



Next week(s) at Presentation

Monday Dec. 26 - Tuesday Jan. 3rd – No school; Christmas Break

Wednesday Jan. 4th – School resumes; Report cards; **Teacher of the Year deadline**

Monday Jan. 9th – PTO Meeting

MESSAGE FROM FR. TOM

MERRY CHRISTMAS! On behalf of Presentation Parish and School, I extend the greeting of this holy season to all of you. May the celebration of Christ's birth fill us with joy and may we take time to ponder the mystery of God becoming one of us through Jesus. As we give thanks for the blessing of our faith, we also take time to recognize the many blessings God has shared with us. We are certainly blessed to be part of such a wonderful school community. Thank you for choosing Presentation and for helping to make it a great school. Through your commitment to our school and the dedication of our staff we are able to provide a quality, Catholic education to our students. As we enter the new year, may it be filled with many opportunities to grow in love for God and one another. ***Many Blessings!***

Announcements:

Sisters of Charity - Teacher of the Year Award

We are so blessed to have so many excellent teachers in our children's lives at OLP. They sacrifice so much in dedicating their skills to help us provide our children a Catholic education. Over your Christmas break, PLEASE remember to complete your nomination for the teacher who has made a significant impact on your child's life. The form can be found on the school website. **Nominations are due WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4th by 3:00 p.m.**

Acts of Service

OLP Kindergarten students did Advent acts of service to raise money for Heifer International. Their mission is to end hunger and poverty and care for the Earth. They earned a total of \$266.75 to purchase one water buffalo and two chickens.

Skirt length

Reminder – skirts are to be no higher than two to three inches above the knee. Please take time over the Christmas break to check the length of the skirts and adjust as necessary.

PTO Meeting

The January meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, January 9th, in the Etue room. (Disregard the listing on the January calendar.)

Toys for Tots Dress Down Results

Student Council would like to thank everyone who donated money for our last dress down day, Friday, December 16. Toys for Tots will be receiving a check for \$282.49. Thank you to everyone for their generosity and Merry Christmas from Mrs. Mueller and Student Council

Archery

Attached is a list of the students who have signed up for the archery team. Please note that if your daughter or son wishes to participate and is not on this list, contact me immediately. Money is to be turned in to the front office. Practice will begin the second week of January. Once the final practice schedule is complete, I will send it out. Thanks so much for everyone's efforts. Clint Rogers

Self Defense Classes

We have an opportunity to work with Mr. G from Lees Summit Martial Arts. If you think you might be interested in either an adult class or a mother/daughter class, please email Helena Vilott at h.vilott@att.net. Please indicate in your email which type of class you would like to take. He can offer a seminar format or an actual class. See his explanation of the two class formats: A seminar setting only requires two or three instructors to overlook a group of 12-16 women while they work with each other. An actual class requires at least one instructor for every 2-3 women and the instructor works with the women. It costs more and a bit more intense. Prices are as follows: Classes are \$65 for one person, \$85 for 2 and \$105 for a family of 3-4. More details will be available once we see who is interested.

Auction- Class Projects still need volunteers

Thanks for all who have volunteered for the class projects so far! Just a few classrooms still need volunteers:

6th grade: Lock, Memoly, and Rogers

7th grade: Nyhan

Please email Lori Meyer at lorimariebailey@hotmail.com or call (816)623-3123 if you are interested in participating in the project. Help make the 2012 auction a success!

Reminders:

Tuition

As a reminder....please keep up to date on your tuition; it's easy to overlook through the Holidays. The next report card date is January 4th. If you need to check your status please feel free to contact Celia at 251-1109.

Scholarship and Placement Test for In-coming Catholic High School Freshmen

All 8th grade students planning to attend a Catholic high school next fall must take the Scholarship and Placement Test on **Saturday, Jan. 7**. All Catholic high schools are testing sites. Doors open at 8 a.m., and the test begins at 8:30. The test is an entrance requirement for all diocesan and private high schools in the Diocese of Kansas City ~ St. Joseph. Students may test at Archbishop O'Hara, Bishop LeBlond, Cristo Rey in Kansas City, Notre Dame de Sion,

Rockhurst, St. Mary's, St. Pius X, or St. Teresa's Academy. Please call the school of your choice to reserve a spot.

OLP Choristers open to 2nd Graders

Choristers are preparing to welcome their newest members from the Second Grade in January. Parents who "think" their child will be joining Choristers are asked to email their interest to Mr. Armstrong, darmstrong@presentation-parish.org. Forms for registration and liability can be found at the OLP Choristers School web page.

For information regarding OLP Choristers, click on the following link: <http://www.presentation-parish.org/Ministries/Liturgy%20and%20Music/School%20Choristers/School%20Chorister.htm>.

Parker Uniforms – December Sale

20% off all in-stock merchandise; free shipping on \$100 or more; WWW.PARKERSU.COM

Basketball– eligibility and tournament schedules attached

Teacher of the Year Award – deadline Jan. 4, details attached

Love & Logic class – registration deadline Jan. 13th, details attached

Panther's Pen – deadline Jan. 20th, application/details attached

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

Our Lady of the Presentation School