Beginners Band to 3:30; and Advanced Band to 4:15
- Thursday, Dec. 6 – Big Sisters to 4:30; Boys Basketball to 5:00
- Friday, Dec. 7 – All school liturgy in church. All are welcome!

Blessings on your Christmas preparations!
Sister Miriam

