Date: 11/27/2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Pizza Man Fundraiser

Thank You to everyone who donated to, sold, and purchased Pizza Man Fundraiser items. We raised \$5,421.00, which will go toward paying for various school activities in which the students take part. Congratulations go to our 5th Grade who won the classroom challenge by averaging \$198.91 per student in items sold; they will receive a class ice cream party. Also, congratulations go to our top individual sales people: 1st place was Gigi Delong who sold \$548.00 worth of items, tied for 2nd Place were Hank and Mary Claire Kopack who each sold \$512.00 worth of items. These students will get to go out for lunch at a local restaurant of their choosing with Mr. Metzger.

NO After School Latchkey - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2018

On Thursday, December 20th, there will be <u>NO</u> After School Latchkey. Please make any necessary arrangements to have your child(ren) picked up at the end of the School Day. If this is a major problem, please contact the School Office so we can make other arrangements.

Weather Changes

Winter weather will soon be upon us. We wanted to take a moment to remind you to make sure that your child(ren) is/are dressed appropriately to go outside for morning and lunch recesses. As a school, we will go outside as long as the wind chill is above 5 degrees. Please make sure that child(ren) has/have a heavy winter coat, stocking hat, and gloves. Please make sure that your child's name is in their clothes as well, this helps us identify to whom they belong, if items are left behind. We also recommend that girls wear either tights or leggings under their skirts. See the dress code for what tights and leggings are acceptable. If you are having trouble providing any of these items for your child(ren), please let the office know and we can help.

Out of Town Christmas Plans

If you have plans to be out of town over the holiday season while school is still in session, we would appreciate that you let BOTH the child's teacher and office know ahead of time

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 – CHANGE IN START TIME TO 7:30pm

School Council - The December School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th in the school library starting at **7:30pm**. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Friday, December 7, 2018

Bread and Bowl

On **Friday, December 7**th, St. Mary's School will host the Bread and Bowl Meal for people in need in the Van Wert community. You should have received a letter listing your student(s) donation items. Please be sure to have any donations, if you are able to give, turned in to the School Office by Thursday, December 6th. Thank you to everyone who has also volunteered to help serve this meal. Everyone is welcome to come that night and help with the meal. This is a great opportunity to show our students the importance of giving to others during the Holiday Season.

Sunday, December 9, 2018

School Christmas Program

The Students of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic School proudly present: "Crazy, Busy, Peaceful, Holy Christmas" on Sunday, December 9th at 1:00pm in the Gym. Our students are working very hard getting ready and we look forward to seeing you that day.

School Confessions

Our students will have the opportunity to prepare for the coming of Jesus by confessing their sins and asking for His forgiveness.

5th Grade Confessions: Wednesday, December 12th @ 1:20pm

6th Grade Confessions: Thursday, December 13th @ 1:20pm

4th Grade Confessions: Thursday, December 13th @ 2:05pm

3rd Grade Confessions: Friday, December 14th @ 1:20pm

Monday, December 17, 2018

Monthly Tuition Payments are due. This will be the last payment before the end of the 2^{nd} Quarter. Students whose tuitions are not up-to-date will have their report cards held until payment is made.

Tuesday, December 18, 2018

School and Family Christmas Pancake Breakfast Day

Please join us for Pancake Breakfast Day on **Tuesday, December 18th at 7:30am until 8:15am in the gymnasium.** The cost is \$2.00 for pancakes and for just an additional \$1.00, you can get sausage as well. Parents/guardians, grandparents, siblings, or other relatives are welcome to come and have breakfast with our students before school that day.

Wednesday, December 19, 2018

Christmas Eve Children's Mass Practice

If your child signed up to be a part of the Christmas Eve Children's Mass, there will be practice at 6:45pm on Wednesday, December 19th. Please meet in the School Gymnasium.

Thursday, December 20, 2018

NO After School Latchkey

End of 2nd Quarter

Thursday, December 20th is the end of the 2nd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Friday, January 4th. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact either the school office or your child's teacher so we can schedule a time to meet. **Students whose tuition, lunch, or latchkey payments are not up-to-date will have their report cards held until payment is made.** If you are not sure if your tuition payments are current, please call the School Office at 419-238-5186 and we will be able to answer any questions. If you are experiencing difficulties with making these payments, please contact me so an alternative plan can be arranged.

<u>Friday, December 21, 2018 through Wednesday, January 2, 2018</u> Students' Christmas Break begins on Friday, December 22nd and School will resume on Thursday, January 3rd.

Christmas Mass Schedules

Monday, December 24th – 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Mass 6:00pm – Christmas Eve Children's Mass Tuesday, December 25th - 12:00am – Midnight Mass 9:30am – Christmas Day Mass

The St. Mary's Faculty and Staff would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Thank you and God bless,

Mr. Daniel Metzger Principal-Minister