




December 13, 2019

## Principal's Message

-Mrs. Lenn

Things are getting busier around here as we prepare for the Christmas season. The building is decorated, many of our students are preparing for Reconciliation, classes are making gifts and decorations, costumes are being fitted for the Advent program, and final rehearsals are taking place. The giving tree is also filling up with hats, gloves, and mittens, and students are getting their tickets for next week's stocking raffle. Most importantly; however, we are using the time of Advent to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. We have a "Jesus" stocking in the main hallway, and students are writing down sacrifices and special things they are doing to prepare their hearts. Many students are spending more time in prayer for special intentions. Each day we are recognizing a few more things that students are doing to prepare for Christmas.

<p><b>PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR THE COMING OF JESUS!</b></p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Grade: _____</p> <p>My sacrifice: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	
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Last Friday was Family Fun Night. Families enjoyed a potluck dinner, Christmas crafts, and games. Santa even made an appearance! It was a fun evening for all involved! Thank you, PTC!



Eighth graders were learning about covalent bonds this week. They worked on a lab activity where they modeled covalent bonding with marshmallows and toothpicks. The marshmallows represented the atoms and toothpicks represented the bonds that form when electrons are shared.



Our girls basketball teams had a quieter week this week. JV teams played on Monday, with the Blue team winning against MCA. The Gold team lost against St. Mary St. Clair, but are learning and progressing as they play more games. The Varsity team played IC on Wednesday and won.

Next week all three teams play on Monday at Holy Family, starting at 5:30. Head over to cheer on our Saints! **All boys basketball open gyms for Saturday have been cancelled due to a funeral.**



We are in need of extra lunch supervision next Friday as we plan a Christmas Luncheon for our staff. We are planning to have the luncheon from 11:55-12:55, so we will be extending lunch for about 20 minutes. Extra supervision is needed in order to make this luncheon happen. Please call the office if you can help us with this! We'd greatly appreciate it!



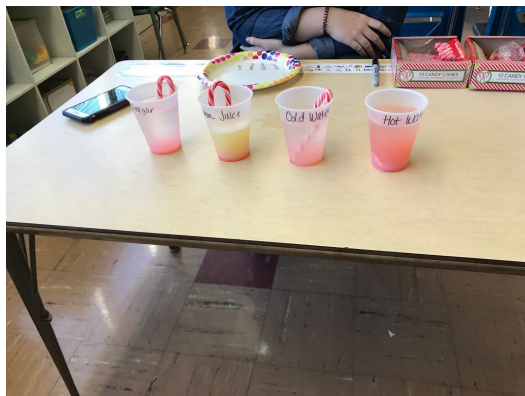
Lego Robotics will begin after Christmas break. Volunteers are getting organized and becoming familiar with the robotics materials. We have four 3rd-5th grade kits, which can accommodate two students each, for a total of eight 3rd-5th grade students. We have four 6th-8th grade kits, which can also accommodate two students each, for a total of eight 6th-8th grade students. Our goal this year is to involve as many students as possible, so we will run two 8 week sessions, and students can sign up to request a preferred session. A sign up will be coming soon.

Third graders worked together to sponsor a tag on the giving tree. Their tag was for dog & cat treats. Great job remembering pets at Christmas, third grade!





Check out an experiment conducted by first grade! They were testing which liquid (vinegar, lemon juice, cold water, or hot water) would dissolve a candy cane the fastest. Can you tell what they discovered?



### Upcoming dates to know:

- Dec 14- Second grade's First Reconciliation 10:00 at Holy Family
- Dec 15- Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor day 9:00-1:00 at St. A's (begins with mass)
- Dec 16- 3-5th grade Reconciliation; BB game- JV Blue team 5:30 against St. Mary, JV Gold team 6:30 against MCA; Varsity 7:30 against MCA; all 3 games @ Holy Family
- Dec 17- **PTC Meeting 6:00, School Advisory Committee 7:00**
- Dec 19- **NO CHESS CLUB TODAY**; Advent Program; 7:00 (students report at 6:40)
- Dec 21- Grades 4-6 Boys basketball- open gym 11-1 @ Holy Family; Rectory Open House (Come and see Father Joe's Christmas trees!)
- Dec 28- Grades 4-6 Boys basketball- open gym 11-1 @ Holy Family
- Jan 2- Back to School

<p><b>PARISHIONERS FOR PRIESTS</b></p> <p><b>Supporting Priests through Prayer</b></p> <p><small>When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest because where there is no priest, there is no sacrifice.</small></p> <p><small>-St. John Vianney</small></p>	<p><b>Fr. Joseph Mallia @ Holy Family, Memphis &amp; St. Augustine, Richmond</b></p>	<p><b>Please pray for the AOD Priest of the Day! 12-13-19</b></p>
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