

Mary, Queen of Peace

December 15, 2017

MQP Families:

Happy Advent! Yesterday, we recognized the feast day of Saint John of the Cross. By reading about John's life one will realize that he had a heavy cross to bear. Through extreme poverty, to the loss of loved ones, imprisonment, and being burdened with illness, his life was filled with many hardships. However, John chose to follow the words of Mark 8:34b "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me". His example reminds us to always carry our cross with joy throughout the trials in life.

Please join the school community at Mass on Wednesday morning at 9:15. The 7th grade will serve as ministers at the celebration of the Liturgy. The students will sit with their Advent angels and lead the community in a prayer service after Mass.

Please join the school community for our annual Advent Music Program on Thursday, December 21. Under the direction of Mrs. Angie Boger, the fourth graders will remind us of the meaning of Advent through songs. This uplifting tradition will begin at 1:00 pm in the church. After the program, the children will return to the school for their Christmas parties.

Our Christmas break will begin after school and will resume on Wednesday, January 3rd. Those dates also mark the end and beginning of the 2nd and 3rd quarter. Report cards will be available, through FastDirect, on the afternoon on Friday, January 12th.

Our sixth – eighth grade Open House is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 1st at 7:00 pm. This event will not be limited to Mary, Queen of Peace families. Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to join us as we present the curriculum and traditions of our middle school. Visitors will have an opportunity to meet parents, teachers and Linc.

Electricians have been busy with the wiring of our new heating units. You will be notified when the crane operators will lift up the final unit.

Remember, SHOP Scrip cards are available in the school office. As you complete your last minute Christmas shopping, please consider stopping by the school office to purchase SHOP Scrip cards. They make great gifts and stocking stuffers. Proceeds from your purchases will go towards our advancements in technology. Annie Finke and Jo Wingbermuehle will be happy to assist you with your needs.

Beginning in January, the following after-school programs will be offered at Mary, Queen of Peace. COCA Theatre will offer a class for grades 1 – 3 on Mondays. Legos for grades 1 – 4 will also be offered, on Mondays. Master Kim will offer Ty Kwon Do for grades 1 – 8 on Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, Palmer Music will offer Keyboard for grades 1 -3. Chess for grades 1 – 8 will continue, on Wednesday. Palmer Music will also offer introduction to music for grades 1 – 3 on Thursdays. Finally, Mrs. Kelley Breihan and Ms. Caitlin Higgins will offer an enrichment program for preschool – Kindergarten. Please see the attached document for more information regarding these programs.

As we prepare to light the third candle on the Advent wreath, let's remember its symbolism of the joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

May this season of Advent bring light, hope, and peace to you and yours.

Mr. Michael Nieman
Mary, Queen of Peace – Principal

“God, Your Priest St. John became a model of perfect self-denial and showed us how to love the Cross. May we always imitate him and be rewarded with the eternal contemplation of Your glory. Amen.”