

December 19, 2019

Dear Parents,

For many, this is a time of frenzy as the Christmas season, having become so secularized, seemed to have started before Halloween. The malls are jammed (with all of the amateur shoppers), the highways are ridiculously flooded (with people who seemingly just learned how to drive). Everyone is frazzled and searching for that one particular gift that has already flown off of the store shelves. Does any of this sound familiar? And in our schools and parish programs we are singing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” and “Come, Lord Jesus! Come and be born in our hearts.”

We each have to decide for ourselves how we will prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas ~ how we will make room for him so that his love can not only fill us but flow from us to others. Maybe it is in the hustle and bustle of the season. Maybe it is in quiet stillness where we can listen for his voice. Whatever it is ~ wherever it is ~ however it is ~ do it WELL and be filled with the JOY of the Lord!

I pray that each of you and your families have a JOYOUS, PEACE-FILLED, and BLESSED Christmas! Be assured of my prayers for you as we approach this great “Holy Day” of Light and Love.

SCHOOL RE-REGISTRATION -- We are over 46% re-registered for next year! There is a \$50 registration fee per family due. After January 31, 2020 re-registration will be raised to \$125. Re-Register as soon as possible! Note: registration fees are non-refundable. See Re-registration form [here](#) . Only 21 school days to register in the new year before our \$50 re-registration fee is raised to \$125. Don't delay, register today!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6:00 P.M. - If you and your family are planning to attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve, I am in need of a few more volunteers to hand out small ornaments after the Mass. I know many of you are in Choir, so if you are able to help me out, I would greatly appreciate. It doesn't take long. We stay to everyone exits the church or all the ornaments are gone. I will be there with my family! Thank you for your support!

Please consider being a VOLUNTEER to SELL GIFT CARDS BEFORE AND AFTER WEEKEND MASSES - The church has asked me to reach out to our school families for volunteers as substitute gift card sellers at all Masses. The gift certificate program is a 100% benefit to our school. The proceeds collected are used toward our parish subsidy which helps keep our tuition costs low. If you can volunteer as a substitute, please contact Beth Grandinetti at 610-253-3553 or bgrandinetti@rcn.com. Thank you!

TEAM DECKER AND LLS - Once again, we will be assisting Team Decker and their fundraising efforts for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We will be dressing in purple (the color for LLS) on Friday,

January 2, 2020 to help Dr. Decker and his team as they race in Disney World for TEAM DECKER AND LLS. Donations can go to our web site at any time. The web site is <https://pages.ils.org/tnt/epa/wdw20/TeamDecker> for anyone who would like to donate before January 8.

DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY - Tomorrow is the last day of school this year, this decade...it sounds so ominous, but actually we are all very excited about the upcoming break from school. I am not recommending this, but if anyone planning to pick up their child before 11:00 a.m. you will need to notify your child's bus driver, the front office and their teachers first thing in the morning. Last minute changes are always challenging and not recommended. There is extended care tomorrow from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in FFH. There is no hot lunch or drinks available, so please pack accordingly if your child is staying.

LION KING Jr. Production - In today's communication folder is information regarding the upcoming production of Lion King Jr. being performed on Saturday, January 25, 2020. If you are interested in being a volunteer, please complete the attached form found [here](#) and return to me by January 10, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

Friday, Dec. 20

8:15 Christmas Sing-a-long K-8

DISMISSAL 11:00 a.m.

****Extended care available to 5:30 p.m.****

Christmas vacation begins! See you January 2, 2020!

Looking ahead to January 2020...

Thursday, January 2

School Open

Friday, January 3

School Open/Casual Day - \$1 for Team Decker - Leukemia and

Lymphoma Society DRESS IN PURPLE - The web site is <https://pages.ils.org/tnt/epa/wdw20/TeamDecker>

for anyone who would like to donate before January 8.

Wednesday, January 8

Home and School Executive Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Home and School Committee Chair Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 9 **8:15 a.m. Mass NJHS Installation (7th Graders)**

Pretzel Day

Sunday, January 12 **St. Jane Spirit Night Lehigh Valley Phantoms 3:00 p.m. Singing God
Bless America before game 2:05 p.m.**

See flyer here

Thursday, January 16 **8:15 a.m. Mass**

Pretzel Day

Monday, January 19 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day - School Closed**

Teacher Local In-service Day

Wednesday, January 22 **Mid-Trimester Progress Reports go home today.**

Thursday, January 23 **8:15 a.m. Mass**

Pretzel Day

Friday, January 24 **St. Jane Social at blue --- SAVE THE DATE!**

Saturday, January 25 **Lion King Jr. 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Shows**

Volunteer here to help with this production!

Sunday, January 26 **Catholic Schools Week begins. Schedule TBD.**

Opening Mass at main church 10:30 a.m.

Indoor Carnival 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Open House 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Band Concert 1:00 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Monday, January 27 Food Collection and Dance-a-thon for St. Vincent de Paul

Tuesday, January 28 8:15 a.m. 5th Grade Vocabulary Parade

Open House 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Religion Bee for Grades 1 and 2 @1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29 Proud to be a Janer Day!

Thursday, January 30 National Geographic Geography Bee 8:00 a.m.

Religion Bee Grades 3 and 4 @11:00 a.m.

Open House 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Scholastic Book Fair 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 31 **Full Day of School**

8:15 a.m. Closing Mass of Catholic Schools Week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Marybeth Okula