

# WEDNESDAY NOTES – December 19, 2018

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## School Happenings

### Reminders

**KIDS' CAFÉ** - Students in grades 1-4 are invited to participate in an after school cooking club led by Janet Buck from Matt Talbot Kitchen. Classes will be held on the following Mondays from 3:20 – 4:30: January 28, February 25, March 25 and April 29.

December 21 will be our annual **CHRISTMAS CAROL EXTRAVAGANZA!** Each Communio prepares and performs a Christmas Carol for the school. We'll begin around 9:15 and families are invited to attend. It's a lot of fun!

### New Notes

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the boys basketball team on a great season! Thank you to Aaron and Anna Hoefft for coaching the team!

**THANK YOU** to Ms. Lowery and our PK – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students for all their work on the Christmas Program. It was a beautiful celebration!

**CHRISTMAS BREAK** begins Friday – please note the **12:00 dismissal on Friday** (December 21) – we will return to school on Monday, January 7.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the **TAMALE SALE**. It was incredibly successful! We sold just under 5,000 tamales! Thank you to the parents who donated supplies and spent many, many hours making and cooking tamales.

It is **COLD AND FLU SEASON**. If your child is vomiting or has a fever, please keep them home from school. Just a reminder that students must be fever-free for 24 hours prior to returning to school. If your child is sick (with any illness), please call Dianne at the front office (402-476-1783) to let her know he/she will be absent from school. We are required to report illnesses to the Lancaster County Health Department (they are reported as numbers of sicknesses, not individual children).

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Sacred Heart faculty and staff!**

## Calendar

December 21      End of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter  
Report Cards distributed  
**12:00 dismissal**

## December 22 – January 6 Christmas Break

December 25      Solemnity of Christmas  
(Holy day of Obligation)

January 1      Solemnity of Mary, Mother  
of God (Holy day of  
Obligation)

January 7      Return to school

January 11      12:00 dismissal

### Liturgies

This week - Taking up gifts – 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Reading petitions – Friday, December 21

Next week – 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
Reading petitions – Friday, January 11

## Home and School Association (HSA)

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday, January 13, 2019  
from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Fundraiser with  
Chipotle to fund the Pre-K through 2nd grade  
group activity

### Upcoming meetings:

February 26 – parents/guardians of PK – 2<sup>nd</sup> graders  
April 2 – parents/guardians of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders

### From the Principal's Desk

Dear Families,

In this last week before Christmas, I encourage you and your families to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at your parish. There are many additional times available to go to confession at your parish and all around the city. As we focus our prayers on the reality of Christmas – what it means that God became a human being – we are also faced with our own humanity. We realize all the times we have let down ourselves, the people in our lives, and God. The beautiful thing is that God still loves us in those times we fail. He wants to forgive us and reveal to us his unconditional love and mercy. Please check for your parish's schedule of times for confession.

This time of year also allows us the opportunity to reflect upon all the blessings we've received from God. The Sacred Heart Catholic School community is blessed beyond measure. We realized that in an extra special way this past month when people gave generously and selflessly to ensure that our school can continue. People's generosity has been overwhelming and humbling. If there's one thing I've learned through this challenging and uncertain time, it's that God will take care of us. Even if it's not in the way we think or want – God will take care of us because He loves us and will provide for our needs. He knows better than we do what those are. I pray that we can all remember this simple but profound reality. Have a wonderful and blessed Christmas!!

Sincerely in Christ,

Laura Knaus

Spiritual Enrichment - Food for Your Soul (FYS)

### Gaudete!

This week we experienced the Los Angeles Chorale performance of [Gaudete!](#), a hymn of rejoicing!

Gaudete is the Latin word for 'Rejoice!' – we celebrated Gaudete Sunday last week when Father wore rose colored vestments and we lit the rose colored candle on the Advent wreath.

Some classes watched an optional video explaining more about [Gaudete Sunday](#).

“In a remote village in Galilee, in the heart of a young woman unknown to the world, God **ignites the spark of happiness** for the whole world.”

Pope Francis

### Additional Opportunities

The **PIUS X BOOSTER CLUB** has recently opened an apparel site with items available 24 hours per day and 7 days per week. Be sure and include some Bolt apparel for the Thunderbolt (or future Thunderbolt) on your Christmas list. Hundreds of fully customizable items available in all price ranges. Click on the link below to start shopping!

<https://sideline.bsnsports.com/schools/nebraska/lincoln/pius-x-central-high-school>

**JOLIE VEGA, NO FOOTPRINT TOO SMALL** - January 5 – 8:30 a.m. at Gianna's Java and Gelato

Jolie Vega will share general information about pregnancy and infant loss, her own story involving pregnancy and infant loss, and about No Footprint Too Small's mission. Jolie is the founding executive director of No Footprint Too Small. Her previous work experience includes suicide prevention and bereavement support in hospice care with an educational background in business and clinical counseling. Jolie is constantly striving to obtain more information and training related to pregnancy and infant loss and related subjects such as birth trauma, PTSD, and postpartum mood disorders so she can better support and companion the bereaved mothers, fathers, and families that No Footprint Too Small serves.

Lincoln Mothers on a Mission (MOMs) is a group of Catholic mothers searching for fellowship, hope, & joy in our ever-changing vocation. Monthly meetings are held every first Saturday, 8:30-10:30 am at Gianna's Java & Gelato, in The Guadalupe Center located at 2241 O Street. Your free-will donation helps cover the cost of speakers, reserved babysitting, and coffee/snacks (\$5-10 suggested). Before the meeting, moms and kids are also invited for 8:00 am Mass at the Gianna's Chapel. Let us know in advance if you need babysitting (available after Mass), and please bring a friend! Contact us at [lincolnmoms@outlook.com](mailto:lincolnmoms@outlook.com) or our Facebook page.