

Academy News

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Upcoming Events:

Dec. 2	Pizza Lunch
	Girl Scout Movie Night – all invited
Dec. 8	Spirit Day
Dec. 9	McDonald's Lunch
	Open House 9am- 11am for Prospective Families
Dec. 12	FSA Meeting 6:30pm
Dec. 16	Hot Dog Lunch
Dec. 18	Christmas Craft Fair 9am-3pm
Dec. 20	Pajama Day
Dec. 21- Jan. 3	Christmas Vacation

Spirit Wear

Ms. Angie and Mrs. Hodge went through all of the Spirit Wear orders since the beginning of the school year. We have found a new vendor that will be more efficient with filling our orders. For those families that have not yet received their orders, we have already contacted the original company asking for a refund of what you have paid, and we will reorder the items with the new company. Thank you for your patience. We will be sending out an order form of the items that will be available with this new company when we have everything set. Please **DO NOT** order any more Spirit Wear on our website at this time.

Special Lunches

As you know, our Special Lunch for every Friday begins tomorrow, Friday, December 2 with Pizza Lunch. All half day students are invited to enjoy lunch with us and stay until 12:30pm.

Special Lunches for December:

December 2 Pizza Lunch
December 9 McDonald's
December 16 Hot Dog Lunch

Please not on your school calendars:

SPECIAL LUNCH ON THE WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH HAVE BEEN REPLACED BY OUR FRIDAY LUNCHES.

Exciting News

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Hodge is expecting! The baby will be due in July. Please keep Mrs. Hodge and her family in your prayers during this precious and exciting time!



Christmas Gift Cards

Have you already started your Christmas shopping? Let us help! Order gift cards through our Scrip Program and you will have the perfect gifts! Updated order forms will be going home again this week. It's an easy way to shop, get gifts, and earn money for you and the school!!! Want your order in time for Christmas? **Order by: Dec. 15**



Girl Scout Pizza Night

Join our Girl Scout Troop Friday, December 2 for Pizza and a Movie at 5:30pm. We will be watching Rio. We hope to see you there!

Due Dates and Order Forms

Please be sure to return order forms on the day they are due. We need to count and order lunches or other things often in advance, so please be mindful of the due dates. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Dress for the Weather

The weather is changing and the days are getting colder. Who knows? We may be getting snow soon! We will continue to go outside for recess as long as the temperatures stay above 25 degrees. Please dress your children appropriately for the cold weather: winter coats, hats, gloves, scarves, snow pants (when necessary), boots, etc.



Craft Fair Volunteers

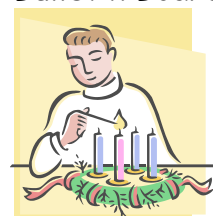
We are still looking for Parent Volunteers for our December 18 Craft Fair. We have split the shifts into 4 hour increments, 8am-12pm, and 12pm-4pm. Please let either Mrs. Hodge or Mrs. Boyer (Academy Parent) the hours that you will be able to volunteer for the day. Thank you!



Advent

Advent has brought about many changes in our Mass with the First Sunday of Advent being this past Sunday. Today you will be receiving a sheet of the updated changes to our Mass. These changes are because the Bishops in Rome, with the help of Pope John Paul II, retranslated the Mass to be more authentic to the Latin text. We are working with the students in school about some of the changes.

Each week, we will also be lighting the candles of the Advent wreath and we will be creating an interactive Bulletin Board of the story of Jesus' birth.



Check out what's happening in our classrooms...

Ms. Margaret's Pre-School

This is what happened in Ms. Margaret's 3-year-old class. We discussed what the children did for Thanksgiving and how we are getting ready for Christmas.

The children are finishing the letter Gg and beginning the letter H.

They are matching numbers to the correct amount of gingerbread men, playing Christmas/Winter Bingo, and tallying up their favorite type of cookies.

We are using our taste buds to taste animal and gingerbread cookies. They will also use a scale to compare and try to balance different objects in class.

Ms. Nancy's Pre-Kindergarten

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed the extra time spent with your family. Thank you all for coming to our play and luncheon. The children were so excited about performing for you.

We are getting ready for Christmas in our classroom. We started to decorate and the children have been working very hard on ornaments and advent wreaths. I am sending Advent wreaths home with three candles. We already added the first candle for hope. Please add the remaining ones with your child. They really put a lot of effort into making these wreaths. We briefly talked about Advent and had a small prayer service on Monday.

Wednesday was parent-teacher conferences. Thank you to those that met with me. It was so nice to have a few minutes to talk about your child and share some great stories. I look forward to working with your child in the upcoming months. I will be sending home copies of some assessments that I plan on completing with your child, before the break as promised to many in conferences today. Please look for them in the upcoming weeks.

Just a reminder.....I need a pre-washed white t-shirt with your child's name on the label by Wednesday, December 7th. Thanks! ☺

Looking Ahead.....

- Reindeer Day.
- Take a ride on the Polar Express
- Santa's magic key

Ms. Kim's Kindergarten

The kindergarten students met the next Superkid this week, Sal. Make sure to ask your child what Sal likes to do for fun. We are also working on blending sounds and read the first library book from Superkids called "Doc". In math the kindergarteners are working with the numbers 6-10, counting groups of things, and writing the numbers. The second graders are learning about the Ten Commandments and continuing to prepare for First Reconciliation.

Mrs. Sibick's Multi-age Classroom

The multi-age classroom is excited about the new month of December. The first graders are practicing reading with a buddy. They may be read page by page (one person reads page 1, the next reads page 2), choral (together), or echo (a student reads a sentence and the next student repeats it). It sounds wonderful as they read with a buddy. Second grade has begun the second Super magazine. Please ask about the magic berry and how scientist are helping cranes. In math, first graders have finished their Chapter 4 and will work on adding up to 20 in Chapter 5. Second graders completed Chapter 5 and will begin mental addition in Chapter 6. The students are practicing reciting the Lord's Prayer as a class. Please do this at home as well. First graders are discussing Baptism in Religion. The kindergarten students are learning about prayer and different times in the day they can pray. Ms. Kim and I enjoyed our time at conferences with you! Thank you for your time! Enjoy the rest of the week.