

December 4, 2008

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the hustle and bustle of December. Please remember December 19th marks the end of the 1st semester of the school year. The completion of academic term papers, projects, test and exam preparation, homework and quality classroom participation should be a priority for all students, with 100% support from family members. Homework Club takes place Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:15 pm - 4:15pm. All conscientious students grades 4th-8th (2nd & 3rd with teacher permission) are encouraged to take advantage of this additional time for study and instruction.

Please read the following:

- There will be four all school advent prayer services planned for December 5th, 12th, 19th, and 22nd at 8:15am in the school gym. *Dress uniform is not required.* Parents are always invited to attend.
- All Cosgriff and St. Ambrose families are invited to see the new computer lab at Cosgriff school, next to the library, on Sunday, December 7 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- The lock on the gym door has been changed as of December 1st. New keys have been issued to the current PARA basketball coaches with the intent that all keys be returned at the end of the season. If you wish to use the gym for a practice, please call Kim Marron to make arrangements at 486-3197.
- Many of you have changed your email and telephone numbers since August. Please call or stop in the office to give us your current information. It is critical that the office has current information in case of an emergency.
- The Mardi Gras raffle tickets will be sent home to each family before the Christmas holiday begins. Please look for your tickets around December 19th.
- The Mardi Gras Committee is currently selling ad space in the Mardi Gras program. With over 500 people attending Mardi Gras last year, this is a great opportunity to promote your business or celebrate your student's achievements. Place an ad to congratulate the graduating class of 2009 or to say "thank you" to your favorite faculty members—the possibilities are endless! Click here to see ad rates and sizes. Anyone interested in placing an ad should contact Connie Taylor at connie1751@comcast.net or Laura Ables at lauraables@gmail.com.

- The auction committee needs your donation of live and silent auction items for the Mardi Gras on February 21. Even small items can help create great auction packages. Call Lana Martino at 554-3843.
- Please pick up your beautiful poinsettias on Friday, December 5th between 11:00am – 2:00pm and 5:00pm – 6:00pm, or Saturday, December 6th from 10:00am – 12:00pm in the hallway near the school gym. Christmas trees may be picked up Saturday, December 6th from 10:00am – 2:00pm.
- The annual Christmas program will be Thursday, December 18th at 7:00pm in the church. Students from PreK through 8th grade will perform instrumental music, song and dance. Our infamous host and MC will be Mr. David Asman.
- A Mardi Gras holiday work party will be held tonight, December 4th at 7 pm at Betsy Hunt's home. Please join us to help with solicitations. We'd love to see you! Contact Lynn Kestle @ 808-4940 or lynnkestle@hotmail.com if you would like more information.
- Thank you to the 4th grade parents for a delicious Thanksgiving lunch served to faculty and staff on November 21st. It was a grand feast!
- All students will attend Mass on Monday December 8th at 8:45am for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. *Formal dress is required.*
- Congratulations to Mrs. Romero and the fourth grade class for the publication of the "Fourth Grade Tribune". This current newsletter demonstrates excellent writing skills and creativity in topic and article selection. Way to go!! Click here to download a copy of the Tribune.
- There will be a winter used uniform sale on Friday, December 5th from 8:00am – 8:30am. This will be the last major sale until Spring. Prices will be low, so stock up for winter. Also, all lost and found items will be set out on a table in the hallway outside the gym.
- The Student Council will sponsor two Community Service Projects for December. 5th grade will sponsor a school bake sale on Wednesday, December 10th. All proceeds from this sale will be sent to the "Christmas Box International". This organization provides a comfortable home for children following separation from their family. There are five locations in Utah. To learn more about the Christmas Box, visit their website at www.TheChristmasBoxHouse.org.

The second service project, which really needs our support, is the Homeless Shelter/Road Home of Utah. Please be generous and send a few of the following items.

New or slightly used:	Blankets Sheets Comforters Coats (adult and children) Hats, gloves, scarves Snow boots, shoes
Unexpired /unopened: New full-sized:	Canned protein food, baby food, formula Personal hygiene products

Thank you in advance for your donations. Please turn all items to the office by December 19th.

- The class Christmas party for students will be held Monday, December 22nd. Dismissal will be at 12:15pm. No Extended Care in the afternoon.
- The Cosgriff six week ski program will start January 16th. Watch for more information and sign up forms online within the next week.
- TGIF for students in grade K-5th will take place January 16th and 23rd. This is an opportunity for students to take a short class in an area of interest such as art, science, mechanics, music, exercise, cooking, etc. We still need a few talented parents who will offer to teach a “specialty” class. Please call Jen Cook at 485-3742 if you can help.
- The hot lunch menu for January 2009 has been on the website. Note the due date is December 12, 2008.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication.

Sincerely,

Betsy Hunt
Principal