

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



December 14, 2020

THE NOTE!

Today we added our rose-colored Joy or Shepherd's Candle. The kids listen so well and seem very interested in the Advent wreath. If you don't have one at home, consider making one with your kids next year. The one pictured below is a paper plate and construction paper.

We also added the 3 Wise Men to our nativity. It's hard to finish the Nativity because we won't be here on Christmas, so if it seems out of order, it is ☺! This is the short prayer we used today after we talked about the journey and the gifts they brought baby Jesus:

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the promise, that if we seek you, as the 3 Wise Men did, we will find you.

Help us to see, each day, how valuable our relationship with you is, like the gifts the Wise Men brought you in Bethlehem.

As we travel through our day and week, as the Wise Men travelled, help us to recognize the importance of keeping Joy in our hearts and sharing the Light of Christ with others.

Amen



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday: All-School Mass (8), Recording Christmas Program

Thursday:

Friday: 6-8 Class Mass (7), NO BINGO

Monday: Wear Christmas shirts

Tuesday: Wear Christmas hats/headbands and/or socks; Regular dismissal time; NO
LATE STAY



Attached/In Packet: Bus Slips, Art Contest flyer (4-8), Right to Life sweatshirt order

- Thanks to all of you who volunteered to fill shoebox gifts for the high school. They are due tomorrow, so if you'd like me to deliver them for you, just send them in tomorrow morning at the latest. Again, thank you for being so generous!
- We will be recording the Christmas Concert on Wednesday throughout the day. Wish us luck. The kids are excited and I'm thankful that all of you will get to see your kids perform. The final product will be on our Facebook page.
- In your packet you will find a mirror the march flyer. We are planning, as we do every year, to hold a mini Right to Life march in our parking lot. We are hoping to watch some of the speakers if everything cooperates. I'm sending home the paper so if you want to order one of the sweatshirts the diocese is selling, you can do that. There is a web address. Orders are due Jan. 5th.
- The GFWC are hosting an art contest for 4th-8th graders. The entries are due by Jan. 13th. The waiver form mentioned on the flyer will be taken care of later. If your child wants to participate, they can speak to Ms. Cowger or complete a project independently.
- Just a reminder that we will have normal hours on our last day, but there will not be late stay. This allows us to get together as a staff.
- I'm trying to encourage the kids to work hard until the end. There are still tests to take and pages to read. The quarter ends the 22nd, so AR points are due that day. We will send home grade cards on Jan. 6th.

- We have one student home with COVID. Please keep our school in your prayers, that we are able to maintain good health and in-person learning! When in public places, please wear masks and wash your hand a lot!
- The last of the SCRIP orders are going out today. Thanks to everyone who used the program to help with your Christmas shopping.
- It's cold this week – please have coats, hats, gloves, and whatever you want for your kids when we are outside, because we will be out as much as possible to ensure they get mask breaks.
- Speaking of warm weather accessories, our pile of “stuff” is growing. If your family is missing anything (hats, gloves, sweatshirts, masks, etc.) let us know.
- The apparel order placed last month will be available for sending home or pick up on Thursday. Unless you tell us differently, we will send home with kids.
- The goodies are coming in and I've decided to embrace it! Thanks so much for allowing me to put on my winter weight before hibernation!
Some of the teachers resist...I make up for them!
- No news, yet, from the IESA! I'm wearing my basketball earrings today, hoping to channel good vibes! Thursday I will wear my volleyball earrings!

