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Week-At-A-Glance

Friday, December 19, 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All School Mass - Gr. 8• P4 - Christmas Party• K - 8 Christmas Parties - PM
Monday, January 5, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Morning Prayer - Gr. 8
Tuesday, January 6, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys JV Basketball @ 4:30 HOME Livingston Christian• Boys Varsity Basketball @ 5:30 HOME Livingston Christian
Wednesday, January 7, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Middle School Mass - Gr. 8
Thursday, January 8, 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Boys JV Basketball @ 5:30 AWAY Holly• Boys Varsity Basketball @ 6:30 AWAY• Holly

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Principal Points:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

- **The Christmas Concert is Tonight!** - Parents, please bring your children to their classrooms by 6:45 p.m. in order to be ready for the 7:00 p.m. performance. Children should wear their Christmas best. This will be a great show, and our students are very excited about having you come out to see them perform. See you tonight!
- **Check It Out!** Look for the beautiful *St. Mary Catholic School Christmas Wish List* signs on display in the church gathering space this weekend. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Haberl and Sign Works in Howell for the generous donation of the signs!
- **Catalog and Magazine Tower Contest Continues:**

The holiday season has been filling our mailboxes with catalogs, catalogs and more catalogs. St. Mary School will be happy to take your catalogs between December 8th and January 9th.

Which classroom can make the highest tower with the total of all catalogs and magazines collected?

Each class will stack the catalogs and magazines that are brought into their classroom; they can be put into several piles.

Each class will keep a running tally of each room's total inches and deposit the catalogs and magazines in the Paper Retriever bin each week.

The winning classroom will be caretakers of the Earth and receive a pizza party!

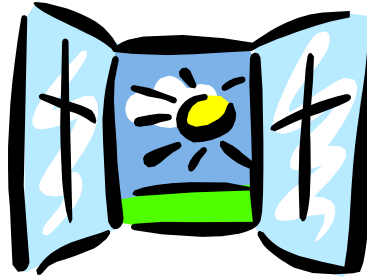
- Thank you to Rina Malcolm, Susan Haynes, Randy deBeauclair and the other parents of the third grade for providing the staff with a scrumptious lunch on Wednesday...Amazing soup, salad, desserts! Thanks again!
- Traffic Update! The flow of traffic both during morning arrival and afternoon pick up have been proceeding safely and smoothly. Thank you for consideration and support!
- **PTC News** - Special thanks to **Paige Gabel** for sharing her time, talents, and treasures as PTC President during the last six months. Paige came to my office last summer and graciously offered to serve as the President despite a busy family, work, and volunteer schedule. She accomplished a great deal during that short period of time by sharing her professional expertise, irrepressible enthusiasm, and positive outlook. Although Paige is stepping out of the role of PTC President, I am certain that she will continue to share untold hours of her time toward making St. Mary Catholic School the best that it can be, and I wish *her* the best as she catches her breath to focus more time on her family and other commitments. Thanks again Paige!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you for your continuing support! Best regards,

John Gilboe

THE WINDOW



SECOND GRADE NEWS

The second graders have been very busy. Here is what we've been doing lately...

We are learning all about Reconciliation in Religion. We've learned how all people were born with original sin because Adam and Eve disobeyed God. We also learned how God sent his only son Jesus to save us from our sins, and that it is through Reconciliation that we repent and are forgiven for our sins. We are looking forward to receiving this amazing sacrament in February.

In Reading we have been working on how to categorize and classify information, distinguish between a fact and an opinion, utilize a Venn diagram to compare and contrast, and become published authors.

The class book we created is entitled Letters That Remind Me About God. We were very excited to have our book published! We would like to thank Mrs. Sullivan for her help in making our book.

The learning continues in our other classes too. In Social Studies, we have just started a new unit that focuses on our country's physical environment and how people interact with it. We are working on double digit adding in math right now. It was a bit tricky at first, but we are getting the hang of it. In Science we just finished a unit on how animals and humans grow and change. We were able to make a life size cut out of ourselves that included most of our organs! It was very cool. Now we have moved on to studying habitats and environments. Last but not least, in English we have been exploring the ever interesting world of nouns!

All in all it has been an exciting few months for us. We can't wait to see what the next few months will bring!

For Your Information

Middle School Dance:

Thanks to all who attended the Christmas Dance last Friday. We received many pillows, pajamas, socks, slippers, and cash donations for LACASA. The food donations were added to the St. Mary Food Pantry. Thanks again for all the support. Mark your calendars for February 20, 2009 for the next Middle School Dance.

Baysail Fundraiser:

The 7th graders will be collecting returnable bottles and cans starting after the Christmas Break. We will have our 1st collection day on Friday, January 9th. If you would like to donate and help support our BaySail trip, please start saving your

Returnables. More information to follow in the 1st January Messenger.

Hooray for Hollywood Update!

Thanks to the following families for their item donations or helping to acquire items: Flaherty, Hur, Dusseau, Wroten, Schneider, Gabel, and Liddy.

If you received a volunteer confirmation sheet please return it to the office as soon as you can. We are creating the final volunteer list so we can see where we still have holes that need to be filled. Thanks to all the parents that have volunteered to help thus far – it has been a great response!

Remember to check out the auction wish list for items that you may find on your after Christmas shopping trips. The auction team wants you to know that we will also receive any unwanted gifts. LOL! When we return from break the auction team will be moving full steam ahead with following up on the donation letters. If you would like to help make follow-up calls and contribute to acquisitions, give Pam or Gina a call. Thanks to the Chiminski, Fackler and B. Miller families who have already agreed to help.

Special thanks this week to Julie Flaherty – our church volunteer coordinator.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from TEAM Auction.

“I never really had the classic struggle. I had faith.” – Denzel Washington