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# St. Mary News

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## From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

This evening at 7:00 pm will be our School Board Meeting in conjunction with a Mandatory Parent Tuition Meeting. I am looking forward to spending some time tonight explaining how tuition works and the many areas that are crucial to the financial well-being of St. Mary School and St. Peter Parish. I hope that at least one parent in grades Preschool – 7<sup>th</sup> will attend. I look forward to seeing you tonight.

We, like you, have begun the Christmas rush here at school! In the next 13.5 days, we will have two Christmas Pageants, St. Nicholas Day, Reptiles, Bagel Day, a Dance, Progress Reports, Theater Trips, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Spiritual Buddy Days, Operation Snow Pile, Christmas Sing-a-long, Robotics & Engineering Field Trip, Parties, Gingerbread Houses, Polar Express, Basketball, an Advent Prayer Service and in-between all of that – we will still be learning! This is a crazy time of year; I hope that we will not be so rushed in every aspect of our life that we forget to enjoy the Season of Advent. If you did not have an opportunity this past Sunday to pick-up a copy of “The Little Blue Book” for the Advent and Christmas season, you might want to see if there are any left this Sunday. This book is a wonderful tool to force us all to set aside 6 minutes a day for a time of quiet reflection; 6 minutes of quiet – just think how nice that would be!!

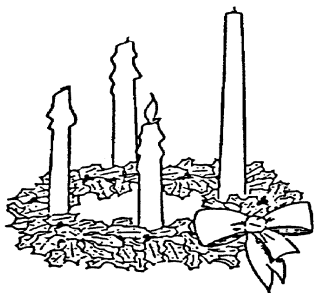
Below are two prayers for Advent. The first one is a nice prayer to teach our “wee” mountaineer friends.

Christ be in our eyes and in our looking,  
 Christ be in our ears and in our listening,  
 Christ be in our hands and in our making,  
 Christ be in our minds and in our understanding,  
 Christ be in our hearts and in our loving.

This short prayer is just enough to make us all pause for a moment and remember what Christmas is really all about.

Heavenly Father, this Advent season, give light to our eyes and peace to our hearts. May the Lord find us watching and waiting in joy when He comes. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

God Bless,  
 Maureen Miscavish



### \*Weekly Highlights

#### Nov. 30

Mandatory Parent Meeting & Open School Board Meeting 7:00PM—Fr. Welch Hall

#### Dec. 1

Operation Snow Pile Begins  
 Newspaper Club 2:55-3:55  
 Children's Choir 2:55-3:45  
 Concert Band 2:55-3:30

#### Dec. 2

Kdg. Dropped off at Main Campus  
 Gr. 1 & 6 Buddy Day—  
 Gr. 1 dismissed from MC  
 Beginning Band 2:55-3:30

Kdg. Christmas Pageant - 6:30PM; doors open at 6:00PM in Gym

#### Dec. 4

2nd Sunday Of Advent  
 Winter Sports Mass 12:00

#### Dec. 5-8

Santa Shop

#### Dec. 5

Art Club Gr. 4 & 5, 2:55-3:45

#### Dec. 6

St. Nicholas Day  
 Pre—Gr. 1 Child ID  
 Gr. 6—8 Robotic Field Trip  
 NJHS Tutoring Team D 3:55-2:45  
 Concert Band 2:55-3:30

#### Dec. 7

Progress Reports  
 Reptile Assembly 8:15-PC, 10:00-MC  
 Little Mountaineers  
 Gr. 1 & 2 Pageant Rehearsal  
 Pageant 7:00PM

### Information Going Home

- ◆ Wednesday Pink Note
- ◆ Activity Calendar December
- ◆ Lunch Calendar & Lunch Volunteer
- ◆ 'Original Works' for those who ordered
- ◆ St. Mary Holiday Party & Raffle Donors
- ◆ Spirit Wear Order Form
- ◆ Santa Shoppe Flyer & Gift List Planner
- ◆ LEEP Permission Form

(Full Day Pre, Kdg. & Gr. 1)



**YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST**

The "yearbook cover" contest is open to all students of the school. The requirements are: **Cover is to be drawn on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of plain white paper; words and pictures outlined in black marker; do not color words or pictures; name printed in pencil on the back.**

Submit your entry by **Friday, December 16th**. Winner will receive \$25.00.

