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## Principal's Highlights

Dear St. Mary's Parents,  
 The students have been busy preparing for Christmas with gifts, songs, and prayer. I hope that you are able to attend the Advent luncheon, performances and blessing of the Nativity scene on December 21. The performances start at 10:30. School is dismissed after the luncheon at 12:30.

I want to thank all of the wonderful volunteers that support our school. Each month we have more people coming and providing their time, talents, or treasures, God continues to bless us through them. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the wonderful Breakfast with St. Nick. What a pleasant morning for fellowship with our parish and school families. Thank you to

Mrs. Buckley for the beautiful wreath. Thank you to numerous people who donated gifts and food. This is especially helpful this time of year. Our popcorn sales throughout the year raised \$150.00 to help a family in need this year. Thank you for your support.

We are adding something new to the Catholic Schools Week schedule, a Catechism Bee for the students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. This will be during the school day in the music room on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:45am.

It is hard to believe that the liturgical calendar has started and 2012 is just around the corner. Please remember to use your new envelopes and mark sacrificial giving at church. Remember everyone is to use

an envelope, so that your account is documented as accurately as possible.

The New Year brings new people into our school, Louise Haines will be teaching art. We are sorry to say good bye to Anna Gooden and Pete Hoopfer. We wish them the best of luck in their new endeavors.

Please contact me at 263-5288 or [smh.school@inbox.com](mailto:smh.school@inbox.com) if you have any other questions.

Sincerely in the Lord,  
 Ms. Lisa Medina

**The January menu and events calendar will be sent home next week.**

### Attachments:

- World's Finest Chocolate Permission Slip.
- 6th Gr. only- communication from Shanty Creek Resorts.
- Holiday Safety Tips.
- Wellness Programs

### Reminder:

- **Dec. 19-21 No Buckley Busing.**
- **Dec. 21 Dismissal at 12:30 p.m. no afternoon busing.**
- **Tue., Jan. 3 school resumes.**
- **Tues., Jan. 10 Home & School mtg.**
- **Jan. 18 Report cards**

### Donations for Shut-ins of the Parish

Every year members of the parish put together Christmas bags for the shut-ins. We have 15-20 people that are in need of Christmas cheer. **We ask that you send in one or more of the items listed below by Wednesday, December 21 either at the school or in the box placed at the Church.**

Candy (reg. - sugar free),

small tabletop Christmas decorations, Holiday jewelry, bookmarks, travel sized personal care products (lotion, shampoo, ...) mini jars of jam and jelly, Christmas cards, individual coffee, tea, or hot chocolate, scented soap, coffee mugs, small jigsaw puzzles, socks, gloves, kitchen towels and hot pads.



### Candy Sale Jan. 30- Feb. 21

#### World's Finest Chocolate Candy Bar Sale

Attached to the newsletter is a permission form to sell the \$1.00 candy bars. We ask that each family sell one box of the delicious candy bars, AND THEY ARE DELICIOUS! They will make great Valentine's Day gifts.

Please sign and return the form to the office **by Tues., Dec. 20th.** Thank you.

### Magazine Sale Prizes

The Home and School Association will distribute the prizes from the recent magazine sale next week. Here is the list of prizes:

- Sell 3 subscriptions for a chance in the cash draw. Prizes are \$1, \$5 or \$10 bills.
- Sell 6 subscriptions get a Burger King Gift Card plus a chance at the cash draw.
- Sell 10 or more subscriptions, get a Lucky Jack's Gift Card plus a chance at the cash draw.

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**St. Mary's Hannah  
Parish and School**

Image by Elizabeth Clous Schaub

**Mission  
Statement**

We, the parishioners, parents and staff of St. Mary's Hannah Catholic School, believe that our God given purpose is to provide each child with the opportunity to experience God's love and His word through our school. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we are dedicated and empowered to use our time, talents and treasures to build the Kingdom of God. By helping each child achieve his/her maximum potential of heart, mind, body and soul, we strive to build Christian character as part of our teaching the Catholic faith. St. Mary's Hannah is committed to nurturing all children through a strong formation of faith, academic excellence and compassionate discipline.

Our Foundation .. Faith, Family, Fundamentals.

**School Calendar Events**

**December**

19-21 No Buckley Busing  
19 7-8:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
20 9:00 a.m. School Mass  
20 3:00 p.m. Girl Scouts  
20 6:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl mtg.  
21 **12:30 p.m. Dismissal-No afternoon busing. 10:30 a.m. Nativity Play, 11:00 a.m. Blessing of the Nativity followed by 11:30 a.m. Family Advent Luncheon**  
22-Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation  
24 **5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass**  
24 **11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass**  
25 **10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Mass**  
31 5:00 p.m. regular Mass schedule

**January**

1 9 & 11:00 a.m. Masses  
2 No School  
3 **School Resumes**  
5 9:00 a.m. School Mass  
6 Popcorn Day  
11 8:30 a.m. Library Trip Gr. 3-6  
13 Dollar Jean Day  
18 Report Cards issued  
20 Sweet Sale/Jean Day by Gr. Young 5s & Kindergarten  
21 6:30 p.m. Chili Dinner by Knights of Columbus  
23 **No Kingsley Busing**  
23&24 **No afternoon Buckley Busing**  
24 9:00 a.m. School Mass  
27 Dress-up Day—bring in nonperishable items for food pantry  
29-Feb. 4 Catholic Schools Week  
29 Parish Appreciation Day—students to wear uniforms to Mass  
30 Staff Appreciation and Crazy Clothes Day  
31 Christian Service Day. Students may wear Crazy Hats & Sock Day w/uniforms

**February**

1 Christian Service Day & Pajama Day. Catechism Bee.  
2 Volunteer Appreciation and Candlemas. Students wear uniforms

**Catholic Weekly Publication**

The Christmas Edition of the Catholic Weekly will highlight area student's. They asked students, "What does Christmas mean to them"? The following submission is from our Third Graders:

We celebrate baby Jesus' birth by going to church to say thank you for giving us life. We become more like God and the Holy Spirit when we pray for and share with others. We enjoy putting up decorations that remind us of God, like the "evergreen" Christmas tree and its lights. They remind us that God is always with us and is the light of the world.

At Christmas, we see the nativity scene, and it makes Jose' feel like a lamb because he likes being close to Jesus. It makes Matthew feel like Joseph the carpenter, who takes care of animals and others. It makes Grant feel like a shepherd taking care of lambs and bringing them to Jesus.

Lastly, it makes us feel good because we will be sharing presents, and parties with family and friends.

By: Grant Fleis, Jose' Garcia, and Matthew Wilkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gr.