

December 8, 2016

Dear St. Columbanus Family,

There is a lot of hustle and bustle going on at St. Columbanus this month, as I am sure there is for everyone during this busy season. Every morning, we are stopping to take time during this Advent Season to read the daily scripture to prepare us for the true meaning of Christmas. If you find some time one morning, please come in with your child and pray with us! Just a reminder that the Children's Mass will be this Sunday, December 11 at St. Columbanus Church.

The Home School Association "Believe" fundraiser items are expected to arrive next week; the Christmas wreaths are in, and they look and smell wonderful! The Home School Association has collected hundreds of items for the Good Counsel Home, as the Trim-A-Tree event was a huge success! Please take a look at the beautiful Christmas tree trimmed with all the gifts on our Facebook page. We would like to thank our generous families for all their donations. HSA will also be hosting a "Kids Korner" store in the library on December 15 and 16. This allows the children to purchase small, inexpensive items for their loved ones on their own without parents watching (this used to be known as Santa's Secret Workshop). Thank you to all our volunteers that do such a wonderful job and give so much of their time and energy to make all these events happen so flawlessly.

The St. Columbanus Christmas Show will be next Wednesday, December 14. The evening will begin with the band performing Christmas songs in the school gymnasium at 6:45 p.m. The show will then move up to the church as the eighth grade class will perform their Christmas-themed poetry at 7:15. The Nativity and Christmas Concert will begin immediately following the performance poetry. This year we ask that parents bring their children to Dillon Hall dressed in their Sunday best or Christmas apparel by 7:00. We need everyone seated in the church no later than 7:10, as the eighth graders will begin their performance promptly at 7:15. Our Pre-K 4-year olds will have their Christmas Celebration on Monday, December 19, and the 3-year olds at 10:30 the following morning on December 20. Christmas Vacation begins Friday, December 23, and school resumes on Tuesday, January 3, 2017!

If you have not been inside the school recently, please stop in and see our *Winter Wonderland* with snowflakes hanging throughout the school and the Giving Tree beautifully decorated in our lobby. The Advent Wreath is also in the lobby to remind us about the coming of Jesus, and the Knights of Columbus have set up the beautiful Nativity in the front of the building. In the gym children are practicing their Christmas songs, in the classrooms the second graders are making gingerbread houses, and Christmas celebrations are taking place throughout the school. Being part of the St. Columbanus family is truly such a blessing!

Wishing all of you a Blessed Christmas Season!

Peace to everyone,
Bernadette Frohm