

## PTA & Christmas Shoppe: December 12-14, 2016

We are trying a new way for our Christmas Boutique. The school is working with a company that will make it easy and hassle-free but not taking away the fun or magic for the children. Next week, the children will need to bring in money and a list of whom to shop for. Prices range from \$.25-\$12.00. Volunteers will assist the children into selecting a gift for each person on their lists. Once the gifts are selected the volunteer staff will wrap and tag each item. The children will then bring the gifts home and will be ready for Christmas Day. The children love this as it allows the child to shop all on their own. It's one of our favorite days of the year here at school. The company also gives a portion of the sales back to the school.

HUGE THANK YOU for everyone's help with the Fall Festival and other fundraising efforts thus far.  
Estimated Profits: Fall Festival \$10,400. Chocolate Sales \$6,000.  
Cherry Dale Farm Catalog Sale: \$4,300.

\*As the year draws to an end, I want to thank everyone for their patience and support the first two-quarters. I know we still struggle with RenWeb, lunch ordering and the grade portal, but rest assure we are working closely with the software company to see what can be done. Please continue to send concerns to us.

\*2017-2018 Registration will be beginning immediately after Christmas Break. Please pay special attention to the dates, fees, and deadlines. We all know space is limited and failure to note the above items may result in holding a place for your child.

\*Please remember to drive slow, refrain from all electronic devices, and watch for children while driving on school grounds.

\*We will be holding a used uniform sale this Friday from 1-4:00 PM in the cafeteria.

\*Upon returning from break please make sure uniforms and hair are following the guidelines listed in the Student Handbook. Please pay special attention to hair, only forest green sweats, no cargo pants, and no colored under-shirts. All students should no longer be wearing khaki shorts due to the weather.



Keep Christ in Christmas

VIRTUE OF THE MONTH:  
*Hope*



## Dates To Note:

- \*Fri, 12/16 Full Day (ASC available), PK3 and VPK Singalong is at 9:00 AM. Kindergarten Singalong at 1:00 PM. Both in the Cafeteria.
- \*Tues, 1/3 All Students Return to School
- \*Fri, 1/6 Report Cards go Home, Honor Roll Assembly after All-School Mass
- \*Mon, 1/16 No School/Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- \*Fri, 1/27 11:45 AM Dismissal/Faculty Meeting
- \*Sat, 1/28 First Reconciliation & Retreat 9-12Noon Meet in Parish Hall
- \*Fri, Feb 3 All-School Mass
- \*Mon, 2/6 Progress Reports
- \*Fri, 2/17 No School/Discretionary Day
- \*Mon, 2/20 No School/President's Day
- \*Fri, 2/24 Early Dismissal/Faculty Meeting
- \*Wed, 3/1 Ash Wednesday
- \*Fri, 3/3 All School Mass
- \*Mon 3/6-Fri 3/17 ITBS Testing (grades 2-8 please No appointments or trips)
- \*Mon 3/13 No School/Diocesan Planning Day
- \*Tues 3/14 Beginning of 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- \*Fri, 3/17 Report Cards Go Home
- \*Fri, 3/31 Early Dismissal/Faculty Meeting
- \*Fri, 4/7 All School Mass
- \*Wed, 4/12 Field Day and 11:45 AM Dismissal
- \*Thurs, 4/13-4/21 Spring Break
- \*Mon. 4/24 Classes Resume

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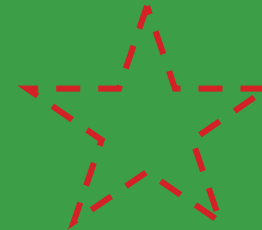
Wishes you a Merry Christmas!!



## Guidance Corner: Healthy Habits

In addition to the importance of a sleep routine, which was previously covered, encourage healthy habits by offering fruits and vegetables and providing outside play time. I have seen many children enjoying raw vegetables such as carrots, cucumbers, and even cauliflower along with their peanut butter and jelly sandwich.

Free outside playtime helps burn off energy while at the same time providing more energy in the future. If your child does not participate in outside sports and is leaning towards being a "couch potato" consider a family walk, a family dance party (15 minutes of dance and I'm exhausted!), or an exercise video.



### Saints In Action:

\*During the month of November we reached our goal of 1,000 canned goods. These were donated to Catholic Charities and will assist the Hurricane Victims still needing help in the area.

\*All the toys and toiletries collected this month are going to Quigley House and Mayport Bread Ministry, an organization that supports homeless and needy in Mayport. Thank-you so much for all your help!

Step-Up for Students is already accepting applications for renewals for the 2017-2018 school-year. Re-Apply now! [www.stepupforstudents.com](http://www.stepupforstudents.com)