

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic School



December 19, 2022

THE NOTE!

Hope everyone enjoyed the weekend. I know everyone is busy and the kids do seem tired, but the excitement of Christmas keeps them going. Hopefully we can stay healthy-only 4 days this week!

We added our 4th Advent candle today, the Love/Faith candle. Since we won't be together on Christmas, we also added the white Christ candle. Our nativity now includes the angel and baby Jesus. Sharing these traditions of our faith with the kids is something that makes my job so special!

I've already been given some wonderful gifts and I thank you for those and those that will come. I feel so blessed every day, but am reminded during this season, for sure! I am thankful to be a part of this school family and will be praying that you all have a wonderful Christmas!



SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Wear Red/Green, BB @ Red Hill 6:00

Tuesday: Wear Christmas Hats/Headbands, Pre-K Christmas Programs 10:00/2:00,
BB H Discovery Christian 6:00

Wednesday: Wear Christmas Socks, All-School Mass (8)

Thursday: Wear Christmas shirts/sweaters, Movies in the morning (bring a snack for yourself), AR party in the afternoon, End of 2nd quarter, 2:00 dismissal

No School until January 4th!

ATTACHED/IN PACKET: January Menu/Calendar, Class pictures, SCRIP cards (if ordered)

- * I reminded the kids this morning that we still have work to do to finish the 2nd quarter. I want them to be proud of how they finish. Until their teachers tell them they are finished, they need to stay focused. Then **WE CAN PARTY!!**
- * **Trivia Night** is fast approaching. There is a Facebook page for the event – please share any information with family and friends. We want it to be a great crowd again! Christmas time is a great time to get a team together or share information!
- * The next **Bingo** will be Jan. 20th. Please check your calendar now and let me know if you can help out!
- * A personal thanks to those who attended the **Pops Concert**. Lucy sang with Eliza accompanying her. My girls always feel the love from St. Thomas families! Our school was well represented with some great talent!
- * **Congratulations** to Mrs. Vahling's daughter, Kelsey, who was married this weekend. We wish them many years of happiness and good health!
- * I try to **thank our coaches** as often as possible, but a special thanks to Clint and John, Sam, Nick and Collin, and Nikki and Lindsey, who will spend their break practicing some. I appreciate their dedication to our kids!
- * On **Thursday** there will be a movie playing in all of our classrooms and the kids will choose a room. Please send an individual snack and drink for your kiddo! No Soda!
- * The **8:30 Christmas Day mass** is still lacking some ministries – We are still in need of servers and one lector. Please let me know or call Linda at church if your family can help with these.

I spend a lot of time reminding the kids and talking about the true meaning of Christmas. They know that it is perfectly okay to be excited about the presents, parties, and break from school, but if they don't remember the real WHY, they are missing out! Please, and I know you will, make attending church a priority at Christmas. These kids have so much stacked against them in this crazy world – the one steady thing we have is Jesus Christ and hope that, because of him, we will have eternal life after we leave this Earth! We have to prioritize our faith – everything else will come and go!

If you attend St. Thomas or St. Mary's, the mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve: St. Thomas 4:30 p.m./11:00 p.m.; St. Mary's 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Day: St. Thomas and St. Mary's 8:30 a.m.

