



Letter From The Principal

Date: 11/30/2020

Dear Parents / Guardians,

3 Weeks Until Christmas Break and End of 2nd Quarter

This School Year is quickly reaching the halfway mark. I would like to thank everyone; students, parents, and staff for all their hard work in keeping everyone safe and healthy. Coming off Thanksgiving, we wanted to assure everyone that we are being extra careful to make sure we make it to Christmas break. We ask that you continue to do the symptoms check and take the temperature of your child(ren) each morning.

We also wanted to assure everyone, that as of right now, we have **NO** intention of having to go to full Remote Learning before or after Christmas Break. Obviously, this could change should Governor DeWine or Van Wert County Health Department require us to shutdown for a period of time. Should we be required to go remote, we want you to know that we have a plan ready to be put into action that will enable our students to continue with best quality of education under the circumstances. This plan has been developed and reviewed by our School Faculty & Staff, Administration, School Council, and the Toledo Diocese.

Weather Changes

Winter weather is 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 your 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. If you find your child is in need of new uniforms because your child has grown, also please let the office know. We have many sweaters, long sleeve shirts, and sweatshirts available.

School Christmas Program

Due to COVID-19 restrictions on large gatherings we will **NOT** be able to have our Christmas Program on Sunday, December 6th. However, Mrs. Stokes and our students have been working extremely hard on getting ready to provide a virtual Christmas program for everyone to enjoy online. Once everything is ready to go, we will share the information on how to view the Christmas program with you and please share that information with all your family and friends.

NO After School Latchkey

On Friday, December 18th, there will be **NO** 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.

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Pizza Man Fundraiser

Thank You to everyone who donated to, sold, and purchased Pizza Man Fundraiser items. We made a profit of \$5,490.00, which will go toward paying for various school activities in which the students take part and new items for in the classrooms. We had 65 students sell over \$50 worth of items, so these students will receive a free Non-Uniform Day. Also, our 3rd, 4th, and 6th Grade had 100% participation so these students will receive another Non-Uniform Day. Congratulations go to our 6th Grade who won the classroom challenge by averaging \$225.80 per student in items sold; they will receive a class ice cream party. Also, congratulations go to our top individual salespeople: 1st place was Gigi Delong who sold \$807.00 worth of items: 2nd Place was Aiden Kincaid who sold \$764.00 worth of items. These students will get to enjoy a lunch brought into school from a local restaurant of their choosing.

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

School Council Meeting- The December School Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 1st in the school library starting at **7:00pm**. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday, December 8, 2020

Immaculate Conception Mass – We will have a special All School Mass on Tuesday, December 8th for the Immaculate Conception. Everyone is invited to join us in this celebration. We will also have our All School Mass on Friday, December 11th, as usual. A Penance Service will follow this Mass for students in Grades 3rd through 6th.

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Monthly Tuition Payments are due. This will be the last payment before the end of the 2nd Quarter. **Students whose tuition payments and/or latchkey bills are not up to date will have their report cards held until payment is made.**

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Non-Uniform Day for any student who SOLD at least \$50 worth of Pizza Man Fundraiser items: Students may wear any top of their choosing as long it meets the non-uniform dress code standards. Students may wear jeans, sweatpants, wind-pants, or a skirt on this day. Please **NO** yoga pants or leggings unless they are covered by a skirt. Modesty is always to be stressed. Please review the Non-Uniform Day Dress Code Policy in the School Handbook to make sure your child(ren) are in proper attire.

The Pizza Man Fundraiser ordered items can be picked up **Wednesday, December 16th, from 2:45pm till 3:30pm in the Gymnasium.** Please be sure to make plans to have your items picked up on this day as many of the products need to be refrigerated or frozen and the School **DOES NOT** have the freezer space to store them. Also please make sure that you are **wearing a mask** when you enter the building.

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Non-Uniform Day for Students in 3rd, 4th, and 6th Grade: As a reward for these classes having 100% participation in selling Pizza Man Fundraiser items, students in 3rd, 4th, and 6th grade will have a Non-uniform Day. Students may wear any top of their choosing as long it meets the non-uniform dress code standards. Students may wear jeans, sweatpants, wind-pants, or a skirt on this day. Please **NO** yoga pants or leggings unless they are covered by a skirt. Modesty is always to be stressed. Please review the Non-Uniform Day Dress Code Policy in the School Handbook to make sure your child(ren) are in proper attire.

Friday, December 18, 2020

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End of 2nd Quarter

Friday, December 18th is the end of the 2nd Quarter. Your child(ren) should bring home their report cards on Wednesday, January 6th. 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 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 the school.

Monday, December 21, 2020 through Sunday, January 3, 2021

Students' Christmas Break begins on Monday, December 21st and School will resume on Monday, January 4th.

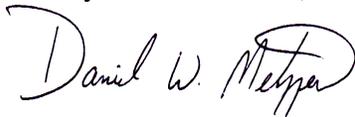
Christmas Mass Schedules

**Thursday, December 24th – 4:00pm – Christmas Eve Youth Mass
6:00pm – Christmas Eve Mass**

**Friday, December 25th - 12:00am – Midnight Mass
10:00am – 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