

# ***ST. PATRICK SCHOOL FAMILY NEWSLETTER***

December 14, 2011

## **Junior High Parents (Grades 5-8)**

Dear Parents,

This will be our last full newsletter for the 2011 calendar year. On behalf of the St. Patrick School community I wish you and your family a joyous Christmas filled with peace, love, and all of the goodness that God provides us.



### **Prayer for the Third Week of Advent**

*God of Joy, You are perfect happiness and you want us, your children to be happy.*

*Like tools made for certain tasks, we are made for happiness with you.*

*We know you love us. We know you have a plan for us.*

*We know that we are most happy when we are most "in tune" with you.*

*Help us to be saints now. Help us to be all that you have made us to be.*

*Help us to be whole and to be holy. You love us. We love you. Amen.*

The students who made Thanksgiving cards for veterans at the Ann Arbor Healthcare System in Ann Arbor received a note of appreciation. It stated, "Your thoughtfulness reflects the concern that you feel for our veterans and for the service they provided to all of us while in service to our country. Thank you for your continued support."

Thank you to all who ordered Studenttreasure Books. We expect them to arrive in early February.

Thank you also to all families who disposed of their outdated phone books during our recent collection. The collection is now over and the dumpster was picked up on Monday. Congratulations to the students who received prizes in the phone book drawing. Several students received a t shirt, some received a ruler, others received an earth saver chart and three received pencils.

Junior high parents are receiving a letter about a new policy for assignments that are below a C-.

### **WEEK AT A GLANCE:**

#### **Wednesday, December 14**

- Auction Wrap-Up Meeting, 6:30 p.m. – All are invited to attend and provide input for improvements

#### **Thursday, December 15**

- Santa Secret Shop Set-up, 2:00 p.m.

#### **Friday, December 16**

- SMCC French Class
- Santa Secret Shop, 7:45 – 11:00 a.m.
- Santa Secret Shop Potluck, 11:20 a.m.
- Santa Secret Shop Clean-up, 12:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, December 20**

- All School Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- Service Project Jean Day with Red & Green Tops
- Magazine Drive Pizza Lunch and Movie
- Christmas Break Begins at 3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday, January 3**

- School Resumes
- All School Mass, 8:00 a.m.
- PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, January 4**

- **Student of the Month Assembly, 7:40 a.m.**

**Thursday, January 5**

- School Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 6**

- Grades 7/8 SMCC French Enrichment
- First Friday Mass, 8:00 a.m.

**HOT LUNCH MENU – 1<sup>st</sup> WEEK OF JANUARY:**

Tuesday, January 3	Wednesday, January 4	Thursday, January 5	Friday, January 6
Ham & Cheese Sandwich Beef Burrito Grilled Cheese	Garden Salad & Roll Pizza Jelly Sandwich	Mac & Cheese Chicken Fries & Roll Garden Salad & Roll	Yogurt & Soft Pretzel French Toast & Sausage Turkey & Cheese

**SANTA SECRET SHOP:** If your child wishes to shop on Friday, please remember to return the Santa Secret Shop envelope with information as to who he or she will be purchasing for. Items vary in price from 50 cents to \$5.00. St. Patrick School cookbooks will also be available for \$10.00. Help is still needed to set-up Santa Secret Shop on Thursday, December 15 beginning at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to assist students as they shop on Friday morning, as well as inventory and pack left over items on Friday afternoon. A potluck will be held for workers and staff at 11:20 a.m. If you are able to lend a hand for any amount of time, you may call the school office. Thank you to the two families for donations made for the shop.

**DRESS FOR TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20:** Students and staff who participated in the December service project for Heartbeat will wear jeans on Tuesday, December 20. All other students will wear their school uniform. If it is a gym day for your child, they should wear their gym pants. All students should wear red/green or uniform tops in celebration of Christmas. After Mass students may also wear a Christmas hat for the remainder of the day as long as it does not interfere with school day activities.

**FRENCH ENRICHMENT CLASS AT SMCC:** There will be French Enrichment Class at SMCC on Friday January 6 and Friday, January 20. There will be no class on January 13. Mrs. Hypio has invited any French Enrichment student needing to wait for the SMCC bus to sit in her vehicle on Friday mornings. She will be parked in front of the Church in a white van.

**UPPER ELEMENTARY AFTER SCHOOL MATH CLUB:** In January an upper elementary math club will be held on Monday. This group is limited to ten students in grades 5-8. It will be right after school until 4:30. Cost is \$25 for six weeks. If you are interested in having your child participate, please fill out the slip found at the end of last week's newsletter.

**DRESS FOR THE WEATHER:** There are some students who are not coming to school dressed appropriately for the weather. Students are required to be outside when the wind chill temperature is 15 degrees or above. All students need gloves/mittens, hat, warm coat, covering on legs, warm socks, and boots when there is snow on the ground. If you have extra snow pants or boots, you may leave them at school for your child. Send a note to the teacher so she will know that items may remain here.

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL WINDOW DECALS:** I thank the a school family and Monroe Signs Company for the donation of St. Patrick School car window decals. If you would like to purchase a decal the cost is \$10.00. A sample can be found on the back of my van!

**LIP BALM:** Thank you to our student who recently donated \$41.50 to the St. Patrick Tuition Assistance fund from the sales of his lip balm. This latest contribution brings the total donated by Cameron for the tuition assistance fund to over \$192.00. If you are looking for a stocking stuffer idea, the lip balm is available for \$2.00 in the school office.

**SERVICE PROJECTS:** For December's service project we are collecting items for Heartbeat of Monroe. The items most needed at this time include baby wipes, pacifiers, sippy cups, Enfamil formula, crib sheets, socks (for 18 mo. to 24 mo.), and clothes (newborn, size 18 mo., and size 2). The jean day for those who participate will be Tuesday, December 20.

**SCRIP CREDIT:** Thank you to those who took advantage of the St. Patrick Scrip shopping days these past couple of weeks! Orders placed Monday should be expected by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. If any of the following names are associated with your family's scrip account, please notify our school office: Dawn Horner, Ken Horner, James Robbins, and Clarence Brooks.

**GOOD SEARCH:** When doing your online holiday shopping, you can support St. Patrick School by using the *Good Search* search engine. St. Patrick School earns money from all the purchases made through *Good Search*. Open [www.goodsearch.com...type](http://www.goodsearch.com...type) in *St. Patrick School*...and select our school in Carleton, MI...and begin shopping.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:**

Prudent, cautious self-control is wisdom's root. *Robert Burns*

Ruth Meiring  
Principal



*Loving God, thank you for the gifts you have given this Christmas season and for the many ways you have shared your love with us this Christmas. Guide us to offer our love as generously as you did, giving your Son Jesus to us. Bless us and teach us to give, this Christmas and always. Amen. By Melissa Roberts.*