



St. Ambrose School



Dec. 4, 2008

Newsletter

ANTICIPATION

The season of anticipation (Advent) is upon us. On Monday, it was a freezing cold night for the students who went to the One Chamber Square to be part of the town's Christmas program. They were terrific!

Preparation for the season is full of many activities from the Advent wreath, the caroling etc.

The Kindergarten will sing for the D of I tonight at 6:00 prior to the School Christmas Program. Any other students who would like to sing will be right after them. Both groups will then move over to the gym for the presentation

of school Christmas Program, "Miracle on Bethlehem Street."

Our rehearsal was this afternoon with some of the Immanuel Lutheran School students coming to enjoy our program. A special thanks goes out to Mrs. Grelle for all of her hard work in preparing the students. All of her musical talents and her giftedness shine through as she prepares and presents a program like this with our students and encourages their musical talents.

All the good boys and girls will be visited by St. Nick on Friday, Dec. 5th in anticipation of his feast day. On Monday, Dec. 8th is the feast of the

Immaculate Conception.

NEXT WEEK

The second full week of December will give us the opportunity to participate in the Mass three times and hopefully one of the weekend Masses. We will start off the week with the Immaculate Conception on Monday, Dec. 8th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Do you remember what that is? Students may dress up or simply wear their uniform to school. The School Mass that day will be at 1:00 pm. We will have Mass as scheduled on Wed. Dec. 10th at 8:45 a.m. In the midst of all of this, our 2nd graders are preparing for their first reconciliation.

Special points of interest:

- ✓ Christmas Musical (tonight) Dec. 4th.
- ✓ St. Nick Day (Friday) Dec. 5th



- ✓ (3) Masses during the week for students and reconciliation
- ✓ Santa's Shop Dec. 8 through Dec.12th

Other Points of Interest

Virtus and Background Checks

Title 1 Tutoring Begins Dec. 10

Girl Scout Hat and Mitten Tree

Free and Reduced Lunches

Dec. 16th- Bell Ringers

Continued from above

On Friday, Dec. 12th, the Mass will be in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 1:00 p.m.

This is also the day our students in grades K-7 will walk to Immanuel Lutheran School to enjoy the Madrigal Singers.

Santa's Shop

Monday, Dec. 8th, will be the first day for Santa's Shop. The students will have a chance to browse and then a chance to buy items. Nothing will be over \$6.00, so remember to

send money with your child(ren) with the envelope attached to this newsletter.





Virtus Training and Background Checks

Volunteers

Do you want to volunteer to be an assistant coach, help in a classroom or be a driver on a field trip, etc.? If you do, you **must** participate in the **Virtus** training workshops that are being held around the state. The dioceses over the states are insisting on this procedure and we must follow their command! Lawyers are also stating that participation in this program is highly recommended. If we cooperate with these commands, it will help us as a school and parish and you as parents in knowing we have taken some precautions to keep your child

safe! Several schools have had parent volunteers for driving children on field trips at times only to find out that some have had more than one speeding ticket and other behaviors. You will need to participate in the Virtus program only one time. They will ask you to continue to keep in touch online for bulletins and scenarios that will keep you up to date on keeping our children safe. We held two programs here last fall. There are others currently being held in our area. These are listed online under Virtus Training or you might call the school for the places that are conducting the

program. In conjunction with this program, you are required to have a background check through the Archdiocese. Records of these will be kept at the school. Both of these programs were listed in the handbook in the fall!



Title 1 Tutoring

Title 1 will begin on Wednesday, Dec. 10th and continue Thursday and Friday. It will then continue on Monday, Dec. 15th and Tuesday, Dec. 16th. It will then cease until the week that we return in January. Tutoring for the second semester will begin on Tuesday, January 6th, 2009.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Due to the economy, if any of you

have been laid off from work or have lost your job, you are invited to consider signing up for the free and reduced lunches. Forms are available in the office.

Jr. Girl Scouts are now beginning to collect hats, mittens, scarves, gloves and socks for the **Hat and Mitten Tree**. The tree will be in the school lobby. They will be collecting donations until December 19th. These donations

will be given to Anchor House, Turning Point, Jackson County Clothing Center, Development Services and a few other organizations.



Weather Conditions

It is getting to be that time of the year again when the cold and snow might cancel school or we might have a delay. If there is doubt in your mind on whether school will be open, please refer to the following information for closings or delay:

Radio Stations

WZZB/WQKC (1390); WCSI-WKKG (104.9); QMIX (107.3);

and WMPI (105.3)

Television Stations

WISH/TV (CHANNEL 8); FOX 59 WB4, WRTV (CHANNEL 6); (SPANISH TV); WLKY CHANNEL 32; WHAS CHANNEL 11;

WTHR CHANNEL 13; FOX 41 NEWS OR TV CHANNEL 2.

Also, a reminder that if we have a 2 hour delay, there will be no

morning preschool. If we have a 2 hour delay, school will be begin at 10:30 a.m. Students should try to arrive by 10:20 a.m.

Also, the bus routes will arrive in this time frame.





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This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words. If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can

include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art

image or some other graphic.



Caption describing picture or graphic.