



December 14, 2017

**Nan-o-Gram**

I would like to remind you that the teachers and staff have been teaching your child or children the true significance and greatness of Christmas, and the impact that Jesus' birth has had on humanity for over 2000 years. I invite all of you to "The Nativity" play next Tuesday morning, December 19, at 10:45am in St. Anthony Chapel. Our fourth grade students annually prepare this special presentation depicting the birth of Our Lord. We all know the story, but when the children in their period costumes reenact that wonderful story, the message becomes more profound, more real and more beautiful. This season of Advent is a special time of preparation and waiting for the birth of Jesus, a time of hope, peace, joy and love. I hope you take your family to church for Mass at Christmastime, or to services at whichever church or denomination you may belong. Blessings to everyone!

*Keep reading to your children,  
Mrs. Corgiat*

**SCRIP GIFT CARDS**

Friday morning will be the last time to order anything special you may need from SCRIP and have it **guaranteed** to be delivered prior to the school closing for the holiday break. As usual, you may still purchase anything we have on hand until we close on Tuesday, but items not in stock will be unavailable until after we return for the holidays. If you think you may need anything it is best to notify us so we can make sure it is here for you. Please have all special orders submitted by 9:00 a.m. Friday December 15, 2017 to ensure we can meet your needs. You may order online, turn in orders to the school, or text Rebecca Rodriguez at 618-203-3288 with your order (please include your name in the text). We hope we have been able to meet your SCRIP needs this season, and make things a bit more convenient for you and your family during this busy time of year. Thank You and Merry Christmas!



**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST WINNERS**

Congratulations to the winners of the "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #892. The categories are divided by age groups and each winner received a certificate and a cash prize for their efforts. Jesus is the reason for the season! Thank you Knights for everything you do for the school...we so value your partnership!



**5-7 year old Group**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Felicity Shaw
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Lilly Bielenberg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Robbi Losh

**8-10 year old Group**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Siena Alpert
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Kelsie Chapman
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Elizabeth O'Neill

**11-14 year old Group**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: Mavity Shaw
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Taylor Smith
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: Alexis Wells

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS CHRISTMAS BREAD SALE**

This Saturday, December 16, the Sisters will be having a bread sale - homemade bread - at the Westwood Mall beginning at 10am – 12pm (or until they sell out, which will be very quickly). Stop by early if you wish to get a loaf or two!

**TUESDAY MENU CHANGE**

Don't forget that due to a funeral dinner the students will be having a "brown bag" lunch on Tuesday, Dec. 19. Lunch will be a ham sub sandwich with all the fixings, *Goldfish Crackers*, celery, fresh fruit and of course milk.

Thanks for your understanding with all the changes we've had the past few days. Rest assured the lunches have still been yummy!!!

**RAFFLE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the following money winners for December: \$400 – Jamie Mendive; \$200 – Bob Fitzsimmons; \$100 – Andy & Alyssa Moldenhauer.

### “KISS AND GO” LANE

Just a friendly reminder that the “Kiss and Go” lane in front of the main school entrance is set up for you to safely drop off your child or children onto the sidewalk and then continue on your way. It is not a parking spot... even for a minute...in an effort to keep the traffic line flowing easily along 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. With all of the construction we understand that dropping off and picking up students has become very complicated but if we try and maintain this “Kiss and Go” no parking zone maybe it will help. The zone is painted yellow and is directly in front of the school.

It’s all about keeping the students safe, so we really need everyone’s help in making it work! Thank you!

### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSURE

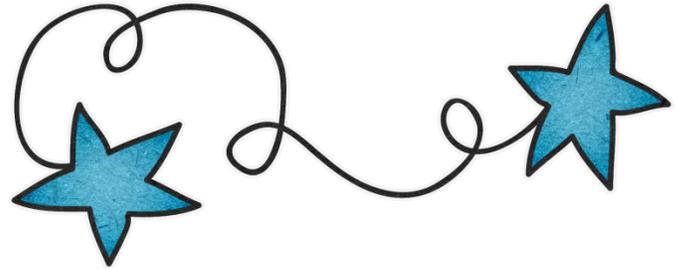
With today being so cold it only seems right that we should remind you of HSCS’s policy in regards to *Emergency School Closures* due to inclement weather. Here are just a few clarifications on emergency closures:

- We close school when School District 25 decides to close. They notify us and then we notify you. We will notify you by email and/or text for those who have signed up to allow this through FastDirect. We will also try and get it on the local TV and radio stations.
- We **WILL** do late starts if School District 25 does them. What this means is that we will open the school doors at 10:00 a.m. and will begin school at 10:15 a.m. **THIS INCLUDES CHILDCARE!** We understand that this is an inconvenience for many of you, but we want everyone to be able to arrive to school safely including our staff. So, please have alternate plans in case this happens.

### ADVENT

Sunday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> is the third week of **Advent**. The weekly focus is on **JOY and remembering the joy that this Advent and Christmas season brings.**

We pray that you have a week that brings you joy and happiness to last this Advent and Christmas season as well into the New Year! **Rejoice!**



## Christmas Break

Dec. 20 - Jan. 1

No School

*(school resumes Jan. 2, 2018)*



## **Novena for Holy Spirit Catholic School**

***Intentions requested for...grace of leadership, strength for staff, parents, families and patrons, and increased enrollment for Holy Spirit Catholic School.***

***Nine (9) days of prayer to begin the first day of each month or to be said at the same time every hour for NINE consecutive hours in just one day.***

I. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly I say to you, ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it will be opened to you.” Behold I knock, and through the intercession of Mary, Your holy Mother, I seek and ask that my prayer for the grace of leadership, strength for our families and patrons, and increased enrollment be granted for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Say one **Our Father**...one **Hail Mary**...one **Glory be to the Father**.

II. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly if I say to you, ask anything of the Father in My name, he will give it to you.” Behold, in your name, and through the intercession of Mary, Your holy Mother, I seek and ask that my prayer for the grace of leadership, strength for our families and patrons, and increased enrollment for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Say one **Our Father**...one **Hail Mary**...one **Glory be to the Father**.

III. O my Jesus, you have said: “Truly if I say to you, heaven and earth shall pass away but My word will not pass away.” Encouraged by your infallible words, and through intercession of Mary, Your holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted for the grace of leadership, strength for our families and patrons, and increased enrollment for Holy Spirit Catholic School. Say one **Our Father**...one **Hail Mary**...one **Glory be to the Father**.

Mark 11:22-25 – Jesus answered them, “Have faith in God. I assure you that whoever tells this hill to get up and throw itself into the sea and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. For this reason I tell you: When you pray and asked for something, believe that you have received it, and you will be given whatever you ask for. And when you stand and pray, forgive anything you may have against anyone, so that your Father in Heaven will forgive the wrongs you have done.” And close in prayer ...**Hail, Holy Queen**.

### **Our Father**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### **Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace! The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

### **Doxology (Glory be)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Hail, Holy Queen**

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,  
hail, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you we cry, the children of Eve;  
to you we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this land of exile.  
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,  
your eyes of mercy toward us;  
lead us home at last  
and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus:  
O clement,  
O loving,  
O sweet Virgin Mary.  
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Amen.