

St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception School: Building disciples of Jesus Christ through quality Catholic education

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## Message From Mr. Brown

Hello Wildcats!

The last few weeks I have spent a few class periods each day doing evaluations of our teaching staff. This allows me to spend at least 1 class period in each one of our classrooms. This may be one of the most enjoyable parts of my job here at St. Marys.

Several thoughts come to my mind each time I leave a room. First, how fortunate all of us are to have these teachers in our building. They are the most amazing teachers I have ever worked with. I think of how much better a teacher I could have been had I been able to observe them as a younger man.

I also realize that these teachers and staff love these students. And will go to no end to help them be successful students and people. I am amazed each and every day at what our staff is able to do. It just reinforces my belief in the greatness of this school!

## Save The Date

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|-----|
| • Feast of the Immaculate Conception | Monday                  | Dec 8  |     |
| • Grade School/MS Concerts           | Dec 9/Dec 16            |        | 6pm |
| • MS Leadership Morning              | Monday                  | Dec 15 | 8am |
| • Christmas Break                    | December 20 - January 4 |        |     |
| • School resumes                     | Monday January 5th      |        |     |
| • Star Testing Window                | Jan 5 - Jan 22          |        |     |
| • End of 2nd Quarter                 | Thursday January 22nd   |        |     |

## Did You Know?

- You cannot hum while holding your nose! (I bet you tried it!)
- Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific Ocean

## Dad Joke of the Week

What is it called when a snowman has a temper tantrum?

A Meltdown

Check the [school website](#) for answers to many of your questions

## Santa Bingo

Student Council has started its Advent Project. Hopefully you have seen the Santa Bingo card come home in the family folder. We encourage you to use this activity as a learning experience for your children. **As with all of our service projects, we are striving to be the hands and feet of Christ!**

### For the Adopt a Family – Due by December 10<sup>th</sup>

This is a great time to talk to your students about sacrificing for others. Ask your students to think about what they might like for Christmas. Do some research with your child – how much would that gift cost? Are you capable of donating that amount of money to others in need, even if it means asking Santa for one less gift?

For the older kids, thinking about this adopted family... what would really help this family out? A warm blanket, a warm sweatshirt, etc...again, do some research on the cost of those items. Older kids could also do some math! If each child brought in one dollar, we would have around \$170. If each child brought \$5.00 or more, we would have around \$900.00 which would have much more of an impact on this family.

For both the older and the younger students, the impact of doing some extra chores to earn money to donate is a very valuable experience.

### For the Food Drive – Due by December 17<sup>th</sup>

Talk to them about what kinds of foods they like to eat, what kinds of things fill them up when they are hungry, and what foods they turn to for a treat. Taking them to the grocery store and letting them pick a couple of things would be a great way to get them involved in an act of generosity.

For the older kids, encourage them to think about a balanced meal. For example, how could you include a non-perishable protein? Again, a trip to the store to purchase a complete meal with a main dish, a vegetable/fruit and a treat would be such a great learning experience.

Please consider the families that will receive these foods. Many don't have milk, butter or meat to add to boxed dinners – canned soups, stews or chilis make a great healthy meal.

**A final thought – Sacrificing to take care of others as Mary did is a great way to celebrate The Solemnity of Immaculate Conception on December 8<sup>th</sup>!**

# COLD WEATHER IS COMING!!!

## OUTDOOR RECESS CLOTHES POLICY

Be sure to keep an eye on the unpredictable weather and review our policy on outdoor recess.

- If there is snow on the ground or it is 32 degrees or lower, students must have boots, snow pants, jacket, hat, and gloves/mittens.
- If it is between 50 and 33 degrees, students must wear a hat and jacket. (gloves, etc. are at your child's discretion.)
- Above 50 degrees, it is your child's and comfort to wear the appropriate attire.

**IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE THE APPROPRIATE GEAR, THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO GO OUT AND PLAY!**

