

December 18, 2008

Dear Parents,

In advance, a special thank you to Mr. Huntzinger, Mr. Asman, Mr. Tomas Aguirre (Nativity builder), classroom teachers, Mr. D, Christino, Mirko, and all students of Cosgriff School who will participate in the annual Christmas performance tonight. Family and friends are invited to attend the program this evening at 7:00pm in the church.

There have been a few parental concerns regarding the Christmas Program. Hopefully the following information will address these issues.

1. As per the request of Father Bill, we will incorporate liturgical dance into some of the Masses and Prayer Services. Sue Carter, former liturgical dance instructor, has kindly offered to choreograph dance and movement for the Christmas program. Girls in the 7th and 8th grades are very excited to participate in the dance. Mrs. Carter selected the song "Christmastide" for the main dance performance. This song requires tenor and base voices; typically found in adult choirs. The adult choir kindly agreed to support our program by singing the Christmastide with the students. The children's choir has been rehearsing five other songs; which they will sing.
2. Five children from St. Ambrose Parish who do not attend Cosgriff, yet sing at Sunday Mass, have been invited to sing in the Christmas program. These children are very excited to participate, and will be in the choir loft.
3. Thank you for your understanding with regard to the students wearing their formal dress uniform at the performance. Mrs. Marron and I have received calls and emails thanking the school for simplifying the dress for students.
4. Finally, it is extremely difficult to make decisions that everyone will be happy with, but in keeping with the spirit of Christmas and Christian compassion, I would ask that you accept these changes to our Christmas program. When leaving the church tonight, I have no doubt the program will move you as it has in the past, and will continue to in the future.

Please read the following:

- Students will be dismissed for Christmas vacation on Monday, December 22nd at 12:15pm. Classroom parties will take place that day. **There is no Extended Care in the afternoon.**
- School will resume Monday, January 5th. Report cards will be given out January 8th and the Honor Assembly will be Friday, January 9th at 11:00am.
- A word of appreciation to all families for your compassion and generosity for others. A check for \$700.00 will be sent to the Christmas Box House. In

addition, several bags of needed supplies will be taken to the Homeless Shelter this week along with a check for \$200.00.

- Many of you have changed your email and telephone numbers since August. Please call or stop by the office to give us your current information. It is critical that the office is able to reach you in case of an emergency.
- Ski Program registration forms are due in the office by Monday, December 22nd. [Click here](#) to download a registration form.
- Raffle tickets for the upcoming Mardi Gras will go home with your child today. This will give your child the opportunity to sell tickets over the holiday. Several prizes and incentives will be offered to individual students and classes for selling raffle tickets.
- Sail away to Paradise! Don't miss your chance to purchase an opportunity to win the Mardi Gras syndicate trip to Long Beach, Ca. [Click here](#) for more details.
- Please continue to keep the Walz family in your thoughts and prayers. We are all hopeful that Tommy will remain strong and return to school in 2009.
- Finally, if you have not made a contribution to the annual appeal, please consider doing so in the area of student scholarships.

Wishing each of your families a blessed and safe holiday vacation.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal