



*We are a faith-filled Catholic community called by God  
to teach, nurture and guide our children  
to achieve their God-given potential on life's journey to heaven.*

*Faith Community Academic Excellence*

December 6, 2017 - St. Nicholas

Dear Parents,

Advent is clearly a time when the Church encourages us to prepare for Christmas in a different way than the commercial world. Love, prepares a place for Love to come into our hearts. Jesus is love. How are you making room for Him in the Inn of your heart? There was no room 2017 years ago, but that doesn't need to be the case this year. Here at school there are 270 hearts in which we are trying to build a warm and receptive place for baby Jesus and the graces He wants to share. There are so many competing distractions that are trying to crowd Him out. May we use the gift of our will to make a concerted effort to open our hearts to Him.

Purple is the liturgical color of the season, because sometimes it hurts a little to make room for Him. We need to be willing to enter into a bit of penance as we prepare. Not as much as in Lent, but just enough to remind us that our fallen human nature needs to be kept in check. We need to focus on Him, not ourselves; and that takes a bit of penance, which is good, very good.

Here at school, and probably in your homes, too, the children make little gifts for parents, siblings or someone else. Can we give the gift of self in His honor in some way this Advent? We will work at keeping Christ in Christmas here at school; thank you for making it part of your Christian home also.

Spend time with Him. One of my favorite Advent meditations is mentally "cleaning out the manger" of my heart. Get all that other stuff out of there, and tidy it up for Him. Are we ready to receive our Eucharistic King into the throne of our hearts this Christmas? Sweep clean the throne room of our hearts by making a good confession. There is always more than enough to do: cleaning, gift prep, food prep... Make the spiritual prep a priority, and spend a little time with Him. You might like to try out USCCB's [Lectio Divina for Advent](#). The guides are available in English and Spanish and might be a good resource for you and your families this Advent.

As a side note, can you help us promote Christianity in our neighborhood? The Sisters are often on the lookout for outdoor nativities as we walk or drive. It's our version of 'Where's Waldo'. We see many around here, which is wonderful! Consider one for your family. What a great gift to give Him, and one which helps your kids know and see that you clearly fly the flag of Christianity to the neighbors, as well as to your family.

May Mary, His Mother, help us prepare a place for Him where He is welcome. And when He comes, let's also take a little time to let Him love us. He is so good at that!

In Christ our Infant King,  
Sister Mary Faustina, C.K.

#### **DATES for: December**

- 6 Grade 1 Class Mass Grades 4 & 6 Confessions Happy Birthday, Mrs. Berrick!  
Leadership Board Meeting, 4:00 pm
- 7 Grade 3 Confessions **Candy Cane Sales**
- 8 Fri. **No School –Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 9 Hour of Code at Innovation Campus, 9:00-noon
- 11 Grade 8 Confessions
- 12 Tues. 4A Class Mass Happy ½ Birthday, Mrs. Minchow!
- 13 Grade 5 Confessions Happy Birthday, Jody Degenhardt!
- 14 Thurs. Grade 3 Class Mass 2:00 p.m. Christmas Program Dress rehearsal for those who can't make the 7 p.m.  
performance; **Candy Cane Sales** Christmas Program (Grades K-4), 7 p.m.
- 15 **12:30 Dismissal** / Faculty mtg.
- 17 Sun. Happy Birthday, Pope Francis!
- 18 Grade 7 Confessions Chess Club Christmas Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Grade 4 Field Trip Jr. High Choir Christmas Caroling, 4:45 p.m.
- 20 Wed. Sign-a-long, 11 a.m. / Noon Dismissal End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter
- 21-29 **No School / Christmas break!**

#### **January**

- 4 Thurs. Classes resume

**PRAY FOR THESE SEMINARIANS:** Wade Bakhit & Lane Barnhill

**THINGS BEING SENT HOME:** Scrip form; lunch and library notices; Grade 4 Heritage School letter; JH girls Christmas Caroling flyer

**ATTACHMENTS:** JH girls Christmas Caroling flyer, Opportunity Scholarships Act, Major Talking Points-Catholics

**OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP ACT** Some assistance for private schools like ours is potentially on the horizon. See the two attachments for details and support it wherever you can!

**CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR FACULTY/STAFF:** Please prayerfully consider contributing toward the monetary Christmas gift for our teachers/staff. We will still accept donations if you missed the Dec. 1 deadline. Thank you for your support!

**GIRLS CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Dec. 17, 1;15-6:30 p.m. for Jr. high to college-aged girls. Vespers and Dinner with the Sisters is included. See the flyer enclosed and attached for more details.

