

# Wednesday E-Folder

## December 21, 2011

**As we continue our prayerful anticipation of Christmas day, the following prayer offers a fitting reminder to all the glory his birth will bring:**

**A Prayer for Christmas Morning**  
**-Robert Louis Stevenson-**

*The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven, and crowns another year with peace and good will.*

*Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus so that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wisemen.*

*Help us close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world.*

*Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children and the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus's sake.*

AMEN.

### **HSA News**

A special note of appreciation to all who assisted in pulling the *Santa Social and Pancake Breakfast* together in such a short period of time...Thank you! As a summary of our success, we sold 220 pancake breakfasts, approximately 20 Santa Pictures, \$130 in baked goods and \$68 in craft and vendor table donations. All of this totaled a net profit of almost \$1300! A particular note of gratitude for the leadership of Angela Gianelle (and her entire family); Conrad Von Kollmar for his culinary expertise; all the student waiters; the faculty members and their generous table assistance; our creative craft leaders Amie Palenchar and Jess Emhoff and all of their adult helpers; our "Santa Section Coordinators" - Karen Mull, Michelle White, Angie McLaughlin and Mr. Ron Boltz; as well as all of the other countless parent volunteers who chipped in just because "it was the right thing to do". Each of you contributed to making our *Santa Social* such a successful event. Great job to all!

### **All Hands on Deck: Christmas Masses in the Parish Center**

On Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will begin to transform the Parish Center into an auxiliary location for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day masses. Your assistance is greatly needed to help arrange the seating area and altar area. If you might be interested in helping, please stop by the Parish Center at 11:45am on 12/22. Thank you for your support.

After Christmas, we need to dismantle all of the items that were used for these masses (chairs, etc...). Therefore, please stop by the Parish Center at 10:00am on Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> to offer your greatly needed assistance.

### **Winter Vacation**

On December 22nd, dismissal is at 12:10pm. Lunch services and aftercare will not be provided on this day.

Furthermore, the school offices will close at 1:00pm on this date and will re-open at 7:45am on Tuesday, January 3rd.

### **Let gLove Grow Christmas Tree Project**

We are proud to report that we collected 120 gloves and mittens for the “*Let gLove Grow*” Christmas tree project. These items have donated to the ministries of the Joseph House. Thank you for all of the support you offered this project.

### **Tuition Assistance**

Tuition assistance applications are now being accepted by the Diocese of Wilmington for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year. Families who believe they are in need of financial aid are encouraged to apply.

To be considered for assistance, parents must submit an application to FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment for an evaluation of need. Each interested family with children in grades K-8 is asked to apply through FACTS online at [www.factstuitionaid.com](http://www.factstuitionaid.com).

It is important to note, all applications and all required documentation must be received by FACTS **no later than March 1, 2012**. There is no exception to this deadline.

### **Notes from the Choir Loft**

Reminder: our next practice will be Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30am.

### **Middle School Exams**

*As a reminder.....*Review for our mid-trimester exams will begin after our return from Christmas break. In addition, the schedule listed below details the arrangement of exams for all 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students:

#### **Friday, January 6, 2012**

*Literature*

#### **Monday, January 9, 2012**

*English*

#### **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**

*Social Studies*

#### **Wednesday, January 11, 2012**

*Math*

#### **Thursday, January 12, 2012**

*Science*

#### **Friday, January 13, 2012**

*Spanish*

### **Lost and Found Items**

You might notice a burgeoning container outside the school office. This receptacle contains many apparel items, lunch boxes and other school related articles. In the theme of Christmas programs, please stop by and peruse the *Island of Misfit Items (Toys)*.

### **National Geographic Geography Bee**

The following students will be invited to participate in the *2012 School-Level National Geographic Geography Bee!* These students have recently been selected by the score they earned from a written qualifying test. This test was taken by all students in grades 4-8 and these students have earned a score that was among the top scores in our school! The *Geography Bee* will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 1:30pm in the Parish Center. Parents are invited to attend this special event.

The winner of our school-level geography bee will complete a written (multiple-choice) test in order to qualify for the *Maryland State Geography Bee* to be held later in the year. Congratulations to all of our invitees!

- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Sophia Bennett, Bridget Cosgrove, Faith Lafferty and Sean Richardson*
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Gracie Gardner, Owen Peters, Lauren Plankey, Savannah Scott and Alistair Swierkosz*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Seamus Benn, Shelby Cummings, Alex DiPirro, Phillip Gianelle, Jacob Jester, Abby Roskovich, Nick vonKollmar and Alison Weeg*
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Nicole Baumann, Elizabeth Bragdon, Hayden Eutsler, Morgan Hall, Samantha Miller, Sydney O'Dell, Lani O'Neill, Jake Richardson and Stefan Swierkosz*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: *Arthur Carlton-Jones, William Cooledge, Emily LeCompte and Jessie Willey*

### **Say "Merry Christmas!" with a SFdS 2012 Yearbook!**

Now through December 21<sup>st</sup>, when you purchase an *SFds 2012 Yearbook* for a student(s) you will receive a limited edition SFdS ornament! Don't miss out on this special promotion! On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the student(s) will receive a certificate notifying them of their special gift. You will receive your ornament gift soon after your purchase is made. This Christmas, show your spirit on your tree and give the gift of memories that last a lifetime! [CLICK HERE](#) to order online! PENGUIN PRIDE!

### **Weekly Mass**

On Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, students in grades PK-8 will gather together to celebrate liturgy at our 8:30am mass. As always, parents and other guests are invited to attend all of these Eucharistic celebrations.

In the case of foul weather, we will continue to participate in school liturgies. Although, we ask that each child be prepared to walk to church during such conditions. Warm coats, raincoats and umbrellas are all helpful in such cases.

### **News from the Nurse's Office**

With the cold season upon us, your children may require medication while at school. If your child needs medication administered during the school day, the following is needed:

- A Maryland State School Medication Administration form completed by the physician (Prescriber's authorization section) and parent/guardian (parent/guardian authorization section). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to access this form on our school website.
- This form is needed for all medications (prescription and over the counter including cough drops, cold medicine and pain relievers such as Tylenol or Motrin).
- Students cannot bring medication to school. The medications need to be brought to school by an adult and signed for by Laurel DiPirro in the school office or one of our school nurses.
- All medication is required to be in the original container with the label intact.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you, however, we are required to follow state guidelines. Should you have any questions, please contact the nurse's office.