



December 20, 2017

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you at the Christmas program. We hope our presentation and its message brought the true meaning of Christmas to your hearts. My compliments go to the students for their cooperative attitude in preparing the program. We extend a special thanks to Mrs. DeHaven for her hard work and expertise. We appreciate all who helped with sound, photography, setting up, taking down and all of the other jobs that go into presenting a program. As I told the students, "We can accomplish great things when we work together".

There are some 2016-2017 yearbooks still available. If you are interested in purchasing one, please send \$9 to Jackie. These make great gifts and keepsakes for your children. They will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

Second quarter ends December 21. Report cards will be sent home in January. We will not be holding conferences for all of the students as we did at the end of first quarter. Feel free to contact your child's teacher if you would like to schedule a conference. Once we review report cards and determine the Honor Roll, it will be posted online on the Eagle Eye.

Lunch money is due Wednesday, January 10. Please make every effort to have it turned in by that date. It makes it so much easier for us if we can do one deposit and not have to send reminders. Third quarter and second semester amounts are now due if you have chosen that payment plan. (Monthly- \$37, Quarterly- \$83.23, and By Semester-\$166.50) We thank you in advance for paying on time.

We have many exciting events coming up as we begin the New Year. In January, our prayers will focus especially on protecting the life of the unborn. During the second semester, Family Life lessons will be included for junior high students. Protecting God's Children lessons will be presented in selected grades. Students in grades five and eight will take the ACRE test which tests information concerning understanding and application of religious concepts. Our fifth and sixth graders will participate in the Junior Deputy Program brought to us through the Osage County Sheriff's Department. Students in Grades 7 and 8 will participate in COPE and Team Challenge with other area students. More details will be sent to you.

As we prepare for our new bishop, Bishop McKnight, everyone will be invited to join in prayer as we prepare a spiritual bouquet to welcome him. This information will be sent early in January. Lessons are being prepared for the students to learn more about this special event which has not happened in our diocese for 20 years.

Catholic Schools Week is scheduled for the week of January 28. Please mark your calendars. The theme is: Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed. Opening Mass will be on Sunday, January 28 at 10:00 Mass with students taking the ministry parts. The youth choir will be singing. All students in grades 3-8 are invited to sing. Pizza delivery will take place after the opening Mass. As CSW plans are finalized, we will send them to you.

Be sure to use the medication form for all medications that need to be taken at school. This includes cough drops and nonprescription medications. Remember to send all medications in the original container. Another copy of the form is being sent to you so you can make copies to keep on hand if needed. If a medication is to be taken over a period of days, one form can be sent with the beginning and ending dates.

Parents of second graders and eighth graders need to check the handbook concerning attire for First Communion and graduation before you begin shopping. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We would like to thank all who volunteered to take ministry parts at the Christmas Masses by serving, taking up offertory, being angels, etc. You will help to make our worship more prayerful. We also appreciate all who will send refreshments for our Christmas parties tomorrow. You make our celebrations so much fun! A final word of thanks to all who are always there to help behind the scenes and are not recognized. What great lessons you are teaching your children by all you do! Let's continue that spirit in the New Year!

We would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. We appreciate the cards and gifts sent to faculty and staff during this holiday season. You are so kind. Thanks for all your support in 2017. Let's continue to let our light shine in 2018!

God bless you!
Mrs. Stieffermann

Happy New Year!