

PJP2A



News



The students had a plank contest at the most recent Wednesday Workout.

Thankfulness

This week, our morning assemblies focused on the virtue of gratitude which was a perfect way to prepare our community for the Thanksgiving break and holiday. Our students were taught the importance of this virtue as we each have so many blessings which we can easily overlook. We learned how

gratitude will increase our happiness, our trust in God, and how it will make us more pleasant people.

Additionally, we had our basketball meeting this week, and please look out for the upcoming Christmas service project information. We wish you a great Thanksgiving break and holiday!

Mark Your Calendars:

November 20 - 24 -
Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - Mass

December 2 - Christmas
Parade of Lights
-Decorating (10:00 a.m.)
-Parade (5:00 p.m.)

December 8

-Feast of the Immaculate
Conception
-Live Nativity (5:00 - 7:00
p.m.)

December 11 - Life
Choices Donations Due

December 21 -
Christmas Play (7:00
p.m.)

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our school will be participating with a float in the city's annual Parade of Lights on **December 2 at 5:00 p.m.** We are thankful for Annika Ellis who has volunteered to organize our decorating of the float. If you are interested in helping with this (it counts towards service hours!), please contact Annika at annalove248@gmail.com. The float decorating is currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 2. We are normally in need of extra Christmas lights and decorations.

More info on the parade will be sent soon. We will confirm the meeting time and place for participants, and we will provide safety instructions.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

Please note that we have Thanksgiving break from November 20 - 24. We will return to school on November 27. We wish your families a blessed holiday!



VIRTUE OF THE WEEK:

Gratitude

Definition: Thankful disposition of mind and heart.

Application: Count the good things (blessings) in one's life; express gratitude even when it is difficult.



*First Grade
pictured with
their
Thanksgiving
project.*

BASKETBALL SEASON

Our basketball meeting occurred this past Monday. If you missed it and still wish to participate, please contact Mr. Gordon as soon as possible. Athletes must pay their **\$60 fee by Tuesday, December 5.**

Practices begin on November 28, and the boys' and girls' teams have the following practice times:

Girls: Tuesday - 3:00-4:30; Thursday - 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Boys: Tuesday - 4:00-5:30; Thursday - 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Games will begin after Christmas break.

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our annual school Christmas performance is scheduled for Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m. We are already beginning to prepare, and we will start having more time dedicated to practicing for this after the Thanksgiving break.

Please note that we will be using much of our morning assembly time as a way to prepare. Therefore, we are canceling our Wednesday workouts until after the Christmas holiday. Students will still have their regular P.E. periods.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE PROJECT

At our last PTO meeting, we discussed our annual Christmas service project, and this year we have elected to support the Life Choices Pregnancy Center.

A letter with more information on this Christmas project is being attached separately to this weekend's newsletter e-mail.

Please note that donations for Life Choices must be brought to the school by Monday, December 11.

We will also have a representative from Life Choices visit our school's assembly on Tuesday, December 5, to discuss what Life Choices does in our community. The presentation is kid-friendly, and all parents are invited to attend the assembly should you have any interest.

Thanks for your consideration in supporting this service project!

LIVE NATIVITY

We are planning on conducting our Live Nativity presentation again this year on **Friday, December 8!** We hope you can participate and/or come to see this. We will plan on having the Live Nativity run from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided!

Please **let Mr. Gordon know if you or your child would be interested in participating** as one of the nativity characters this year and/or assist in setting up the nativity structure. We would also love to have live animals at the event if you or someone you know has resources to provide these.

The Live Nativity display will occur outside of St. Mary's Catholic Church close to Niagara Road. We encourage you to come and watch this year's display as a way to remember the true meaning of the season.

SCHOOL DAYS COMPLETED: 65

SCHOOL DAYS REMAINING: 107

Quote of the Week: "Prayer is an aspiration of the heart. It is a simple glance directed to Heaven. It is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy." – St. Therese of Lisieux