



December 5, 2018

Dear Parents & Guardians,

The children had so much fun at the Santa Shop today! Thank you to organizers Connie Gott & Amber Tamburri, and to those who set up, helped our little ones shop, wrapped gifts, and donated cookies. We have so many dedicated volunteers who are making wonderful memories for our children!



A HUGE thank you to Connie Gott for decorating the school, and to Brian Quinn for being our Santa.

NEWS :

Spirit Night: Thanks to all who supported Roy Rogers Spirit Night on Monday, which made \$521!

Holy Day: Sat, Dec. 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are 8am & 10am, and the 4pm Mass.

Raffle Tickets: We are hosting a "Raffle at the Chili Cook Off Sat, Dec. 8. Grand Prize is \$1,000, 1st Prize \$300, & 2nd Prize \$200. Tickets \$1/each, six for \$5, 12 for \$10, or 24 for \$20. Raffle Ticket sheets were included in last week's yellow folders.

Five Below Fundraiser: Shop at Five Below between Dec. 14-20, and they will donate 10% of your purchase price to the school! Please bring the flyer included with today's news with you.

Christmas Concert: Our Christmas Program will be held on Thu, Dec. 13 at 6:30pm.

Band Concert: Our Band Christmas Concert is Mon, Dec. 17 at 7pm at St. John's School.

REMINDERS :

Open House: We will host Open House during the Christmas Walk on Sat, Dec. 8, 5-7pm.

Wish Tree: Teachers' Christmas Wish lists are on the Christmas tree in the school lobby, and can be taken at any point. Thank you for your support!



OLSS ONE HOT CHRISTMAS CHILI COOK-OFF

This Saturday, Dec. 8, 5-8pm, during Solomons Christmas Walk

- \$5 entry fee & you can try as many chilis as you like!
- We are in need of Bake Sale donations, volunteers to help at the event, and help cleaning up
- Free Magic Show for kids in Providence Room at 6pm
- We will also have face painting

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THURSDAY, DEC. 13, 6:30PM

Our Home & School Association will hold a meeting for all school families at 6:00pm

All students should arrive & report to classrooms by 6:00pm

PK-5th graders should wear dress clothes or their school uniform

6th-8th graders will wear costumes provided at school.





ADVENT CHARITIES:

Each class is participating in an service project to support local charities for the Advent Season. More detailed info will be sent home from teachers.

Classes are supporting:

- PK: Ronald McDonald House
- K: Project Echo Homeless Shelter
- 1st: Humane Society
- 2nd: Calvert Hospital Pediatrics (New Stuffed Animals)
- 3rd: CAWL (Calvert Animal Welfare League)
- 4th: Birthright Pregnancy Support Center
- 5th: Second Hope Animal Rescue
- 6th-8th: SMILE Advent Family



BASKETBALL NEWS

- The Xfinity UMD BB game is Jan. 5. All order forms for tickets along with payment must be received by Dec. 14th.
- Seahawks are selling fleece Spirit Scarves in school colors, Christmas colors, and customizable color combinations. Scarves are \$10 and will be for sale at Seahawks basketball games, and can be ordered through the school using this form sent out with today's news.
- The next Seahawks games are **Sun, Dec. 9:**
 - 12:15pm: JV Girls at St. Michael's
 - 1:15pm: Varsity Girls at St. Michael's
 - 2:30pm: JV Boys at St. Michael's
 - 2:30pm: Varsity Boys at Mother Catherine



DECEMBER:

- Dec. 8, 5-8pm: Chili Cook Off
- Dec. 8, 5-7pm: Open House
- Dec. 13, 6:30pm: Christmas Program
- Dec. 17, 7pm: Advanced Band Concert
- Dec. 20: 12:30pm Dismissal | No Aftercare
- Dec. 21-Jan. 2: No School - Christmas Break

JANUARY:

- Jan. 3: School Resumes

GINGERBREAD STEM PROJECT

Great collaboration, lots of learning, and fun! Students worked with engineers and volunteers to create gingerbread structures (non-edible) that will be silently auctioned off. You can bid on these great creations this weekend during the Solomons Christmas Walk, & at the Christmas Program Dec. 13.



Winners will be announced at the Christmas Program.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS



Scrip Gift Cards are available for grocery stores, gas, restaurants, retail stores, and more. A percentage of each gift card purchased goes to our school. Gift cards may be purchased through the school office, in the Parish Church after Masses, or by completing and returning the order form included with last week's news.

Please visit www.shopwithscrip.com for a full list of gift card available to order. Orders placed on Mondays will be filled and available for pick up on Fridays.



FROG IT CHALLENGE

If the circle of the advent wreath represents eternal life, then what is the meaning of the candles and their color of the advent wreath?

God Bless,

Mary Bartsch

Mrs. Mary Bartsch, Principal