

From the Principal's Desk


November 23, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you prepare for "Thanksgiving Day" I hope that you are filled with the goodness of God's love and kindness. We have so much to be thankful for not only on this holiday but every day. I am reminded of my blessings each time that I look at our students. We truly are fortunate to have such a wonderful school family.

May your eyes be opened this holiday season to the many blessings that you have in your life. God's blessings for a "wonderful" family filled Thanksgiving Day. Our school families will be in my thoughts and prayers.

God Bless You,


Jacqueline B. Easley
Principal

For Your Consideration:

Thanksgiving Break begins at the close of school today with classes resuming for all students and staff on Tuesday, November 29th.

November 30 is picture retake day for those students who were absent on our first picture day and for those wishing to have their school pictures retaken. Only these students may wear their dress up clothes to school on the 30th. *Original* Picture Packages need to be returned with the students who are having their pictures retaken.

Our annual "Barnes and Noble" day is Friday, December 2 at the store in the *Waterworks Mall*. A portion from the day's proceeds will go directly to support our school library. Plan on shopping during the day or come with your family to enjoy the entertainment by our school students in the evening. Books will always be wonderful Christmas gifts!

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception: students will be attending mass for this holy day of obligation on December 8 at the 8:45 a.m. mass. You are welcome to worship with us.

THANK YOU to our Athletic Association for sponsoring the annual *Basketball Tip-Off Classic* on November 18th. Our students enjoyed cheering for their favorite teams.

Food Drive: We collected over 1,000 non-perishable items for our annual Thanksgiving collection for the “Little Sisters of the Poor.” I was especially proud of our Eighth Grade students who were a big help loading the van for the sisters. These little acts of kindness are what make our school special.

Vera Bradley Bingo: Thank you to all who attended or supported this fundraiser. A “special” THANK YOU to Mrs. Ann Wasielewski and Mrs. Lisa Urich for chairing this event. The profits for the day were over \$9,500.00. These funds will go directly into the school’s general fund to help with school expenses. A very special THANK YOU to our student volunteers who gave up their afternoon to help with the bingo. They did an awesome job!

As a reminder: Advent begins this Sunday, November 27th with the prayers of the new Roman missal being used for the first time at all masses. Speak to your children about “preparing” for Jesus’ birthday and these changes. A family Advent wreath is one way to help your family remember the true meaning of this holy season.

Cold Weather: Our unpredictable weather is causing some concerns as we try to dress for the weather. Keep your children warm and dry by reminding them to wear appropriate outerwear to school.

THANK YOU for your continued support of our school fundraisers. Our next big event is the “Holiday Luncheon” on Saturday, December 10th. *Have you purchased your tickets for this wonderful afternoon?* Check our web site for a ticket order form.

Eligibility for Extra Curricular Activities: students must have passing grades in all core subjects to be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. Continue to monitor your child’s grades by checking *GradeBook* frequently. When concerns or questions arise contact your child’s teacher immediately.

Good News: *Visit the Tree at the County Court House in Downtown Pittsburgh this holiday season and look for the decorations designed by our Third Grade students from Mrs. McConnell’s art class. Our Third Graders, on November 18th, along with their teachers and parent chaperones attended the official “Lighting of the Tree” with a visit to the crèche.*

THANK YOU for your continued cooperation and support of catholic education and our school.