



## **Advent Greetings to OLP Parents and Staff,**

The email is quiet lengthy today. There are lots of activities taking place this Advent season. Please review carefully so you don't miss anything.

### **Safety Reminder –**

For the safety of your children, if they arrive at school after 8 am or leave before 3 pm, you must escort them to and from the school office and sign them in and out.

### **This week:**

Today- last day to sign up for Cookies with Santa; contact Victoria Shatto

Tonight - Annual Winter Blast Dance, form attached.

Mon., Dec. 5 - All-school Mass, Feast of St. Nicholas, by Mrs. Vittorino's 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
PTO meeting, 6:30 pm, Etue Room

Tue., Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Day  
Group/team picture day  
Auction Meeting 7 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 7 - Christmas Program, Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 7:15 p.m., auditorium

Thur., Dec. 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception; no school

Fri., Dec. 9 – Staff Development Day; no school

Sun., Dec. 11 - Family Fun: Cookies & Cocoa with Santa, 1-3, reservations required

[Panther Prints Publishes Today – see the website.](#)

Congratulations to these Presentation students who are dancing in Heart of America Youth Ballet's production of The Nutcracker this weekend!

Gina Bisacca  
Olivia Matlock  
Aidan Matlock  
Riley Monteil  
Lily Reichert  
Megan Warnecke  
Maggie Novak (alum)

### **Christmas Fair**

Our Christmas Fair will be Monday, December 12. We are accepting donations through 9 a.m. on the 6<sup>th</sup>. If your child(ren) will be participating, please go over with them the people they are

to shop for. Each student is allowed to purchase up to four gifts. The gifts will range in price from 50 cents to five dollars. Please send money with your child(ren) the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas Fair. We have a nice selection of gifts and wrappings. We are still accepting all donations, through December 6<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m., but at this point we are most in need of AAA batteries, and items appropriate for men or teenagers. Bring any donations to the school office or the box in the music room.

We are still in need of volunteers to help with the Christmas Fair. Sign up via the SignUp Genius below if you can help.



**FREE online sign ups for groups? That's genius!**

Dear OLP Parent,

You have been invited by Nicole Jenkins to sign up for the "Christmas Fair." Please click on the link below to view the online sign-up sheet.

This sign up is protected by a password. Enter the password "Christmas" for access.

To sign up, go to:  
[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F084FA4AF229-christmas](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F084FA4AF229-christmas)

### Panther Shop News:

- Two Big Events coming Monday, December 12! **See Attached Flyer** for details. Pre-ordering available, if you are unable to attend the sale!
- Our November - December Special, (\$1.00 off each \$10 spent), continues throughout December; but, will not be in effect at our December 12 Events.
- Please note, any Special Orders placed during the month of December will not be placed with our vendor until January. Expected Delivery - mid to late February.

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade SERVICE PROJECT: KINDNESS brings cheer to the elderly!!!**

Generosity means sharing what you have with others with a happy spirit. Generous people give their time, talents and treasure to help others.....The 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be Christmas caroling at Little Sisters of the Poor on Thursday, Dec. 15. We are taking with us personal care items for the elderly residents. Please help us by sending a donation to school by Dec. 15. Suggested items: toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, wipes, tissues, lotion, Dove soap, knee high nylons, sugar free candy, etc.

THANK YOU!!!!

### **Dress Greene Results**

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the “Greene” dress down day this week. We made more than twice what we make on a regular dress down day and I cannot tell you how much green money came in to day for Waylon’s Memorial Fund. The grand total was \$445.76. Again thank you to everyone for their support for this young boy and his family. I took lots of pictures today of the staff and kids in green so Mrs. Batliner is going to share some of those with Waylon’s family. God Bless, Vicki, Elizabeth and Mallory

**Yearbook Pictures needed** – Mrs. Lock needs pictures of trunk or treat and the carnival for the yearbook. Please submit them to [llock@Presentation-Parish.org](mailto:llock@Presentation-Parish.org)

**Celebrating the Advent Season** - There’s a Celebrating Advent section on the church website, [www.presentation-parish.org](http://www.presentation-parish.org), with links to the Advent Calendar, Advent Evenings of Prayer, Hispanic Advent Celebrations, Advent Reflection booklet and the Christmas Mass Schedule.

**Calling All Former Catholic Education Students!** - We are looking to put a new spin on Catholic Schools Week parish weekend activities. We would like to know which parents or older siblings attended Catholic schools (elementary, high school or college). If you could please send me an email with your name, school and city in which you attended, I would appreciate it.

[mhiatt@presentation-parish.org](mailto:mhiatt@presentation-parish.org). I need this information by Dec 9<sup>th</sup>.

Are you as excited about Archery as the kids have been? Now it is time to bring a little competition to the fun! There will be a MANDATORY parent meeting on December 12th at 5:30 in the Etue Room for those interested in joining an Archery Team representing OLP. Because time is limited, please be prepared to sign-up if interested. Check out the attached flyer for the details. Thank you for your support and interest in helping to develop OLP’s Archery Team!

### **St. Nicholas Day**

The Catholicity Committee and PTO will be working together to help make St. Nicholas Day on Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> a special celebration for the students. With December’s character trait being generosity, learning about the life of this saint is very appropriate. We hope that the students will be encouraged to honor St. Nicholas by following his example of selfless giving during this Christmas season.

Thanks!

