



## CELEBRATE CHRIST'S COMING

This Advent brings a period of time for Christians to set things right. At Christmas, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus to make all things new. We can turn to Christ with grateful hearts. We praise God for the generosity that has been shown to us in our lives. We celebrate the fact that we are a "Eucharistic people"- a people of praise and thanksgiving. It is time for us to acknowledge our need for forgiveness and to experience a change of heart. To make this season more meaningful and prayerful for everyone, beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup>, through December 20<sup>th</sup>, each morning all students, teachers, and staff will participate in Advent prayers. This is a special time of prayer and reflection.

It is our fervent wish that you and your family will be especially blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit and may the activities you share in the holiday season ahead bring you closer to each other and to our Lord Jesus Christ.



## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Join us for the annual Blessed Sacrament PTA Breakfast with Santa! This festive event takes place on **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00**

**AM to 11:30 AM**, in the Parish Center. Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and more, along with festive drinks like hot cocoa and coffee. Santa Claus will be on hand for photos and to hear Christmas wishes.

Don't forget to pick up a beautiful Poinsettia to brighten your holiday home! Adults can enjoy the breakfast for \$7, while children ages 3-12 can feast for \$4. Children under 3 are free. If you have any questions or would like more information please, contact the PTA at [bss.pta@syrdiocese.org](mailto:bss.pta@syrdiocese.org).



## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Starting **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** during Breakfast with Santa, and running through **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**, you and your family are invited to explore a world of books. Discover new favorites and stock up on holiday gifts. By purchasing books, you're not only enriching your home library but also supporting our school library.



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## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM



Blessed Sacrament's annual Christmas Concert will be presented on

**Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.** for students grades 2-6.

Tiny Eagles - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students will have their Christmas concert on **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** Mrs. Giacobbe, our music teacher, has been working extremely hard with students to prepare them to share the magic of Christmas with their families and friends through this musical program. Each year we look forward to this special presentation. **All students are asked to dress up for the concert. Please, no sneakers or jeans.**

**Please Note:** Students in grades 2 - 6 will need to come to the school cafeteria at 6:30 pm for the performance on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## MONTHLY SERVICE PROJECT

In keeping with our commitment to Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, we are dedicating the month of December to "comfort the afflicted". We will be collecting donations for Vera House from **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. Vera House is a vital resource for women and children facing difficult times. Donations of coloring books (all ages, including adults), crayons, colored pencils, and markers will help to brighten the days of those going through a tough time. Your generosity will make a real difference in their lives.

## GIVING TREE

A cherished Advent tradition, we're inviting you to help children in need by donating new mittens and hats. These warm winter essentials will be donated to children served by our Parish Outreach Ministry. Please bring your donations to the parish office by **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**. As children bring in their donations, we'll decorate our main entrance Christmas tree, transforming it into a beautiful "Giving Tree." This heartwarming tradition helps children keep Christ in their hearts by sharing with others and spreading kindness.



## PIES FOR THE RESCUE MISSION

Thank you to all our families for your generous donations of supplies! We're excited for pie baking day on **Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup>**. We love seeing our students' hard work as they earn



money for pie supplies through chores. We can't wait to have families join us for the fun of pouring, mixing, and baking. This tradition is truly special for the Rescue Mission, our school, and our students.



- ☪ **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Bake Sale** 6-7pm, before the 2-6 Christmas Concert
- ☪ **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> PTA Bake Sale:** 8-9am, before the TE – 1<sup>st</sup> grade Christmas Concert
- ☪ **Thursday, January 16<sup>th</sup>:** PTA Meeting 7pm. Childcare is available.

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS



That time of year is again upon us when inclement weather and related problems cause schools to either open late or to be

closed for the day. If the Syracuse City School District is announced closed or delayed, we are also closed or delayed. We also will send out a text/email. **BUSING** – If you live outside of the Syracuse City District and your child buses, the busing will follow your district. If SCSD is not your district, please call the main office if your child will be late due to delays.

### NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

New York State law requires that all students have a completed annual physical on file in the nurse's office. We are currently updating student health records, so please ensure your child's annual physical is up to date. If you have any questions, please contact the school nurse at [bssnurse@syrdiocese.org](mailto:bssnurse@syrdiocese.org).



### EAGLE EXTRAS

- ☪ **School Banking** - will be at all lunches on **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**
- ☪ **Early Dismissal at 10:30am** – Friday, December 6
- ☪ The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Liturgy on **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>** planned by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. **No Tag Day Passes allowed.**
- ☪ The Student Council will meet **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> afterschool until 3pm.**
- ☪ **\$1.00 Christmas-themed Tag Days December 16, 17, 18.** Details will be emailed.
- ☪ **The Ugly Sweater Faculty/Staff Contest** is on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.** Please bring in \$1.00 on Tuesday to vote for your favorite sweater. All proceeds go to the Peter Fennessey Scholarship Fund.
- ☪ Christmas Concert grades 2-6 **Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.**

- ☪ Bieber or BUST themed Tag Day – **Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>,** for Miss Heppeler's Birthday!
- ☪ Christmas Concert Tiny Eagles - 1<sup>st</sup> grade **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Dismissal is at 10:30am.** This is a FREE Tag Day.
- ☪ No School for Christmas Break: **Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.** School will resume on **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- ☪ Epiphany Prayer Service **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, at 9am** in the gym.
- ☪ Pajama themed Tag Day – **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>,** for Ms. Driscoll's Birthday!
- ☪ Re-enrollment begins **Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.**
- ☪ School Banking – **Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup>** at all lunches.
- ☪ Chess Program grades K-6 begins **Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**
- ☪ **No School – Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Martin Luther King Day
- ☪ Favorite Color themed Tag Day – **Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>,** for Mrs. Netto's 1/2 Birthday!
- ☪ Fennessey Friday's Popcorn orders are **due Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- ☪ Favorite Shirt themed Tag Day – **Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>,** for Mr. Cacchione's Birthday!
- ☪ The Student Council will meet **Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> after school until 3pm.**
- ☪ Catholic Schools Week will begin **Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.** School Liturgy at 9am with Bishop Lucia.
- ☪ **No School – Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Chinese New Year

### KID'S CORNER

Every year, around the world, people celebrate Christmas. It's a season filled with Christmas carols, tree decorating, gift-giving, and parties. And, among all the celebrations, you may be wondering: what is the real meaning of Christmas? Or, why do we have these Christmas traditions? What do they have to do with Jesus? Christmas is about the birth of God's Son – Jesus. It is an opportunity to pause and give thanks for the love, hope, and joy found in Jesus – our Saviour and friend. As we exchange gifts with loved ones, it is out of remembrance of the gift God gave us in Jesus. The gift is that we are loved and are never alone. For December, please color a Nativity Scene, baby Jesus, or the Holy Family and return it to the main office for a Tag Day Pass by **Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

