

## St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



**December 11, 2023**

### **THE NOTE!**

As we begin our 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent and light our Peace/Bethlehem candle, we pray for peace in our world. Not only are wars raging around the world, but people everywhere are struggling to find peace in their homes, their lives, and in their hearts. Let's pray for them too!

Last week's home basketball game was the most excitement I've seen at a junior high event in a long time. We were losing, we were winning, our boys were working so hard, our cheerleaders were doing an awesome job with our student section, our families were respectful and fun fans, our officials were top-notch, and our coaches were leading calmly. (and maybe we won!) What more can we ask for!? Let's continue to come out and support our kids and have fun!



This 8<sup>th</sup> grade class is working hard at all they do, including in the classroom with no one having a D or an F in any subject. As always we have a lot to be proud of.

I encourage you to attend the production of Frozen, Jr. this weekend. This is not a long show and younger kids will love it I'm sure! We have several 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders in the show as well as our own Mrs. Finley will be doing the lights with Mr. Finley directing. I've sold a lot of tickets, but I still have a few! Good luck to all!



## **SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: BB H Sacred Heart 6:15

Tuesday: Library Book Sale-everything is a quarter!

Wednesday: **3-5 Class Mass (3)**, Christmas Concert 7:00, Drawing for metal Nativity-tickets on sale before concert

Thursday: Advent Reconciliation 1:45, BB H Oblong 6:00, Frozen, Jr. musical at NCHS 7:00

Friday: **All-School Mass (2)**, Pre-K Christmas Programs 10:00 a.m./2:00 p.m., 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> to NCHS to watch Frozen, Jr., Frozen, Jr. 7:00

Saturday: Frozen, Jr. Noon @ NCHS, Mass @ St. Thomas 4:30

Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Mass @ St. Thomas 7:00/10:00, Mass @ St. Mary's 8:30

**ATTACHED/IN PACKETS:** School Board Minutes/Booster Club Minutes, K-5 Cheer Camp Registration, 5-8 Door Worker/Concessions workers

- Last chance for tickets: **Frozen, Jr.** is this Thursday, Friday and Saturday. \$10 each. CYO will draw for the **metal Nativity** Wednesday night at our concert. Tickets are on sale in the office of church and school and will be on sale before the concert. \$5 each.
- The Newton American Legion made a donation to our school in thanks for all of our kids who helped with the Veteran's Day flags. It is great to see our students serving those who serve(d) their country! Great job, Saints!
- The next **Booster Club meeting** will be Wednesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 in the Parish Center meeting room. **ALL stand managers** for the Soup Supper are encouraged to attend. We like to make sure everything is ready to go!
- Tomorrow will hold something special for our kids. The library volunteers have put together **a book sale**. Every book is a quarter! These are books we have several copies of and some that haven't been checked out in a while. Their teachers will take them down and they can shop.
- Our **Elks Hoop Shooters** reported that they had a lot of fun. Kyle Meinhart got 2<sup>nd</sup> place for his age group! We thanked them this morning for representing our school.
- **Next week** we will be doing some fun **dress-up days** to celebrate our last week before break. Monday: Christmas/Any PJ Day, Tuesday: Red and Green Day, Wednesday: Christmas Headbands/Hats, Thursday: Christmas Shirts/Ugly Sweaters, Friday: Christmas Socks. Thursday will be our **Movie Day** in the afternoon with students getting to choose which movie/classroom to go to. Teachers will let you know about snacks.
  - **Trivia Night** planning continues – please share the information.

- It is important that the kids are all dressed appropriately for the weather. This morning when we came to school it was under 22 degrees and it is now 42 degrees. EVERYONE should have a coat on. If we don't feel like they have enough on to be warm at recesses, they'll have to stay inside. Today, Matt is working to get our gym floor ready for a ballgame, so we will be outside all day. Some who are wearing just hoodies were shivering at lunch recess. They might think they don't need more, but their bodies know they do. Please LAYER.



I told the kids this morning, the 2<sup>nd</sup> candle is also the Bethlehem Candle. This reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and how there wasn't room for them there. That is why Jesus was born in a stable. We talked about making room for Jesus in our lives. Some also call it the Faith Candle, so we talked about how our faith helps us wait patiently for Christ's birth. The Catholic faith calls it the Peace Candle, and Lord knows we could all use a little more Peace! Hope you have a wonderful 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Advent.

