



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATER – What an awesome performance by our students in Missoula's "Peter & Wendy!" The students had a wonderful time last week with the program!

SANTA'S SECRET SHOP – A huge thanks to Brandi Wheelahan for setting up and managing Santa's Secret Shop. Also, thanks to our volunteers for all of their help: April Aucoin, Jessica Borne, Malchiel Smith, Tomorrow Fondal, Sandra Fernandez & Cheryl Brignac,

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT – Our annual Christmas Pageant will be held in church on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. There will be a rehearsal during the school day on Thursday.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA & GRINCH – Get your tickets now for Breakfast with Santa, Mrs. Claus & the Grinch on Saturday, December 17, 9:00 – 11:00 AM in Don Bosco Hall. Tickets are \$15 per child (ages 1 – 12) which will include breakfast, pictures, games & crafts. Eggs, sausage & biscuits will be served. Adults (breakfast only) is \$5.00. The registration form is available on the website and the deadline is Tuesday, December 13.

STUDENT COUNCIL & BETA CLUB MEETING – The Student Council and Beta Club will meet after school till 4:15 tomorrow.

4-H CLUB – The 4-H Club will have a meeting after school on Wednesday till 4:15.

ACCELERATED READER LUNCHEON – Students who reached their AR goals for the 2nd quarter will be invited to the Accelerated Reader Luncheon on Thursday.

CRUSADERS GOT TALENT! – Sign up forms are being sent home today for "Crusaders Got Talent!" Our 6th annual talent show which will be held on Friday, February 3. Forms are due back with the entry fee by Wednesday, December 21.

TUITION ACCOUNTS – Please note: When making a tuition payment with Smart Tuition on the day it is due, your payment must be submitted before 11:00 PM Central time to avoid a late fee.

Also, your tuition account must be up-to-date by the end of December for your child to return to school in January. AM/PM Care & lunch accounts must be caught up to continue these services.

CHOIR PRACTICE – There will be no Choir Practice this week.

TREAT SALE – The Student Council will sell candy canes & hot chocolate at all lunches on Friday, December 16 for 25¢ & 50¢ each.

BEVERAGE ORDER FORM – An order form for the 2nd semester beverage program will be sent home & posted next week. If your child would like to have milk or juice with their lunch, please complete the order form and return to school with payment by December 22.

LABELS FOR EDUCATION – Remember, for every 50 UPCs you turn in, your child will receive a treat! Participating companies are: Box Tops for Education, Community Coffee, Coke Rewards, and Tyson. Be sure your child's name & class are on the envelope.

FUNDRAISERS

SMENCILS – Student Council will sell Smencils (scented pencils) for \$1.00 each on Tuesday & Thursday mornings in the foyer.

CRUSADER COTILLION – Due to the lack of participation, the Crusader Cotillion has been cancelled for this school year. Therefore, we are planning fun activities and sales throughout the year to raise money for our school. Thanks for your support!

ADVENT WREATHS – Advent wreaths are a fun way to celebrate the season leading up to Christmas Day. During the first, second and fourth weeks of Advent, we light violet candles. The third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday. On this day we celebrate that our waiting for Christmas is almost over. Rose is a liturgical color that is used to signify joy, so we light the rose candle on the third Sunday of Advent. Traditionally, each of the four candles on an Advent wreath has their own meaning.

- The first Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the Prophet’s Candle reminding us that Jesus is coming.
- The second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Faith with the Bethlehem Candle reminding us of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.
- The third Sunday of Advent symbolizes Joy with the Shepherd’s Candle reminding us of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.
- The fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes Peace with the Angel’s Candle reminding us of the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.”

When Advent Wreaths are decorated, the materials often have symbolic meaning. The use of evergreens reminds us of our eternal life with Christ, holly represents the crown of thorns from the Passion of Jesus and pinecones symbolize Christ’s Resurrection.



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