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# ASSUMPTION Catholic School

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Dear families:



The staff and students are enjoying Father Emmanuel's homilies as he quizzes the students and enlightens them about Advent and the significance of the Seasons signs and symbols. Advent wreaths are a favorite way to celebrate the month of December leading up to Christmas Day. Many are not aware of the rich meaning and symbolism embedded in the tradition. **SHAPE:** The circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us.

**NUMBER:** Four candles which are lit, one at a time, on each of the four Sundays of the Advent season. Some traditions also include a fifth white "Christ" candle, symbolizing purity that is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas day. **COLOR:** Violet is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

**WEEKS:** *We pray that these four weeks leading to Christmas will bring you Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace*

1. The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Hope** with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.
2. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Faith** with the "Bethlehem Candle" reminding us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle,"; it is rose colored because rose is a liturgical color for joy.
4. The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle". When we light the final purple candle it reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

## ATHLETIC COMMITTEE NEWS:

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students are working on the Brains & Brawn T-Shirt designs; you can make it a family project! Designs are due back **Tuesday, December 10**. Order forms will be sent home next Friday.
- Reminder: Brains & Brawn Hotel Reservations deadline is Friday Dec 20<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure to call and reserve your rooms under the ACS block by this date. Phone 608-781-5100.
- Saturday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> is the Assumption 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball tournament. Come cheer on the Royals. Game times are 9:00 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. for the Royals.

## BOOK FAIR:



Tuesday begins our week long Book Fair. Many families are signing up for e-wallet which is a pre-pay system so students do not have to carry cash, however students may also use cash as they have in the past, if choosing to send cash, please enclose it in an envelope with their name grade and enclosed amount on it as it helps our volunteers – thank you.

## CHRISTMAS SEASON – PLANNING

### *Christmas Concert dates:*

- 4K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade program – Lima Campus - **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00**
- 4-8 grade concert – Durand Campus - **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00**



### *Dress rehearsal dates:*

- 4-8 grade – Durand - **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30**



### *What to wear:*

- 4K-3 grades – K-2 - a nice Christmas outfit or their designated costume.
- 4- 8 grades – Their "Christmas finery" - Dress code or better, school appropriate, no jeans.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES:

We are in need of servers for the Christmas Masses...please see, complete and return enclosed flyer. Thanks


## EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING:

The Education Committee will meet on Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Lima Library.

FIELDTRIPS: Enclosed, please find permission slips for

- Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade to go Christmas caroling
- K-8 to attend *The Nutcracker Suite* at the Mabel Tainter.

## NON DRESS CODE FOR VIRTUE – MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY:

 Our virtue of the month is Self-control. Our non-Dress code for Virtue will be **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**. We will be paying it forward with a "Make a Difference Day" this month. We ask your child(ren) to bring in funds to help buy SCRIP cards to pay for random drive through orders at McDonalds. The recipient would receive a note stating "You may not know me, but my classmates and I at Assumption Catholic School chipped in to help make a difference in your day. I hope this small gesture will help bring some peace and joy to your Christmas Season. There are no gimmicks! We just know it is such a busy time of the year for everyone and hope this has brightened your day." If your child would like to contribute to this charity, please bring in a dollar or more by **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**. Who knows, maybe your family will be one of the recipients!

## PARTNERS IN FAITH:

See the enclosed newsletter and calendar from *Partners in Faith* for wonderful ways to celebrate Advent.

SCRIP: Buying Gift cards for Christmas gift? SCRIP is your one stop shop!

## THANK YOU!



Due to your generous spirit, Noah's Ark Preschool will be sending 53 pairs for pajamas through Scholastic Books to help those affected by instability. What is better than reading a good book in your PJ's!!!

## CALENDAR REMINDERS AND UPDATES:

Sunday	12/8	<i>Second Sunday of Advent and Immaculate Conception</i> 4K-3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Christmas Program @ Lima Campus Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass @ Holy Rosary	1:00 3:00
Monday	12/9	Mid quarter reports go home Living Rosary @ St. Mary's 4/5 BBB @ IC- Regis Education Committee Meeting @ Lima	8:15 5:00 6:00
Tuesday	12/10	School Mass @ St. Mary's Confessions following Mass (Gr. 4 & 5) <b>BOOKFAIR</b> – Lima visits Open Door @ Durand Campus 6-8 BBB @ Plum City 4/5 BBB @ Pepin	8:30 12:00 – 4:00 3:20-5:00 5:00 6:00
Wednesday	12/11	<b>BOOKFAIR</b> Confessions Gr.6,7, 8 Dress Rehearsal for 4-8 Christmas Concert	8-11 & 12:30 – 4:00 10:30 1:30
Thursday	12/12	<b>BOOKFAIR</b> School Mass at Holy Rosary- <i>Confessions follow Mass</i> 4-8 Christmas Concert – Durand	8-11 & 12:30 – 6:30 8:30 7:00
Friday	12/13	<b>BOOKFAIR</b> Non dress code for Virtue (make a difference day)	8-11 & 2:00– 4:00
Saturday	12/14	<b>BOOKFAIR</b> ACS4/5/6 <sup>th</sup> grade BBB tournament @ ACS	9:00-2:00 9:00-4:00

With Blessings of Peace and Joy,

Mrs. Mary Lansing - Principal