

November 29, 2017



Dear Parents:

In order to keep you informed about the activities of the busy holiday weeks ahead, we are sending you this bulletin. We ask that you read it carefully and keep it for future reference.

CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATIONS: OLPS children in grades 1-6 are asked to bring a donation of food for the parish Christmas baskets to the Mass on **Friday, December 8**. Our goal is to prepare baskets for 100 families. Please be as generous as possible. Following is the schedule of food gifts for each grade. Teachers may collect the food in their rooms prior to the Mass date.

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| 1st Grade: | Canned yams | 4th Grade: | Canned green beans |
| 2nd Grade: | Cornbread/stuffing mix | 5th Grade: | Canned cranberry sauce |
| 3rd Grade: | Canned corn | 6th Grade: | Cake mix and frosting |

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE PRIESTS: As we have done before, we are collecting voluntary donations from the children for Fr. Dan and Fr. John. Please send your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift for Priests" **no later than December 19**. Thank you for your generosity.

Students in Grades 1-6 will have Mass on **Thursday, December 21**, at 8:00am. The gifts for Fr. Dan and Fr. John will be given at this time. Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten students will have their own Christmas celebration.

CLASSROOM CHRISTMAS PARTIES: Each class may have a Christmas party in the classroom. Teachers and room mothers will decide on the kind of party for their rooms. Christmas parties will be held on **Thursday, December 21**. **Teachers will contact the Room Mothers to make plans for the party.** Please do not go overboard with the treats you prepare. **All grades** have chosen to participate in Advent projects **in lieu of** exchanging gifts.

The Christmas holidays will begin at 11:30am on **Thursday, December 21**. We will return to school on **Monday, January 8**. **NOTE:** End of the 2nd quarter will be **December 21**.

FREE OR REDUCED LUNCHES: If your financial status changes for any reason, you may apply for free or reduced lunches any time during the school year. We have applications in the cafeteria.

REGISTRATION: Enrollment for the 2018-2019 school year will take place during the first part of the new year. You can expect your enrollment forms around mid-January.

May God bless you,

Jo Tassin
Jackie DeWorth



Thursday, December 21, will be a half day of school with dismissal starting at 11:30am. No After School Care!

We are having a Novena of Masses said at Christmas for all of our students, their parents, our friends, benefactors, priests, and for all of our faculty and staff. We wish you a blessed Christmas and a prosperous and peace-filled New Year.