Parents: If you have photos that you have taken at **school events** that would be suitable for the yearbook candid pages, please email them to Mr. Willard at: [twillard@saint-mary.us](mailto:twillard@saint-mary.us)



**Exciting News!** The Original Artworks have arrived early and will be coming home with the students today. If you missed the first order deadline it's not too late for Christmas delivery. I will be placing a second order this Friday. Thank you for your participation.

**COLD WEATHER IS HERE!**

It's that time!!! We will continue to use 18-20 degrees, factoring in the wind chill, as our temperature guideline for going outdoors in the morning and at lunch at both campuses. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately everyday to be outside. Students may not remain indoors unless their is a doctor's note on file indicating a medical reason to remain indoors.



At Primary Campus, students must arrive in full winter attire once the snow begins to fall. This means snow pants, boots, hats & gloves! Please have them arrive already dressed every morning. We cannot allow unsupervised students in the building to get dressed for morning recess. Preschoolers should also come prepared in full winter attire to go outdoors everyday as well.



**Recycle the Incandescent—Go Green with LEDs**

To save energy and money this Christmas, replace your old incandescent Christmas lights with LED lights. Through November and December we will recycle your old light strands for you at the St. Mary School Recycling Center. Lights will be delivered to Great Lakes Recycle for recycling.



**Canadian Money**

Due to banking changes, please do not send in Canadian money for Pennies From Heaven and other school activities.

**Catholic Trivia**

*Violet (often called purple) is the liturgical color - symbolic of humility, sorrow and penitence used during Advent and Lent.*

**SANTA SHOPPE**

Just a reminder that shopping days are December 5th-8th. **For those parents needing volunteer hours, this is a great way to help!**

To volunteer at Main Campus for Monday, Tuesday Wednesday or Thursday, 8:30 to 11:30 or 11:30 to 2:45 please contact Roslyn McInerney at (586) 948-8285 or

[rozziemac@yahoo.com](mailto:rozziemac@yahoo.com)

For Primary Campus, help is needed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8:30 to 11:30 or 11:30 to 2:45. Volunteers should contact Abby Newton (586) 598-4794 or

[abknewton@aol.com](mailto:abknewton@aol.com)

**Congratulations!**

The following students from Cardinal Mooney High School who made the 1st quarter Honor Roll.

**Principal's List:**

- Justine Cucchi
- Jacquelyn Eubanks
- Angela Kehrig
- Maloree Kriewall
- Sarah Theut

**First Honors:**

- Brooke Accardo
- Kaitlyn Bobick
- Mary-Kate Goff
- Mollie Ludeman
- Jillian Mikolaizyk
- Katie Theut

**Second Honors:**

- Brandon Monks

**ATTENTION MOUNTAINEERS:**

Spirit Wear orders are due Monday, December 5 for delivery by Christmas!! Please send in your completed order form and payment with your student ATTN: Janet John. As we send orders home with your student, if your order is a Christmas gift for your student, please indicate that you will pick the order up at either the Main or Primary Campus office.

We are now accepting credit cards!! If you choose this payment method, please circle the credit card type you are using, double check your number and clearly indicate the exact cardholder name. Keep in mind that these payments will be processed by the vendor on behalf of St. Mary School.

Don't forget—we are closing out our stock of last year items at reduced prices!! Lots of t-shirts for \$8, large grey hoodies, smaller size crewneck sweat-shirts, etc.

Please email [janetjohn444@gmail.com](mailto:janetjohn444@gmail.com) with any questions and if you are interested in purchasing last year stock.

Thank you for your support!!

