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Principal Newsletter

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Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The story of this special feast is beautiful. The apparition of our Blessed Mother Mary to a simple peasant man in Mexico converted the people into Christianity. In this Advent season we all should reflect on how we might be a “bearer of Christ” to our own family and community.

Geography Bee

Congratulations to Liam Nicklaus-4th grade, who is the 2018 St. Anne Geography Bee Champion! Second place went to Laurel Chavera-7th grade, and third place went to Coda Robertson-8th grade. The three finalists worked through nine rounds of questions!!

The next step is for Liam to take an online test before Feb. 1st. The top 100 scorers in Illinois then go to the state competition. One student will then advance to the national competition in Washington, DC.

Thank you to Mrs. Oswald for organizing and conducting the Geography Bee. Below is a list of all contestants:

8th Grade—Coda Robertson and Luis Xique; Alternate-Carson Palmer

7th Grade—Laurel Chavera and Logan Palmer; Alternate-Sophia Knudson

6th Grade—Kaitlyn Conderman and Zachary DeForest; Alternate-Joseph Blake

5th Grade—Samantha Smith and Logan Grett; Alternate-Leo Reynolds

4th Grade—Brooks Knudson and Liam Nicklaus; Alternate-Owen McNitt

Congratulations to all of our contestants!

New Diocesan Policy

The Diocese of Rockford released a new policy on *Investigations Regarding Student Social Networking* last week. We have been directed to share this information with all families. I will upload a copy into the eWeekly Brown Envelope for you to read. This document will also be uploaded to the school website. If you have any questions, please stop by the office.

News from Home & School Association

The “Golf Balls from Heaven” committee did an amazing job hosting a photo booth during the Dixon Christmas Walk this past Friday. A huge thank you to Darci and Eric Imel, Jennifer Strock, Cynthia Cantu, Suzie Knudson, Andrea Canas, Katina Waldorf, Corey Conderman, Abby Noble, Becky Gasgoine and Meghan King for all of their help. We are also grateful for the support from Dixon Paint Company and Fancy Farmhouse.

Wednesday, December 19th is our Annual Christmas Program. Traditionally, families have brought in a dozen cookies on the day of the program which will be shared and enjoyed after the Christmas Program. You can drop the cookies off in the Father Callahan Room at drop off or pick up, or right before the program. Please make sure to stay after the program and enjoy fellowship in the Father Callahan Room. Please send your cookies in on paper plates, if possible, to make clean up easier.

At our last Home & School Meeting we discussed hosting a Slime Club after Christmas break. Stay tuned for more details. We also discussed putting together a school yearbook, and will be looking into the details of that project further.

As Home & School continues to grow and offer more exciting events and programs, we are looking at ways to evolve our association to better meet the needs of our school. HSA will be exploring new roles at the executive level to help continue to improve communication and better serve our school. Please make sure you attend our monthly HSA meetings, held on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 PM, if you would like to be part of the discussions.

December Dates to Remember

Tomorrow—Thursday, Dec. 13th—Student Council Bake Sale sponsored by St. Anne Student Council. This is a dress down day as well. The SC members recently voted on donations to charity and chose St. Jude Children’s Hospital. Mrs. Oswald and Mrs. Bates, SC sponsors, and the SC members are so grateful for the baked goods donations.

Friday, Dec. 14th—Junior High School Deanery Dance at St. Andrew’s in Rock Falls from 6:30-9:00pm.

Monday, Dec. 17th—Pre-School Christmas Book Exchange at 6:00pm. Pre-school students wear their cozy jammies and bring a book to exchange with another student. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served. Hope all pre-school families have marked this on your calendars.

Wednesday, Dec. 19th—“Christmas Around the World” Grades 5-8 and “Our Annual Christmas Pageant” K-4 starting at 6:00pm. Pre-school students will entertain us, a well.

**Families are asked to please provide one dozen cookies for a treat after the program. We need to have the cookies delivered to the kitchen on Tuesday, Dec. 18th but at the latest by noon on Wednesday, Dec. 19th. Thank you in advance for your cookie contributions!!

Thursday, Dec. 20th—Nativity Activity Day. Teachers will be leading fun activities in the Father Callahan Room in the morning for all grades. K-4 students will be viewing *The Star* movie. The junior high school teachers will be providing three activity stations for students to rotate through. They will be viewing *Charlie Brown’s Christmas* in one of the stations.

Early Dismissal at 1:00pm on **Thursday, Dec. 20th.**

School resumes on Monday, January 7th, at 7:55am

Don’t forget....Priests vs. Seminarians basketball and volleyball games at Newman Central Catholic High School on **Dec. 26th at 6:30pm.** Admission is \$2.00 but under 12 is free. The informational flier is on the poster in the lobby of the school and also in the eWeekly Brown Envelope.

