



LOYOLA
CATHOLIC
SCHOOL

December 18, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Although one more week of Advent begins on Sunday, we celebrated our **final Advent prayer service** today.

Thank you for all the **donations made to the ECHO FOOD SHELF** during Advent! Everything will be delivered to the SHELF today.

Many thanks for the wonderful **Staff Luncheon** you provided for us on Monday! It is always so delicious and such a treat! It's also a treat to know the children are in good hands with volunteers at break time and lunchtime. Thank you!

We celebrated our **December birthdays** at Mass on Thursday and enjoyed having our guests with us. We plan to celebrate January AND June birthdays on Jan. 21.

On Saturday, about 20 K-3 students helped to make the December birthday celebration for the Sisters extra special. They sang so beautifully (Danika even played her violin!) and I loved the way Ms Diercks trusted each group's leadership.

Second graders "traveled" through the building today with Mary and Joseph as they sought shelter in Bethlehem, observing the old Spanish custom of "**Las Posadas.**"

Starting a new calendar year always turns our thoughts to **Catholic Schools Week**. This year, it will be observed from January 31-February 6. Mark your new calendars and plan to join us for **Mass on Thursday, February 4 at 9:30.**

Thank you for coming to our **Christmas programs!** We are always so proud of all the children! One Grandma remarked, "NOW I feel like it's Christmas time!" and one of our retired Sisters was beaming as she said, "I understood every word!"

😊 One morning at PS dismissal time, I stopped in the hall to help with jackets, caps, mittens and zippers. At the same time a number of Kindergarten friends were on the move, cleaning up after a painting project, and I greeted each one by name. As I worked on a stubborn zipper, the owner looked up at me and said, "Sister, do you know all the kids' names in this school?" "I think so," I said. He grinned and replied, "But you used to not!"

😊 At the end of the day on Wednesday, a Kindergarten friend told me, "Only 2 more days until summer vacation!"

We pray that your Christmas is holy and happy and that your new year is blessed with peace. May the message of our children's Christmas program settle in your heart: ***Christmas is God's way of saying "I love you!"*** **Merry Christmas!**

Sister Mary Beth



LOOKING AHEAD:

Monday	January 4	Classes resume Preschool-Grade 12
Friday	January 8	SPIRIT Day
Monday	January 11	McEducator Nite at McDonalds 5-7pm Madison Ave. store location
Tuesday	January 12	District #77 2 hour late start No AM Bus Loyola start 8:05am
Wednesday	January 13	Loyola Girls Club 3-5pm
Friday	January 15	End of Quarter
Monday	January 18	No School Preschool-Grade 12
Thursday	January 21	January & June Birthday Mass 9:45am
Sunday	January 31	National Catholic Schools week
Monday	February 1	No School Preschool-Grade 12
Thursday	February 4	Catholic Schools Week Mass 9:30am Fitzgerald Campus
Monday	February 8	McEducator Nite at McDonalds 5-7pm Madison Ave. store location
Tuesday	February 9	District #77 2 hour late start No AM Bus Loyola start 8:05am MSU Theatre production- Rikki Recycle GCC gymnasium 9am
Wednesday	February 10	Loyola Girls Club 3-5pm
Monday	February 15	No School Preschool-Grade 12
Wednesday	February 17	Ash Wednesday
Thursday	February 25	February & July Birthday Mass 9:45am
Friday	March 19	No School Preschool-Grade 12
Monday & Tuesday	March 29 & 30	Parent/ Teacher conferences 4-8pm
Thursday-Tuesday	April 1-April 6	No School Preschool-Grade 12 Easter Holiday/ National NCA conference
Wednesday	April 7	Classes resume Preschool-Grade 12
Friday	April 30	No School Preschool-Grade 12
Saturday	May 1	MACS Nite!
Thursday	May 27	Preschool-Last day of school
Friday	May 28	Last day of school Kindergarten-Grade 12



Christmas Program DVD order form

If you are interested in purchasing a DVD copy of the Christmas program, you may order one below. Please fill out the form and include a check for the \$12.00. Forms should be returned to the school office. The DVD of the program will not be available until after the first of the year.

The DVD will include the programs presented by Preschool, K-3 & 4-6.
Thank you and have a Blessed Christmas!

I would like to order ____ copy/copies of the Christmas Program.

I have enclosed \$12.00 for each copy ordered.

Your Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Please send home with child _____
Call me to pick up when it is available _____

Orders are due in school office by Monday, January 11, 2010