

St. Mary's Catholic School

Friday Notes



Available with additional pictures and attachments in parent's email and online at <https://www.aquinas-catholic.com/stmarys/friday-notes/>
(Please let us know if you did not receive them in your email.)

December 6, 2019

ADVENT PROGRAM NOTES

We hit a bit of a dilemma this year. Several of the risers need to be replaced. The cost of new ones ran between \$9,000 and \$11,000. We decided to try holding the programs at Aquinas to see if it works for us. If it does, we will keep them there. If we decide to bring them back to St. Mary's, then we will invest in the new risers. It just didn't make sense to buy them if not needed.

Sorry about the scheduling conflict with wrestling. This year's schedule has been particularly tight. Bringing the students back the day after makes a hard day for everyone.

Please let any visitors or family members know that there is no afternoon program this year and that it will be held at Aquinas at 6:30.

It will be a great program with our new 5th grade band, a fun Czech song, and an end-of-the-program surprise. Thank you so much to Mrs. Ostdiek and Mr. Haberman for helping to make it a success!

I hope the purple calendar and magnetic Advent wreaths are adding to your family's Advent traditions as we continue to make room for the baby Jesus.

God bless your families, -- Mrs. Zook

****Thank you from Mrs. Suehl:** Nathan and I would like to thank everyone for their kindness and generosity. I don't think we realized how blessed we were to live in such a great community with such kind friends. We are happy to announce that Patrick is healing quite quickly and doing well. We were humbled by the amount of money we received from our school community for hospital bills. Our eyes have been opened to how much more generous we should be with our gifts. More importantly there were so many prayers and sacrifices for Patrick's successful heart operation and it felt so good to know we had that support. God is good and heard those prayers and we are so grateful. We will pray and pay this generosity forward. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and Patrick's healed heart,
Nathan and Jennifer Suehl Family

PRAYERS

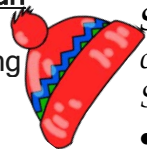
For Banholzer family for the loss of Grandpa.

VIRTUE for DEC, GENEROSITY: *giving without counting the cost;*
St. Nicholas (K-2),
St. Mary Magdalene (3-5)
Green Homework --
Coming home today

****NO AFTERNOON ADVENT PROGRAM** this year. We will try just the 6:30 PM program **at Aquinas North gym.**
PLEASE let Grandparents know.
Date: **Dec. 19.**

St. Mary's Holiday Donations, please consider donating (to Catholic Social Services) – Due Dec. 19:

- *Hats and gloves/mittens*
- *Grades K-2: non-perishable food items, particularly proteins*
- *Grades 3-5: paper products (paper towels, napkins, toilet paper, etc.)*



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thu., Dec. 12: Banking in Schools, 7:45
Fri., Dec. 13: Spirit Day!; Boxtops Due!
Thu., Dec. 19: Advent Program, 6:30 PM in Aquinas North Gym—one performance only
- Virtues homework due
- Donations due (above)
Dec. 20-Jan. 5: Christmas Vacation
****Jan. 8: NO SCHOOL—full day,** Special professional development speaker coming in for St. Mary's and Aquinas. ******

BOX TOPS BULLETIN OCT/NOV/DEC




**THANK
YOU!**

Fall Submission:

CLIPS- \$423.80
ONLINE-\$144.80
TOTAL-\$568.60

Top Class-

Miss Ridder-1029
869-clips 160 app

**DON'T FORGET TO
SCAN THOSE
RECEIPTS WITHIN
14 DAYS TO GET
CREDIT ON THE
APP!**

**BOX TOPS DUE:
FRIDAY, 12/13**

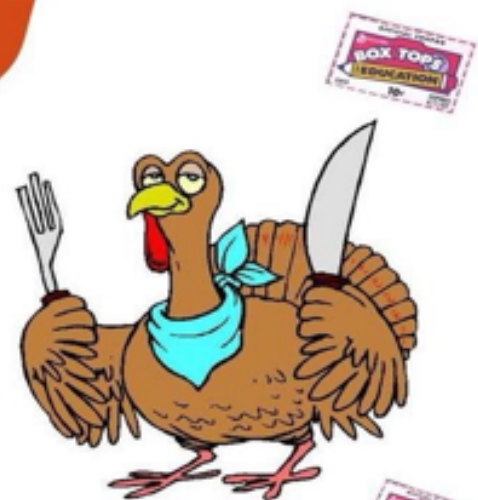
SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING AND
THAT MEANS LOTS OF BAKING
AND COOKING!

CHECK YOUR FOOD PACKAGES FOR
BOX TOPS!

Invite your family and friends to start saving Box Tops too!

Money raised goes towards PTO incentives that benefit our kids and school!



Every box top counts!