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Principal Newsletter

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The church season of Advent is coming soon. The focus on the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ finds our students performing Corporal Works of Mercy such as visiting the local nursing homes. In November, our 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students visited Heritage Square. In December our kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will visit Heritage Square. K, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students will also visit Liberty Court and Dixon Rehabilitation Center.

Students will also be participating in the Toy Mass on Dec. 7th. (See below)

Thank you to Kathy Chavera for responding to the need for a substitute library person! We appreciate your service to our school on Wednesdays!

Vision and Hearing screening will take place tomorrow, Nov. 29th. Linda Murray will conduct the screenings in the Father Callahan room.

News from your St. Anne Home & School Association:

Holiday SCRIP is in full-swing and we are grateful to everyone that purchases retail gift cards from St. Anne School. Remember that these gift cards are versatile and can be used for everyday purchases, as well as for personal and corporate gifts. HSA will be posting St. Anne School staff SCRIP wish lists in the lobby bulletin board in the coming days. Our staff was reluctant to post a wish list because of their humble nature, but we encouraged them to do so in case families wanted to utilize SCRIP for their holiday gift giving. The SCRIP committee is also excited to announce the Revive Boutique, in downtown Dixon, has joined our SCRIP program and will be offering a 10% rebate back to the school. We will have the Revive gift cards available starting Thursday, November 29th and they will be in \$25 and \$50 denominations. If you haven't checked out Revive yet, please do so. They have a huge selection of trendy women's and children's clothing. Revive is located at 116 East First Street in downtown Dixon.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Dixon Christmas Walk on Friday, December 7th from 6-9 PM. St. Anne School is sponsoring a booth this year and we will be located in the Dixon Paint building on west First Street. We have partnered with Fancy Farmhouse to create a festive photo backdrop and will be taking pictures for \$1. Students will help children assemble a picture frame to complete the photo experience. We will also be selling "Golf Balls from Heaven" raffle tickets at the event. Please make sure to check us out, and share our event on Facebook.

Thank you to everyone that helped make Daddy & Me Night a huge success. We had 25 families attend the event! Our next family event is scheduled for Saturday, February 23rd, 2019. We originally planned to host a Mommy & Me Tea Party, but have recently been presented with an idea for the Discovery Children's Museum to host a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) fair

at our school. HSA will be discussing this exciting possibility at our next monthly meeting in December. Stay tuned for more information. HSA is also hoping to host a junior high event over Christmas break and will get more details out once we meet with the junior high teachers.

The Turkey Trot was a huge success, and HSA would like to thank co-chairs, Kim Wolfe and Katie McNitt, for all of their hard work, along with all of the families that helped make the Turkey Trot run smoothly. We had 343 participants this year! These events would not be a success without amazing leadership and committed workers. Thank you again to everyone that helped with the Turkey Trot!

Thank you to all of our families for helping make our beautiful little school so warm and inviting. Your support is what makes St. Anne School so special. HSA sincerely appreciates all that you do. Thank you! The next Home & School Association meeting will be on Wednesday, Dec. 5th at 5:30pm in the Father Callahan room. Faculty reps attending will be Amanda Fuger and Amy Seyller.

Next Home & School Association Meeting

Dec. 5th at 5:30pm in the Father Callahan room. All families belong to the HSA and are always welcome at the meetings.

****Immediately after this meeting, the St. Anne School auction committee will have a mandatory meeting at 6:15 pm** in the Father Callahan room. If this is your school commitment, please plan to attend. We will be discussing auction details, assigning jobs, and splitting up the businesses for soliciting. Contact Person: Betsy Partington 815-973-4083.

Please see the uploaded St. Anne School 2019 Gala & Auction flier along with this week's newsletter.

Christmas Shopping??? St. Anne School runs the best SCRIP Store ever. Be sure to check out the complete list of gift cards available for purchase. There is a yellow SCRIP tab on the St. Anne School website (front page) that has lots of information about SCRIP including hours that cards are for sale. There is a special 2018 Holiday Order Form that can be downloaded and printed. It is easy peasy. Good Luck with your SCRIP shopping.

If you are interested in purchasing Newman Central Catholic High School apparel please check out this link.

<https://kaleels.com/product-category/newman-comets/>

December Dates to Remember

Friday, Dec. 7th—Toy Mass

Families are invited to please send a new or gently used toy with their child(ren) who will present the toys at the altar before Mass. Mass is at the regular time of 8:15am.

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. The profit from these sales is usually around \$100. The proceeds from the last sale went to the Dixon KC's to help with expenses for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. They were very thankful for this donation. We really appreciate all of our parents who contribute to the Bake Sale.

Attention Junior High Parents and Students!

St. Andrew's School in Rock Falls will be hosting a dance for junior high school students from the four Sterling Deanery schools on **Saturday, Dec. 14th from 7:00-9:00pm at St. Andrew's**. A permission form will be coming.

Monday, Dec. 17th—Pre-School Christmas book Exchange—Come and join the fun. Pre-school students wear their cozy jammies and bring a book to exchange with another student. Hot chocolate and cookies will be served!

Wednesday, Dec. 19th—St. Anne School Christmas Program at 6:00pm

Thursday, Dec. 20th—Nativity Activity Day

Teachers have planned creative activities for their students. Activities will be in the Father Callahan room. The teachers are so excited about this special day and the approaching birthday of Jesus that they have designed and purchased special T-shirts to wear that day.

Dismissal will be at 1:00pm on Dec. 20th.