

**Principal Updates  
Bridget B. Martin  
December 8, 2017**

**Looking Ahead:**

**December 9:** Breakfast with Santa.

**December 12:** Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 1:40. All are welcome.

**December 14:** PK-2 grade Christmas Program at 6:00. All are welcome.

**December 15:** Happy Birthday Jesus parties at 10:00 with a 12:00 dismissal. We will not have Aftercare this day.

**December 14, 18, 19:** Middle School Semester Exams

**December 19:** Last Day of school for the semester. This is a full day. We will have Aftercare this day.

**January 8:** Classes Resume for the Second Semester.

**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

We will celebrate Mass Tuesday this week for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Children often like to bring flowers to place around the painting of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the Jesus Commons. If your child is bringing flowers they may be placed in front of the painting before school. We will move the painting and flowers to the gym for the celebration of Mass.

**Illnesses**

Cold and Flu season is upon us. Please encourage your children to cough and sneeze in their sleeves. They need to frequently wash their hands. They should also avoid wiping their faces with their hands. We are encouraging them not to share food and drinks.

It is important if your child has a fever you not try to send them to school. Tylenol will bring fevers down but students will still be contagious and spread their germs. Plus if you do not feel well you will not be able to fully participate in class.

Please help us keep everyone well!

**PK-2 Christmas Program**

Students will need to be in their classrooms by 5:30. We will have a shuttle service running from New Hope Baptist Church on Church Road beginning at 5:00. Please do not run across Church Road. It is very busy and in the dark cars cannot see walkers. I do stay in contact with the shuttle bus driver. I try not to begin the program if he has a bus load. We do need to begin at 6:00.

We cannot block the entrances. We have to leave fire lanes open for emergency situations. One year the fire chief came by and stopped the program because of illegal parkers. Please remember the rules are for everyone's safety. Please also let your guest know the rules. Grandparents get the maddest when they are not properly prepared.

Please remember per city ordinance you are not permitted to park on Tchulahoma Road. The city will tow your car. It happens every year!

Our Christmas Program is a wonderful experience for our little ones. Please prepare your friends and family that it takes a while to get everyone seated and a while to get everyone out. If you are prepared for the evening it is fun and enjoyable. Ms Hayes and the children have worked hard.

### **Out-of-Uniform**

Students may wear jeans and Christmas shirts December 15, 18, and 19 to school. If your child does not have a Christmas shirt they may wear green or red. I do not want parents to have to spend money on expensive t-shirts just their child may be out-of-uniform for three days. They can always wear their school polo and jeans. This is just a happy treat for the end of the semester.

### **Lunch Balances/Powerschool**

Please remember all fees for the semester need to be paid by December 19. This includes lunch balances. You will not receive a report card in January with outstanding bills. Also remember we close Powerschool December 13 so teachers can prepare grades to be stored and printed.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

All across the United States the last week of January is celebrated as National Catholic Schools Week. We will have many special activities planned throughout the week to celebrate the uniqueness of Catholic education. A very detailed list will come out soon.

Our week kicks off with Grandparents and Special Friends Day. This will be on January 29, 2018. I try to get this date out early so relatives can be invited over the Christmas Break. We typically have a morning program just for Grandparents and Special Friends. Many grandparents like to check their grandchildren out of school after the program so they can spend the day together. We include Special Friends because know not everyone will have a grandparent in the area. Students may invite a special adult friend if they do not have a grandparent. We do not typically invite parents to this program unless they are the special friend. We have limited seating and parking.

### **Registration**

Just a reminder we will begin registration for the 2018-2019 during January. We need all new siblings to complete a new student application during that registration. We will open registration to new families the last week of January. Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes fill up quickly. New siblings will need a birth certificate and Immunization form.