

December 14, 2011



# St. Mary News

[www.saint-mary.us](http://www.saint-mary.us)

Main Campus: 586-468-4570 Primary Campus: 586-465-5471

Support Cultural Awareness  
Proclaim the Gospel  
Instill Catholic Values  
Respect All Life  
Integrate Community Service  
Teach Academic Excellence

## From the Desk of Mrs. Miscavish

Dear Parents:

Next Wednesday morning all our students & staff will be snuggled in their beds while visions of Christmas vacation dance in their heads, it so hard to believe it's almost here. This week we are wrapping up our Advent and Christmas events; the culminating events coming next Tuesday with an Advent Prayer Service at Primary and then a Christmas Sing-a-Long featuring our band students for all in the gym at Main Campus. We hope you will be able to join us next Tuesday for either or both events.

Speaking of Christmas events, our 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders held their annual Christmas Pageant, *Starry Night, Noisy Night* last Friday night and it was quite the evening. Through great adversity those young students carried on without missing a note and performed marvelously! It was a night to remember in so many ways and one that those in attendance will laugh about for years to come. It will certainly go down in the record books as the most interesting Christmas Pageant in the 141 year history of St. Mary! Special THANK YOU to our narrators, Ethan Martin, Jacob Martin, Nick Brunnsden and Madeline Hartner who also had a terrific performance!

Thank you to Roslyn McInerney (Main) & Abigail Newton (Primary) for running our Santa Shoppes. This event sponsored by PAC was perfect and left all our customers completely satisfied! Your children were so thrilled to be taking care of their own shopping responsibilities and I know you will not be disappointed on Christmas morning when you open those festive blue bags!

A simple prayer to remind us all of the meaning of Christmas:

Santa's Prayer on Christmas Eve  
By Warren D. Jennings  
Slight editing by M. Miscavish

The sleigh was all packed, the reindeer were fed,  
But Santa still knelt by the side of the bed.

"Dear Father," he prayed "Be with me tonight.  
There's much work to do and my schedule is tight.

I must jump in my sleigh and streak through the sky,  
And with my reindeer I will fly.

I will visit each house before the first light,  
I'll cover the world and all in one night.

With sleigh bells a-ringing, I'll land on each roof,  
Amid the soft clatter of each little hoof.

To get in the house is the difficult part,  
I'll slide down the chimney to each child's heart.

My sack will hold toys to grant all their wishes.  
The supply will be endless like the loaves and the fishes.

I will fill all the stockings and not leave a track.  
I'll eat every cookie that is left for my snack.

I can do all these things Lord, only through You,  
I just need your blessing, then it's easy to do.

All this to honor the birth of the One,  
That was sent to redeem us, Your most Holy Son.

So to all of my friends, least Your glory I rob,  
Please Lord, remind them who gave me this job."



On behalf of the staff of St. Mary School and St. Peter Parish, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

"God bless us every one!" (Tiny Tim)

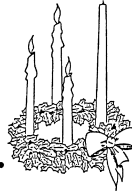
Maureen Miscavish

OVER →

**Prayer for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

On this last Sunday of Advent,  
 we quietly reflect on the mystery.  
 We rest in awe, in wonder,  
 at how our God entered our world and came to  
 be with us.  
 We pause to receive the gift offered us:  
 that the Spirit of God will open up our lives and  
 that Jesus will really come into our hearts.

May we have watchful hope today,  
 believing what the Lord promises us.  
 Let us pray today, that we might be God's  
 servants,  
 that we might be instruments of God's love  
 for our families and all we serve this week.



**Christmas Sing-a-Long**

Please join us:  
 11:00AM Dec. 20th  
 Main Campus  
 Let the spirit of Christmas  
 uplift you as you enjoy a  
 Christmas Sing-a-Long and  
 Band Concert.

**A few housekeeping items for over Christmas vacation:**

- Haircuts for boys
- Skirt/jumper length checks for girls
- School supply replenishing
- Snow attire check for students at Primary
- Hats, mittens & scarf check for all
- Coat check for 8<sup>th</sup> graders (☺), no hoodie check needed!

**Altar Server Reminder**

Thank you to those serving over Christmas vacation; Fr. Mike & the parishioners who attend greatly appreciate your dedication to St. Peter Parish. Please make sure you mark your calendar with an extra BIG note on the day you serve.

**Read, Read, & Then Read Some More!**

Yes, we all want to relax over the next two weeks, but what better way to relax than to curl up by the fire with a good book. Hopefully underneath the Christmas tree there will be a book left by Santa for all our students to read over vacation. If our parents were extra good, hopefully Santa will leave a book or better yet, a Kindle or a Nook, under the Christmas tree for you as well.



**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)

**\*Weekly Highlights**

**Dec. 14**

Waste Free Lunch  
 Operation Snow Pile Ends  
 Gr. 4 Mr. Pierce—Crocker House Tour

**Dec. 15**

NJHS Bagel Day  
 Gr. 4 Mrs. Pirkola—Crocker House Tour  
 Gr. 1 Caroling—Clinton Place 1:00PM  
 Concert Band 2:55-3:30PM  
 Children's Choir 2:55-3:45

**NO Newspaper Club**

**Dec. 16**

Beginning Band 2:55-3:30PM  
 Jr. High Dance 2:55-5:00PM

**Dec. 18**

4th Sunday of Advent

**Dec. 19**

Edline Grade Update  
 Art Club Gr. 6-8—2:55-3:45PM

**Dec. 20**

1/2 Day of School  
 \$1.00 Jeans Day  
 11:00 Dismissal (PC) - Preschool (No PM)  
 12:00 Dismissal (MC) - Gr. K-8  
 Christmas Sing-a-long & Band Concert  
 Gr. K-8—MC Gym 11:00AM

**Dec. 21 thru Jan. 2, 2012**

No School—Christmas Vacation  
 Merry Christmas!

**Jan. 3—Happy New Year!**

**School Resumes**

Concert Band 2:55-3:30PM  
 NJHS Tutoring Team B 2:55-3:45PM

**Jan. 4**

Waste Free Lunch  
 Little Mountaineers 1:00-2:30 (PC)



**Information Going Home**

- ◆ Wednesday Pink Note
- ◆ January Activity Calendar
- ◆ January Lunch Menu
- ◆ Lunch Volunteer Schedule
- ◆ St. Mary Staff Christmas Greeting
- ◆ Instructional Basketball (Gr. 3-4)