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Principal Newsletter

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Today was a Rosary Club day. It was heartwarming. Mrs. Overcash and I were joined by 15 students whose voices in prayer were multiplied. Our Blessed Mother loves to hear her sweet children's prayers. Several students led a decade reciting the Hail Mary in Spanish. How wonderful is that!

This is a joyful day at St. Anne School for our students. St. Nicholas visited our school! All students received a gold coin. The children in Pre-K through grade 5 placed a shoe outside their classroom door as their teacher talked to them about St. Nicholas in the classroom. When bells were heard by all, the children went to the hallway to discover 2 gold coins in their shoes! Check out the sweet pictures on our school website.

During Advent our students are focusing on service to others through visits to all of the nursing homes in Dixon. Another act of love is the annual Toy Mass tomorrow.

Three Very Quick Reminders

1. The **Dixon Christmas Walk 2018 is tomorrow (Friday)** in downtown Dixon. St. Anne School will have a Kids' Craft and \$1 photo booth located at Dixon Paint Co. Please be sure to stop by!
2. We will have a **Basketball Honor Walk tomorrow (Friday) at 2:40pm** just before dismissal to honor our Dixon Catholic 5th/6th grade team who placed 2nd at their recent tournament. The 7th/8th grade team placed 3rd. We are proud of all team members. Way to go!
3. **Toy Mass** is tomorrow at 8:15am. Students will please bring a new or gently used toy to present at the altar before Mass begins. All are welcome.

Academic News

At our last faculty meeting we analyzed the Iowa Assessments taken by our students in September. At each grade level, scores in English Language Arts improved year over year (2017-2018). Almost all grade levels improved in Math Total as well. However, when we looked at the sub category for math computation, we noticed that our scores were lower than the Diocesan scores. So, we are now looking at grade level standards and checking to see what is actually included in the curriculum at each grade level. Our teachers are having very meaningful conversations about this; we will continue

with this analysis at each of our faculty meetings. One of our School Improvement goals this year is to “Align curriculum with Diocesan Standards and the Illinois Learning Standards in all content areas.”

Christmas Shopping???

Please consider St. Anne School SCRIP Store. You can go to the St. Anne School website and there is a yellow SCRIP tab on the page. This tab has lots of information about SCRIP including hours that cards are for sale at school. There is a special 2018 Holiday Order Form that can be downloaded and printed. Good Luck with your SCRIP shopping!

Maybe you could find a great gift at The Cottage? They have Christmas decorations also. Hours are Thursday and Friday 9:00-3:00pm and Saturday is 9:00-noon. Phone # is 815-285-7007

December Dates

Tuesday, Dec. 11th—Geography Bee

Grades 4-8 will participate in this event. It will be at 1:00pm in the church. One winner and one runner-up will go on in competition. Family members are invited to attend.

Thursday, Dec. 13th—Student Council Bake Sale. First of all, thank you thank you thank you to our moms and dads who donate items for the monthly Student Council Bake sales. The profit from these sales is usually around \$100. Student Council members vote on how to use these funds. The Dixon Knights of Columbus were the beneficiaries of a donation from Student Council and they were so grateful because it helped with their Thanksgiving Dinner.

Friday, Dec. 14th—Junior High School Students Deanery Dance at St. Andrew’s in Rock Falls from 7:00-9:00pm. A permission form is coming...

Monday, Dec. 17th—Pre-School Christmas Book Exchange Come and join the fun 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. Yum.

Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 6:00pm—“Our Annual Christmas Pageant”

Gentle Reminder...Families will please bring one dozen cookies for an after program treat in the Father Callahan Room. Thank you in advance.

Thursday, Dec. 20th—Nativity Activity Day. Please check out the fun activities for this day. I have uploaded a flier that will be included in the eWeekly Brown Envelope where you find the Principal Newsletters.

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Check out this flier too in the eWeekly Brown Envelope. On December 26th there will be volleyball and basketball games between the Diocese of Rockford Seminarians and Priests. This will take place at Newman Central Catholic HS. I will upload the flier for further information.

