



PRINCIPAL WARD'S WORDS

Our sixth grade students began their service project which is the Toy Drive for Our Lady of Holy Family Parish. We thank everyone who has donated so far and the collection will continue until this coming Wednesday.

On Thursday, our second graders led us in a beautiful All School Mass for the first week of Advent. Ask them about the homework that Father Jerry assigned and share your meaning of Advent with them.

Today was St. Nicholas Day so he visited our students after leaving a candy cane in their shoes. This is such a wonderful school tradition and it is quite heartwarming to see the students' reactions.

Good luck to our 8th grade students who are taking the Catholic Schools Entrance Exam tomorrow.

Next week we look forward to another busy week, Rudolph Ray's, the band concert and the 32nd Annual Kate Conlon Tournament.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday - 12/9/24 Wear Christmas Accessories with regular uniform

- [Holy Family Parish Toy Drive](#)
- Quiz Bowl Practice (6th grade), during lunch
- STEAM Club, 3:15-4:30 PM, Room 15
- Band Concert Rehearsal, 5:00-7:45 PM, St. Emily

Tuesday - 12/10/24 70th Anniversary Dress Day

- 1970's Dress Up Day
- [Holy Family Parish Toy Drive](#)
- [Rudolph Ray's Gift Shop](#)
- Quiz Bowl Practice (7th & 8th grade), during lunch
- Last LEGO Club, 3:15-4:30 PM, Room 15
- Band Concert, 7:00 PM, St. Emily

Wednesday - 12/11/24 Christmas Trivia during the day

- [Holy Family Parish Toy Drive](#) ends
- **2:00 Dismissal**
- [Gourmet Gorilla orders due by midnight](#)

Thursday - 12/12/24 Advent activity with Buddy Class

- Student of the Month, 7:20 AM, Community Room
- [GAP schedules due for next week](#)
- Robotics Club, 3:15-4:45 PM, Room 301
- Kate Conlon Tournament begins

Friday - 12/13/24 Cheer on your favorite sports team (uniform bottoms)

- Kate Conlon Tournament

IMPORTANT DATES

12/16- Last STEAM Club, 3:15-4:30 PM, Room 15
 12/18- Athletic Association Meeting, 7:00 PM, PMC
 12/19- Nativity Performance, 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM, Church
 12/19- Last Robotics Club, 3:15-4:45 PM, Room 301
 12/20-Christmas Break begins at 3:15 PM
 12/23-1/3/25 **NO SCHOOL- Christmas Break**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

1/9 - All School Mass hosted by staff, 2:00 PM, Church
 1/14- Family & School Assoc. Meeting, 7:00 PM, Comm. Rm.
 1/15- Athletic Association Meeting,
 1/16-1/19- Joey Sykes Tournament
 1/20- MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY-NO SCHOOL
 1/22- Raising Cane's Dine & Share, info to follow
 1/22- Winter Sports Pictures
 1/23- 1st-8th Prayer Service, 2:00 PM, Church

All Wednesdays-2:00 PM Dismissal

Saints Sports Corner



We are [looking for volunteers](#) to help at the 32nd Annual Kate Conlon Christmas Tournament. Thursday, December 12th through Sunday, December 15th!

FRIDAY FLYER



IMPORTANT NEWS:

- We are still in need [volunteers](#) to help with **Breakfast with Santa** TOMORROW!
- We are once again hosting our annual **Holiday Toy Drive Collection for Our Lady of Holy Family Parish** in Chicago. Our 6th graders are leading this service project and new, unwrapped toys will be collected through Wednesday, December 11th. Please [see the flyer](#) for gift ideas and items that are NOT requested.
- **Rudolph Ray's Gift Shop** will be open on Tuesday! Check [the website](#) for information and also your child's backpack as information was sent home this Wednesday. All links are live and you can see what this wonderful event is all about!
- Donations may be made to the [Teacher Appreciation Fund](#) through the [FACTS payment portal](#) until December 9, 2024. We appreciate your generosity.
- Are you and/or your business [interested in sponsoring](#) our upcoming Kate Conlon and/or Joey Sykes Basketball Tournaments? Please contact Lucy Turaka at lpuraka@gmail.com
- We have started our **12 Days of Christmas, SRS Style**. Check [the schedule](#) for all the fun activities planned in the days leading up to Christmas break.
- Join us at the **Kate Conlon Basketball Tournament** beginning Thursday, December 12th. There are many ways you and your family can support this tradition which is now in its 32nd year! See the [website page](#) for all the details and [iVolunteer](#) to help out! You need not have a child in the athletic program to participate!
- **St. Viator High School** is hosting a **Baseball Camp** in support of their **Varsity Baseball Team** and would love for St. Raymond students to join them! The fundraiser will help support the team's needs and enhance their experience throughout the season. See [their flyer](#) for information.
- Join St. Raymond School and the Archdiocese for a legendary group outing to a **Chicago Bulls** game to celebrate Catholic Schools Week. Share the excitement of Bulls basketball as the team takes on the Denver Nuggets, Jan. 27th! Proceeds from each ticket purchased will be donated to St. Raymond School and the Archdiocese. [Click here for ticket information](#). Tickets must be purchased by Jan. 9th.
- **Cold Weather Reminder**...please be certain that your child is prepared each day for an outdoor recess and gym. Boots, gloves, hats, and coats are a must for the cold weather. Unless the wind chill temperature is below 15 degrees or the weather is terribly inclement, we WILL go outside. Please dress appropriately or keep items in the backpack.

News from the Parish

- Don't forget to sign up for the [Santa's in the House Adult Christmas Party](#) - **December 7th** in the PLC - featuring live music by Ken Dix and the Grinches

