

# St. Agnes School Newsletter

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## **Principal's Corner**

Time is defined in Webster's New Dictionary as: "a point at which, or period during which things happen; an opportunity." The upcoming Christmas break, beginning Thursday, December 22, is an opportunity to make something happen. The holidays are really what we make of them. What will your "vacation" look like? When your children look back will they remember this as a time of stress or relaxation, loneliness or togetherness? When was the last time you shared a meal together which you prepared at home or can you remember the last time you played a card or board game as a family? In this world of schedules, work and "things to do" the biggest gift you can give your children is your undivided attention. Make some time to just snuggle and cuddle. Consider this vacation a gift of time allowing you to rediscover or continue to appreciate family time. On behalf of the entire staff we wish you a blessed Christmas and pray as we begin this "calendar" New Year that your family finds peace and renewal.

## **HO! HO! HO!**

Thank you to Lisa and Theresa Christiansen for creating another memorable Breakfast with Santa. Thank you to the many volunteers who shopped, cooked and served the delicious breakfast. The fun activities would not have been possible without the help of all the parent and Jr. High volunteers. Our gratitude also goes out to our Lifetouch comrades who captured those many special moments with Santa. Of course the day would not have been complete without Santa, we are very grateful for the time he spent with the children during this very busy season. If you missed this event be sure to make time next year to attend this special day.

## **LUNCH ORDERS**

Due to our Christmas break hot lunch orders for **two** weeks are on our webpage. Please note the dates included in each order: the order for the week of 12/19 also includes Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> while the second order covers the week of January 9-13. Both order forms are due **this** Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> by 2:30PM.

## **PLAY DATE CANCELLATION**

Upon our return from vacation those families who have been gathering afterschool while their children play will need to relocate. While we appreciate the sense of community being shared, the increased number of those staying after school has compromised the children's safety. Perhaps the children would enjoy taking turns hosting a play date at their house!

## **TUITION STATEMENT**

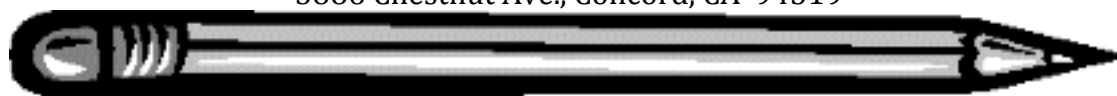
Your tuition statement is included in this family envelope. Payments are due tomorrow December 15<sup>th</sup>. Please review this statement; if you have any questions or concerns please contact Mrs. Fitzpatrick.

## **UNIFORM CHECK**

This vacation would be a perfect opportunity to spruce up those uniforms. Santa can shop at Dennis Uniform as well! Maybe a new pair of shoes will find their way under the tree! Thank you!

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## **SCRIP UPDATE**

Not only are your scrip statements included in this envelope, but you will also find an updated order form. There are many significant "profit" changes that you might want to take advantage of for the holidays. Thank you for your participation in the scrip program.

## **SEE YOU SOON**

Tickets are still available for our Christmas performance. We hope to see you all on Tuesday either at 1:30 or 7:00. The children are very excited to perform for you!

## **RESERVE THE DATE**

I know it's early but Catholic Schools Week will be upon us before you know it! Many activities are being planned to celebrate Catholic education. Open House will take place Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> beginning with 9:00 Mass followed by hospitality, classroom visits and the ever-popular Book Fair. We will need children to serve in many ministries during the Mass so please save the date; a notice will be sent home after we return from vacation.

## **WE PRAY**

Mrs. Mary Holm, one of our regular substitute teachers, lost her husband this past Monday. Many of you are patients of Dr. Scott Holm and know of his gentle spirit. Services will be held this Friday, 10:00 AM at St. Bonaventure Church. Please hold the Holm family in your prayers.

## **Jr. High volunteer**

Volunteers will be needed January 15<sup>th</sup> after the Masses at St. Agnes Church. Students will need to have an adult present, so any parent who needs hours can also receive credit. Sign-up forms are available on our website under the forms tab.

## **NEED HOURS?**

Help is always needed after the Christmas performance to put the church back in order. Please contact the school office if you would be available to assist us.

## **Important Dates, Information, and Updates**

- **12/16**
  - **Hot Lunch orders due**
- **12/17**
  - **Work Party 9-1**
- **12/19**
  - **St. Nicholas Free Dress**
- **12/20**
  - **Christmas Program 1:30 & 7:00**
- **12/21**
  - **12:30 Dismissal NO KIDS CLUB**
- **12/24**
  - **Christmas Eve MASS**
- **12/25**
  - **Christmas Day MASS!**
- **1/5**
  - **School Resumes**