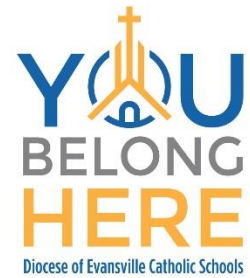




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Parent Newsletter

Friday, December 4, 2020



IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please do not enter the parking lot for dismissal before 2:30. Most days, the students have a final recess from 2:10-2:30 p.m. For their safety, we do not allow cars inside the fence until the children are safely back inside the school building. Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe.

WANTED: CORN HOLE GAMES SETS

We are looking for a couple of set of corn hole games. If you have an old game set that needs a new home or if you are handy and can make a set, please contact Miss Wannemuehler. ☺

CUSTODIAL POSITION

We are looking for someone to join our custodial team. The position is for one to three days each during and seven to nine hours each day during the school year. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Miss Wannemuehler.

FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS—HANG UP YOUR STOCKING!

On Sunday, December 6th, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. Nicholas. St. Nicholas was a priest and bishop in Asia Minor (Turkey). He gave money and gifts in secret to the poor because he did not want people to thank him but to praise God for the gifts given to them instead. Bishop Nicholas was loved by the people he served. He is the patron saint of children. A common tradition is for children to hang up a stocking before going to bed on December 5th. When they wake up on December 6th, they will find candy, treats, and small gifts from St. Nicholas inside their stocking.



SANTA'S SECRET SHOP

In today's Friday Folder, you will find information about Santa's Secret Shop including a revised schedule, gift tags, an envelope for money, and a shopping list. It is not too late to sign up to help. Simply contact Brooke or the school office. We want to say a HUGE thank you to Brooke for chairing this special event that means so much to the children!

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday, December 8th is a holy day of obligation celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The students will join Fr. Ryan for Mass at 9:30 on Tuesday rather than Thursday next week. Please pray with us online!

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Ms. Michele and St. Matthew Alum Hank will be filming the Christmas play next week on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please send your child's costume/clothing for the play to school on Tuesday. Clothes will be sent home on Thursday.

MEN'S CLUB SAUSAGE

The St. Matthew Men's Club will be selling their delicious homemade sausage after the Saturday night and Sunday morning Masses on December 12th and 13th. Stock up for Christmas!

AR REWARD

Due to the current COVID-19 numbers in Posey County, we have revised our AR Reward. The students who meet their AR reading goal by Monday, December 14th will have a Pajama Day on Tuesday, December 15th. They can also bring a blanket, pillow, or stuffed animal to school. Each class will watch the movie "Jingle, Jangle" in their own classrooms where they are able to social distance. We will also serve popcorn and soda during the movie!



SPELLING BEE

The annual St. Matthew School Spelling Bee will take place on Wednesday, December 16th at 9:00 a.m. The students competing in the bee will be in the gym. The other students will watch the bee in their classrooms. We will send a link to families so that they you watch the spelling bee from work or home.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Due to the size limit put on gatherings at this time, the students will not be caroling at the riverfront later this month. Instead, the students will wear their favorite Christmas sweaters and sweatshirts, Santa hats, reindeer antlers, and jingle bells to school on Thursday, December 17th. Ms. Michele will record each class singing a carol or two, and we will share the video with you to enjoy!

ST. MATTHEW CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S MASS

St. Matthew Church will have a Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 2:00 p.m. Because of COVID-19, we will not have a children's choir or pageant, but we are looking for children to read. If your family will be attending the 2:00 p.m. Mass, and your child(ren) would like to participate, please return the form in today's Friday Folder. Thank you!



WRESTLING UPDATE

The School Council met this week, and one of the items discussed was the upcoming wrestling season. We have not heard what the other elementary schools are going to do, but after talking with Coach JD Hoehn, and considering the current number of COVID-19 cases in Posey County, the decision was made to not host our own team this year. We are looking forward to hosting our own team and watching the Wildcat Cubs wrestle again next year.

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY!

We want to wish the following students, teachers, and staff members a very happy birthday this month!



December 8—Lola
December 19—Alie
December 19—Olive
December 22—Kace
December 25—Jesus 😊

LUNCH MENU

Monday, December 7

Chicken Nuggets or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Corn, Green Beans, Pineapple, and Milk

Tuesday, December 8

Sack Lunch

Turkey & Cheese Sub or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Baked Cheetos, Carrots with Ranch, Applesauce Cup, and Milk

Wednesday, December 9

Pepperoni Pizza or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Steamed Broccoli, Corn, Pears, and Milk

Thursday, December 10

Sack Lunch

Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Goldfish Crackers, Carrots with Ranch, Applesauce Cup, and Milk

Friday, December 11

Bosco Sticks or Chef Salad with Breadstick,
Carrots with Ranch, Marinara, Peaches, and Milk