**PRAYERS FOR NEW SUPERINTENDENT:** You may have noticed an article in the Register that this summer Monsignor Perkinson will be appointed Vicar for Education and a lay person will be hired as superintendent of our diocesan schools. Pray for the search to find a qualified applicant. [Click here for article.](#)

**PROJECT 2019 SURVEY RESULTS:** Thank you for your response! We will keep you posted as much as possible throughout the process. Thank you for the ideas that were suggested. We will address them at another time.

24-Nov-17	1 <sup>st</sup> choice	2 <sup>nd</sup> choice	3 <sup>rd</sup> choice	4 <sup>th</sup> choice	5 <sup>th</sup> choice
Heating/Air Conditioning & electrical work	73.12%	15.05%	5.38%	3.23%	3.23%
	68	14	5	3	3
Renovation of the band room: enlarge by adding locker room space and possibly double as a music room in the future	1.12%	10.11%	24.72%	59.55%	4.49%
	1	9	22	53	4
Renovation of the kitchen and lunchroom	4.49%	33.71%	42.70%	19.10%	0.00%
	4	30	38	17	0
Secured, ground-level entry and elevator for full accessibility to the school. This would move office/reception functions into a new addition on the west side of the school.	23.16%	40.00%	22.11%	12.63%	2.11%
	22	38	21	12	2
Other (Specify in the next question.)	9.38%	3.13%	9.38%	0.00%	78.13%
	3	1	3	0	25

**THUNDERBOLT WRESTLING CLUB** starts Monday, Dec 4th in the Pius X wrestling room for all boys K-8th. We have practices Dec 4, 11, 18 6:30-7:30 p.m. so come for any or all of them. It is free for the first 4 practices so come join us. We welcome all skill levels. For more information & the schedule go to [www.thunderboltwrestling.info](http://www.thunderboltwrestling.info) or contact Marg Bohy [bohybozymom@yahoo.com](mailto:bohybozymom@yahoo.com) 402-770-4432.

### **WAYS TO SERVE**

**SCRIP AND PROPLR NEWS:** Thank you for using SCRIP for all your groceries, gas, and gifts! The November Scrip profit was \$1,522.40, for a year-to-date total of \$16,605.73, or 66% of goal.

**NEW SCRIP MERCHANT:** Granite City \$25 cards. Each card purchased offers \$5 back to St. Teresa's. There are also smaller denominations available for Target and Walmart that are perfect for gifts and stocking stuffers.

There are many, many merchants that offer Scrip. We carry in stock what is listed on the Scrip form. Visit [www.shopwithscrip.comto](http://www.shopwithscrip.comto) see the selection of gift cards for over 750 of the most popular retailer brands across every retail category. Over 300 brands are available immediately with ScripNow®, and over 100 are reloadable. You don't

even need to login...just scroll to the bottom of the page and click on [retailer list](#). Please note that any card that is not in the box will need to be ordered. For delivery by December 20 (Christmas break dismissal), orders must be received by 1:00 pm on Sunday, December 17. You can order ScripNow! anytime for almost immediate delivery. ReloadNow! is also available at anytime but a physical card purchase must be purchased through Scrip to be able to reload it.

Check out all of these limited time [specials](#) on certain merchants. These increased rebates will be available until December 15th!

Please email [jeandreasen@me.com](mailto:jeandreasen@me.com) or call 402-525-5500 if you have any questions about Scrip.

### [UPCOMING EVENTS / REMINDERS](#)

**ST. NICK IS COMING TO PIUS X:** St. Nick is coming to Pius X on the Feast Day of St. Nicholas, Wednesday **December 6** from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please join us for a **Baby Jesus/Nativity Blessing** at **5:30 p.m.** in the Pius X Chapel. **6:00-7:30 p.m.** come on down to the **Commons** and get your picture taken with an **authentic** looking **St. Nick**, decorate a sugar cookie, color a St. Nick page, and listen to our talented Pius X choirs sing beautiful Christmas Carols!

No charge, but free will donations will gladly be accepted. Please RSVP the number of kids attending to [Kristin.heath@piusx.net](mailto:Kristin.heath@piusx.net) to help give us an idea of the amount of cookies and cocoa needed! More details may be found at [www.piusx.net](http://www.piusx.net).

**LINCOLN HOUR OF CODE EVENT AT NEBRASKA INNOVATION CAMPUS:** Sat., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m. to noon.

This event of this event is joint venture between Lincoln Public Schools and other community organizations. It is **free** and open to the public. To register click [Code Event](#)

**CHRISTMAS PROGRAM (GRADES K-4th):** Thursday, **December 14**, 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. – Students will report to the cafeteria and may leave their coats there.

**WORLD BOOK ONLINE** St. Teresa School has a paid World Book Online subscription for all students. [www.worldbookonline.com](http://www.worldbookonline.com) **Log-in ID:** StTeresaLnc **Password:** jayhawks (\*Password is case sensitive.)