ST. ANTHONY SCHOOL NEWS

Dec. 20, 2017

Christmas Message

Dear Parents, As we enjoy this wonderful season, let us all remain centered on the special gift of His Son that God has lovingly given us. We pray that each of us is prepared to welcome Him into our homes and our hearts. On behalf of the entire St. Anthony School faculty and staff, accept our best wishes for a blessed Christmas for your family. Enjoy a safe and relaxing vacation. We look forward to the New Year and everyone's continued help and cooperation towards making this school the best it can be. May love be in your life. May hope be in your heart. May peace be in our world.

And may God bless you and your families. ~The Faculty and Staff

Thank you!

Christmas is the season to give thanks; our list has to begin with you. Your generous efforts to help our school community modeled the true spirit of Christmas for the students. We also extend our thanks to Mrs. Langlois for her efforts in preparing the children for the truly beautiful, faith-filled and joyous concert. Thank you to the families, parishioners and the teachers and staff for coming. And, as I have expressed before, I thank you for choosing the gift of Catholic education for your child and, as always, for your consistent support and dedication to our great school.

We also wish to publicly thank Mrs. Gloria Pilotte. Mrs. Pilotte is a parishioner and former St. Anthony School parent. She has remained a streadfast supporter of Catholic Education and keeps St. Anthony close to her heart. Every year she generously supports us by attending the concert and by submitting a report of our fundraising efforts to Catholic Financial Life, Chapter #91. They in turn provide us with a generous denotion. If you stayed for the Penny Sale drawing, you are aware that Mrs. Pilotte won mulitple prizes. Please know that these items will be donated to deserving children.

- **CASH RAFFLE WINNERS** 1st Prize $500 – Raymond Demers
  2nd Prize $200 – Annette Krochmal
  3rd Prize $100 – Jasmine Methot
- **SCRIP** no order will be placed this week.
- **ADVENT FOOD DRIVE** – food items for the St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry may be brought to school throughout this week as well as the week we return from vacation.

Our Advent Prayer

Heavenly Father, your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us,a great sign of your love.
Guide us as we strive to walk in that love together as a school community this Advent.
As we prepare our hearts for Christmas, bring us closer to each other and to your son.
Give us the grace and strength we need every day.
Help us to always trust in you.
Come and dispel the darkness of our world with the light of your love.
As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us.
Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter.
Our hearts are open to you, Jesus.
Amen.

CHRISTMAS VACATION
NO SCHOOL – 12/25-1/1
Note: Friday, Dec. 22nd is a full day of school
We return to school on Tuesday, Jan. 2

Peeking into Kindergarten

As we approach Christmas, Kindergarten has been busy preparing their hearts for Jesus. We have been creating a good deed chain of paper links that stretches across our ceiling and will be delivered as our gift to Jesus on Friday. It is wonderful to see the children seeking out ways to love one another! We have also been journeying through Advent with our classroom Jesse Tree, learning about the many events and people leading up to the birth of Christ. We are very excited to take our field trip to the Christmas tree farm tomorrow after spending the week learning about Christmas trees. The children have also been busy becoming experts on numbers and measurements as well as amazing readers and writers! By far our favorite part of our day is reading groups. It is such joy to see the growth and excitement for learning that the students bring! Kindergarten wishes every one a Christmas full of joy and love!

♥ *Mrs. Paiva*