



Tiger Connection

Saint Henry School

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

Advent is a time given to us to prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord's arrival. This time of waiting on the Lord is not only for the remembrance of Christ's first coming at Christmas, but also a preparation for the Lord's second coming. So it is that the Church encourages us to conversion for His second coming as well as joyful expectation of the feast of Christmas. One way we express our conversion is to receive the Sacrament of Penance during the Advent season.

On a natural level during this time of year, we can all get caught up in the busy activity of preparing for Christmas and forget to take time to reflect on the awesome mystery of the Christ-child. We get too busy with the preparation and miss the arrival of the Guest!

Remember when Real Love entered our world and gave Himself to us as the most wonderful gift we will ever receive. During your times of prayer before Christmas, take time to reflect on this overwhelming thought and prepare your heart for the many joys of Christmas.

To help us prepare spiritually for the feast of Christmas the Church inserts the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception within the Advent season, December 8th. This Holy Day reminds us, in a particular way, of Mary's special grace to be without sin so she could be the pure vessel for the Son of God.

Let us ask Mary to help us become a pure vessel to receive the Lord on Christmas day.

Sincerely In Christ,

Sister Ann Hyacinth, O.P.
Principal

Next Week's Tiger Connection will be sent home on Wednesday due to no school on Tuesday.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

There will be no school on Tuesday the 8th of December in observation of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times at Saint Henry Parish are 6:30 am, 8:00 am, and 6 pm.

Inclement Weather Reminder

Just a reminder that school cancellations/early dismissals due to inclement weather will be announced on local radio or TV stations and our new Schoolreach Program.

If the roads in your neighborhood are impassable, use your good judgment and keep your children home; they will be permitted to make up the work missed. If school is canceled due to inclement weather, any regularly scheduled events or extracurricular events will not be held at school.

First Friday Food Collection

This month's First Friday Collection will be given to the Ladies of Charity's Christmas project for the poor. We will be collecting dried navy beans or northern beans on Dec. 4th.

The St. Henry Food Pantry is continuing to support the Assumption's Food Pantry in North Nashville. Please continue to help those who are hungry by bringing in your food donations, in addition to your beans, on December 4th for First Friday. Thank you for your generosity!

Benediction

Friday, December 4th we will have Benediction at 2:30 in the church, everyone is welcome. The children may wear their 'Year for Priests' faith rally shirt with their jeans.

Uniform Reminders

The upcoming Christmas holiday is a great opportunity to do general uniform checks. Please take time to check on length of skirts and pants and also the color of the khaki pants. Some lighter colored pants are creeping

into the mix. Also check rips, tears, and stains on pants and shirts.

Kindergarten Program

The Kindergarten program will be Friday, December 11 at 8:30am in the dining hall.

Exams

Exams for 6th-8th grade will begin the week of December 14th. Please make sure your child has plenty of sleep and a good breakfast.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert will be December 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. We look forward to seeing you there!

Loveless Café

The 8th graders will be going to the Loveless Café for their Christmas Breakfast on December 18th at 9:00.

All School Mass

All School Mass will be Friday, December 18th instead of Wednesday. We will celebrate Mass as a community before we leave for the Christmas break.

Christmas Break

Christmas break begins at 11:30 on December 18th and we resume classes on January 4th. Have a wonderful holiday.

Father Ryan - Don't forget to register for Father Ryan's last admissions placement test on Saturday, December 5. Register online at www.fatherryan.org/testing.

Jr. CYO Christmas Toy Dance

Saturday, December 5th 7-9:30 pm in the school dining hall. Cost is \$5.00 and a new unwrapped toy for a needy child (birth-18).

Special hours for the December Spirit Shop Sale

We will be opening the Spirit Shop early on **Friday, December 4th at 2:00** to accommodate your Christmas shopping. We have some **new items**: monogrammed beanie hats, can coolers (koozies), new umbrellas, car magnets, tiger earrings, monogrammed baskets and more.....

If you can't make it to the sale, print an order form off the SHS website, send it to the office and we will fill your order and send it home with your child or we can call you to pick it up. If it is a gift, please mark the form as gift, so we don't mention it to your child.

St. Henry Parish and School Christmas Gift-Giving Project

Saint Henry School will again be partaking in the Parish and School Christmas Gift Giving Project. Please see the attached list that tells what each class should bring. Gifts should be brought to school labeled with the agency's name and unwrapped. Please return all gifts to school by December 11, 2009.

St. Cecilia Academy News

The St. Cecilia Academy Admissions Office will host Fireside Chats on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9, 2009, for any prospective parents who missed Open House and would like more information about SCA. The chats will be at noon in the library; lunch will be served. RSVP to admissions@stcecilia.edu or (615) 298-4525, ext. 377. For more information about St. Cecilia Academy, visit www.stcecilia.edu.



First Friday Food Collection to help Ladies of Charity

Please bring
your
donation to
school on
Friday,
December 4,
2009.



The Ladies of Charity are asking schools to help fill Christmas baskets that will be distributed to the needy. Last year, with the help from schools, Ladies of Charity was able to fill hundreds of baskets more than the previous years and meet the growing need for food baskets at Christmastime.

This is a great opportunity for Saint Henry students to help the less fortunate. Our goal is 700 1lb. bags of dried navy or northern beans—averaging 1 bag per student. Please consider giving a 1lb. bag of dried navy or northern beans per student for the needy.

