

St. Ann School

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Wednesday Memo

**Lunch supervision volunteers
must arrive by 11:15 AM**



Total for 15 Lunches for December: \$43.50

Monday, Dec. 1	Tator Tot Hotdish
Supervision	Totz, Guy Milbrath
Tuesday, Dec. 2	Chicken Alfredo Bake
Supervision	Danninger, Totz
Wednesday, Dec. 3	Beefy Italian Dunkers
Supervision	Totz, Hanson
Thursday, Dec. 4	Mini-Corn Dogs
Supervision	Totz, Wise
Friday, Dec. 5	Meatball Sub or Breaded Chicken Patty
Supervision	Milota, Totz

Donate Your Best Buy Rewards Points to St. Ann School

The Spaghetti Dinner/Basket Raffle Committee is preparing for our biggest fundraiser of the year. Once again the Spaghetti Dinner Committee is asking that you consider donating your **Best Buy Rewards Points** to St Ann School when shopping at Best Buy. Simply give the school phone number, [608-873-3343](tel:608-873-3343) at check out and the points can be credited to St Ann School, to be converted to cash used to purchase basket items for the school's largest fundraiser. We thank you, in advance, for your generosity to St. Ann School.



Don't forget to order SCRIP for your gift-giving, purchasing needs. Monday, December 1, 8 and 15 are all SCRIP Order dates. Shop early and avoid the rush with your SCRIP gift cards. Just email Diane Neumeyer at neumeyerdiane@yahoo.com

Thanks for supporting St. Ann School through SCRIP.

Upcoming Field Trips

December 3—5th Grade volunteer at the Catholic Multicultural Center

December 4—2nd Grade visit the Stoughton Senior Center

Family Fun Activity

Girl Scout Troup 2797 is organizing a "Winter Fun with the Family" activity with sledding and hot chocolate and baked goods, (while they last) on Saturday, December 6, from 2-4 PM at Anderson Avenue Park off Racetrack Road on Anderson Avenue. (alternate snow date is January 24, 2015 at 2 PM).

Important Dates to Remember

Sunday, December 7, 1:30—4 PM is the 1st Reconciliation Retreat and Service

Monday, December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have All School Mass at 8:10 AM that morning.

Friday, December 12 is the Feast of Our Lady Of Guadalupe. There will be a bi-lingual prayer service at 2:15 PM in the Church. Parents are welcome to join us.

Reminder: there is NO SCHOOL November 26-28 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Happy Thanksgiving to you all. Remember to especially thank God for all of your blessings.





Principal's Corner

Prepare the Way

It's funny how we spend so much time each holiday season talking to our children about Santa and whether or not they've been "good" boys and girls. We ask them if they have been kind and helpful, and they make every attempt with their ultimate goal to obtain more material goods. Ask any child, and he or she will tell you all about Santa and why it's especially important to behave this time of year. Our kids have the impression that if they have been too naughty, Santa may not reward them. It's a great, humorous lesson in consequence and self-awareness. So when it comes to Jesus' coming, shouldn't we be equally contemplating our behavior?

Our theme this Advent Season is "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are asking our students to open their hearts and minds to God's Gospel message. One of the best ways to do this is to think about all the things for which we are thankful. I truly believe that we naturally become closer to God if we live a life of gratitude. Today, at our Thanksgiving prayer service, the students watched a video, entitled "The Thanksgiving Chair," in which a father takes many opportunities during his hectic day to contemplate and thank God for all his blessings, even during the stressful and sad moments. Beginning Monday, we will have our own thanksgiving chair stationed outside of the school office. We are inviting everyone – students, parents, siblings, faculty/staff, and parish members – to take a moment to sit in the chair and pray a quick thanks to God. In addition, we will have a writing table and paper "bricks" on which to write how we will prepare our hearts this Advent. We invite you to share your thoughts and to add to our pathway that will lead our hearts to Jesus.

To help them prepare, continue to reflect and talk with your kids about what it means to ready their hearts during Advent. In addition, as you joke about Santa and the consequences of being "naughty or nice," be sure to remind your children that Jesus also came to us but it was BECAUSE of our sins so that, as Paul said to the Corinthians in 2:4:6, we may "bring to light the knowledge of the glory of God on the face of Jesus Christ."

~ Mrs. Raisum

An Important Note About Our Upcoming Advent Concert

Dear Parents,

As the weather has changed, so have the sounds coming from the music room! This year our students will be presenting their winter concert on Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30 in the evening. It will be held in the church. Your child(ren) will need to be at school, in their homerooms, by **6:10 pm on Tuesday, December 16.**

As we are preparing for the concert I wanted to let you know how I am asking your children to dress for the evening:

If your child is in **elementary school**, (K through 5th grade) they need to wear dress pants (no jeans or sweatpants) and a nice shirt – for example, church appropriate attire. Girls may also wear skirts with nice blouses or dresses. "Christmas themed" and seasonally appropriate attire is welcome! White, gold, yellow, green and red colors are suggested, but not necessary.

If your child is in **middle school**, (Grades 6 through 8) they need to wear black dress pants (girls may also wear skirts or dresses) and a nice, solid colored shirt. Students can choose which color they would like, (White, gold, yellow, green and red colors are suggested, but not necessary.) Please avoid patterns and words.

The students have done a great job preparing for this concert and I am looking forward to a wonderful evening filled with music and fellowship.

Charis Boersma, Music Teacher

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