### **Auction Meeting**

Please note there is a change in the auction meeting for December due to a conflict with the K-2 Christmas program. Come join the rescheduled auction meeting at Next Door Pizza on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00. We are in need of volunteers to ‘hero up’ for the following committees:

- Additional members to procure for the silent auction
- Corporate sponsorship
- Gift gathering party coordinator
- Party(s) coordinator
- Clean-up

If anyone is interested in volunteering or has further questions please contact Alicia Bailey: [Alicia.bailey4477@gmail.com](mailto:Alicia.bailey4477@gmail.com) or Jennifer Watts: [jenniferwatts@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jenniferwatts@sbcglobal.net)

### **Auction - Class Projects**

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

3rd grade: VanBecelaere; 5th grade: Russell, Feuerborn; 6th grade: Lock, Memoly, and Rogers; 7th grade: Nyhan, Vittorino

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

### **Scholarship and Placement Test for Incoming Catholic High School Freshmen – Saturday, January 7**

All eighth grade students planning to attend a Catholic high school next fall must take the Scholarship and Placement Test on Saturday, January 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.

### **Panther Pen Submissions**

Calling all Writers and Artists: Wouldn't you just love to see your talented writer or artist in print? We would! Applications are now being accepted for The Panther's Pen, OLP's student magazine that showcases our kids' masterpieces. The deadline is January 20th, and the application is attached with complete revised guidelines. So get those creative juices flowing during the upcoming holidays. Submit now!

### **Group/team picture day**

If you would like Interstate Studio to take the picture of your group or team for the yearbook please let us know what time you will be here for your group or team. The available times are every 15 minutes beginning at 2:00 and will go until 4:00 pm, December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Christmas Program, Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 7:15 p.m. December 7<sup>th</sup>.**

The Christmas program has been moved to 7:15 p.m. to relieve congestion in the parking lot from Religious Education. It will still be held in the Gym. Students performing in the program should wear nice Church clothing or Holiday attire. No jeans, please.

### **Staff Christmas gifts donations**

The PTO is offering a holiday gift giving option again this year for our dedicated teachers and staff. Parents and students are invited to make a monetary donation to a fund that is divided equally among the teachers and administration of our school instead of purchasing individual Christmas gifts. The staff has been very appreciative of the gift in past years. Many parents appreciate the convenience when considering purchasing several teachers' gifts. The deadline to contribute is Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Teacher of the Year** - Our Lady of the Presentation's Annual Sisters of Charity Award - Honoring Excellence in Catholic Education – deadline is January 4. Details attached.

### **Eligibility Reporting Schedule for Basketball**

Basketball eligibility reporting will be divided into two sessions (pre-season tournaments and season).

#### **Pre-Season Tournaments:**

12/5-3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

12/12-3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

12/19-3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

#### **Regular Season and City Tournament Schedule:**

The first week of play is January 7<sup>th</sup> but with the short week we will not report.

1/9-3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

1/17-3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

1/23-3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

1/30-3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

2/6-3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

2/13-3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade reporting

2/21-5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade reporting (if 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade teams are participating in end of season tournaments, it is the AD's responsibility to let the school know)

I have included the eligibility guidelines below:

#### **3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade**

Grades are monitored and reported to administration every Monday during the season. If a student has a grade below 74% (C-) in any subject and **at the teacher discretion is reported to administration**, he/she will be given a warning. During this time, the parent is required to make contact with the teacher to discuss the grade. The student may be required to attend the Success Center and/or meet with the teacher in effort to improve the grade. If when grades are reported again, the student still has a grade below 74% (C-) in the same subject, the teacher will either report the student as warned or ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the next week. (student may attend athletic practice but not participate in games). This cycle will continue through the sport (football/volleyball, basketball and track) season. In an effort to be fair to the students, eligibility will restart with each sport season. If a student misses three weeks due to academic ineligibility, he/she will forfeit his/her right to be a part of the team or group.

#### **Middle School**

Grades are monitored and reported to administration every other Monday during the season. If a student has a grade below 74% (C-) in any subject and **at the teacher discretion is reported to administration**, he/she will be given a warning. During this time, the parent is required to make contact with the teacher to discuss the grade. The student may be required to attend the Success Center and/or meet with the teacher in effort to improve the grade. If when grades are reported again, the student still has a grade below 74% (C-) in the same subject, the teacher will either report the student as warned or ineligible to participate in extracurricular activities for the two week reporting period. (student may attend athletic practice but not participate in games). This cycle will continue through the sport (football/volleyball, basketball and track) season. In an effort to be fair to the students, eligibility will restart with each sport season. If a student misses six weeks due to academic ineligibility, he/she will forfeit his/her right to be a part of the team or group.

**Behavior** is the second component of the policy. Students in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade that receive two detentions (automatic or earned) and students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade who receive a suspension (in or out of school) in a two week reporting period, will be ineligible for two weeks. If a student misses six weeks in a season due to behavior issues, he/she will forfeit his/her right to be a part of the team or group. Additionally, if during school, at sporting events or at extracurricular activities, a student demonstrates immoral, illegal or

disrespectful behavior, the student may be deemed ineligible or required to step down from the team or group.

The third component of the policy is **attendance**. Students must be in attendance for at least three hours of the school day to attend an extracurricular activity that afternoon or evening, **including after-school practices**. If a student is absent of Friday due to illness, parents are expected to adhere to the 24 hour health policy and not allow the child to participate in weekend events if he/she was vomiting or running a fever. Students not in compliance with this attendance policy will be deemed ineligible for two weeks.

The school administration will monitor/enforce the participation policy. Notification will be given to the athletic director, activity sponsor and to the parents each Monday during the reporting period. Reporting weeks will be listed in the Panther Prints and weekly emails.

Have a blessed Advent season.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Atwell

Secretary

Our Lady of the Presentation School