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Winter



DECEMBER



Family Folder – Wednesday, December 4, 2024

Catholic Attitudes and Practices Survey & a Faith Knowledge Assessment: Please see the letter enclosed from Fr. Sedlacek for the parents of the 5th grade students at St. Charles.

DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT THEM! There's still snow on the playground! Students will need boots, snow pants, hats, gloves/mittens, and jackets for recess as well as long-sleeved shirts for the classroom, and shoes to wear in school. Please be sure your child doesn't leave home without these items to keep them comfortable both inside and outside.

Christmas Concert and Art Show: The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear? That is what the St. Charles School children intend to do! Please come and enjoy some holiday spirit as we sing tunes from Christmas movies and TV specials. We hope "yule" love it! Our Christmas Concert and Art Show will be on Tuesday, December 17th at 7 PM. Please come and join us!

Christmas Tree Donations: Once again, we have a Christmas tree in the entryway of the school. We will be collecting **hats, mittens, socks, and underwear** for needy families in our area. Last year we had a tremendous response so feel free to begin contributing to the tree. The 4th-6th graders have begun the decoration with hats made with a knitting machine before and after school. Thank you!

Santa Sale: Enclosed are **gift tags** for our Santa Sale. You or your child can write down the name of who they are shopping for (for example: Grandma Sally), and who the gift is from. Plan to send about \$.50 to \$1.00 per gift. We'll help your child shop for that person and put the gift tag on the wrapping. If you need more, please contact Carrol in the office. If you have leftovers, please send them back and we'll use them again next year. Shopping starts Friday, **December 13th** after lunch.

Thank you: Candace Hogge and her three boys came to share her love of reading with us as well as sharing the writing process she went through in writing and publishing her own books. We enjoyed listening to her read and learned that editing is more than just one rough draft!

PTO Update:

- Please complete the Christmas Gift form and send it back by next **Wednesday December 11th** in an envelope addressed "Christmas Gifts".
- Any Santa Sale items or Christmas gift bags etc. you want to send in please do so by Wednesday (**December 11**) next week as well.

Take-Aways:

- Trivia is this Friday at 5:30 PM (**December 6**).
- Santa Sale **December 13th** after lunch recess (be there by 11:30 AM to help).
- Christmas Concert **December 17th** at 7 PM.
- Share any field trip ideas.
- Next meeting is **Tuesday, January 7th** at 5:30 PM.
- **Questions/Concerns:** Jbutterfly12384@gmail.com or call/ text 608-780-11

Scrip (Megan Olson): The holidays are fast approaching! From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn money back for the PTO by purchasing gift cards. Attached is the order form for physical gift cards. **Orders are due back by December 13th.** Cards will arrive before Christmas. As always, you can use the RaiseRight app to buy and use electronic gift cards immediately. **A Scrip Order form was enclosed last week – if you need another call the office. Contact Megan Olson with questions.** Mjtrussoni@gmail.com or 608-385-7815.

Taking care of the body God gave us: The little knit gloves might be cute but offer no protection against wind, cold, and wet so please do not have your child wear these to school. If your child brings home a hat, gloves, or jacket that belongs to the school (the teacher will notify you through email), this item should be washed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Hunger Knows No Season: Please join us in collecting for the local food pantry! Bring in a nonperishable food item **every Tuesday** to help those in need. We will place the items in the food basket at the altar before Mass. This is sponsored by the Student Council. The food items will support the St. Matthew's Food Pantry.

Safe Environment Forms (Carroll): Some annual training forms are missing. A form is enclosed for individuals that I don't have a completed form for this year. Please complete and return to office.

De Soto Area Schools Message Alert Information per De Soto instructions for school closures: SchoolMessengerSetup (SMS): De Soto offers text message notification service to all the school families. Email your cell phone number to: jkreuzer@desoto.k12.wi with **SchoolMessengerSetup** in the title. **Three days after you send your request, please text "YES" to 67587 to opt-in to receive SMS messages from De Soto Area Schools.** (Jackie Kreuzer, Adm. Assist. De Soto Area Schools)

St Charles Facebook Page: Like" the St Charles Facebook Page for updates and events at school.

Enclosures:

- Letter to 5th grade parents, Religion assessments
- Permission to watch movie (4-6th)
- Permission to visit Creamery Creek for concert practice
- PTO Minutes
- Christmas gift tags
- Safe Environment annual training forms

Dates to Remember:

December : Hat, mitten, socks, and underwear tree
December 06: Trivia at 5:30 PM
December 10: Concert at Creamery Creek
December 13: Santa Sale with back up day on the 19th, reconciliation for 3-6
December 15: First reconciliation for our 2nd graders after Mass
December 17: Christmas Concert and Art Show at 7:00 PM
December 20: Last day of school before Christmas break, PJ Day, Lion's Club Pizza lunch
December 20 - January 1: Winter break

Birthdays: December 25: Celia Venner

PTO Meeting - Minutes

December 3rd, 2024

Attendees

Jessie Cina, Megan Olson, Miss Donovan, Michelle Rodgers, Ashely Eckes

Teacher's Report

- Catholic Schools week trip – looking at 1/29 – checking into high rollers/La Crosse Playground – other ideas send to Jessie or Patti
- Santa Sale – 12/13 (PM) with backup date of 12/19 (AM)
 - ANYONE HELPING – please show up by 11:30 12/13
 - Looking at setting up for it on Thursday 12/12 after school
 - Need bags and any gifts can be dropped off by Monday 12/9.
- Winter Concert – 12/17 7 PM. PTO will supply cookies and juice

Treasurer's report

- Pancake breakfast & bake sale brought in about \$1100! Nice work! We also received a \$1000 donation from Catholic Charities!

Business

- Fundraising
 - Trivia: This Friday, 12/6!
 - Menu will be popcorn (free), BBQ/Hot Dogs, Chips, Pickle, Dessert, Drinks (alcoholic and non)
 - Future trivia nights: checking dates in Feb & May
 - Future fundraisers
 - Bingo after Fellowship 1/5 – Bingo will be 11:30-1:30 (10 games). Food/drinks being confirmed.
 - Sip & Paint: Save the date for Sunday, 2/1, 1-4PM (Adults & kids)
 - Fish Fry's
 - Tentative dates: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4 – Ok'd with Buck, need additional help with cooking fish plus setup and tear down each time, discussed.
 - Spring Carnival: 4/27

Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 7th, 5:30pm in the school gym.

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- Christmas Concert 12/17 at 7 PM
- Any field trip ideas – share
- Next meeting Tuesday, 1/7/25 at 5:30 PM

