



MARTINEZ

December 4, 2017

St. Catherine's Viking Newsletter

Dear St. Catherine families,

We are in the first week of Advent. Advent is hard to observe because it is counter-cultural and counter-media. A friend sent me this YouTube video that helps explain Advent.

<http://bustedhalo.com/video/watch-advent-two-minutes>

Thank you for your feedback on report cards. We know this is new for the teachers and they were amazing as they spent their Thanksgiving vacation to make this happen for your students. We continue to grow in this new skill. If you have questions, please check with the classroom teachers.

We use our Advent wreath every morning at assembly after Father blessed it last Friday. This week we do not have Mass on Wednesday, however school will still begin at 7:50am. We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Friday. This is a Holy Day when we celebrate that Mary was conceived naturally but her soul was free from original sin.

Our 7th graders left for Caritas this morning and they should have a beautiful week. I will go up Wednesday afternoon to visit them.

At this time of year this saying is what helps me. "Every day is a gift from God, what I do with it is my gift to Him."

Working together in the spirit of Jesus,

Mrs. Mary Pult.

PARISH EVENTS:

- **Advent Communal Penance Service** – Tomorrow, Tuesday, December 5th at 7pm in the church. All are welcome!
- **Knights of Columbus Crab Feed** – Saturday, December 9th in the Parish Hall. Please see flyer attached.
- **Respect Life** – Save The Date January 27, 2018 – More Information for follow.
- **Parish Bulletin** - Attached

SCHOOL EVENTS:

12/19 Christmas Program "WOW" & Hospitality, 6pm-7:30pm

SCHOOL NOTES:

Annual Holiday Giving Tree – As you may have noticed we have a large Christmas Tree in our lobby. The Student Leadership Team is sponsoring this "Giving Tree" for two families in need this Christmas Season. We ask each family to choose an ornament or two from the tree and purchase that item for these children. Please return your wrapped gift to the tree with the original ornament attached on or before Thursday, December 14th. The families we are sponsoring is a single mother with 2 daughters ages 3 and 5; the second family we are sponsoring is a grandmother who is raising her 5 granddaughters ages 2, 4, 5, and two 7 year olds. Your generosity this giving season is greatly appreciated.

Full Uniform – Immaculate Conception Mass is this Friday at 9am - All students must be in full uniform including school monogrammed sweatshirts for mass - No P.E. uniforms today please. There will be no Free Dress this Friday.

Uniform Policy – As the weather continues to get colder please make sure your children have their St. Catherine sweatshirts, St. Catherine Fleece Jacket or the St. Catherine Down Jacket - These are the only sweater/jackets that can be worn in the classroom. Your children may wear a winter jacket outside for recess, lunch and P.E. Please see excerpts from 17-18 Parent/Student Handbook below:

UNIFORM POLICY

“The purpose of Saint Catherine’s uniform dress code is to bring focus to the inner qualities of each student, rather than the exterior additions. All students are to be in uniform at all times, except when permission is given by the principal for a special occasion. All students are to be in full uniform with the St. Catherine of Siena sweatshirt daily and during church liturgies and at the discretion of the principal.”

“**SWEATSHIRT:** All students will wear a uniform sweatshirt or fleece jacket in classic navy blue with embroidered St. Catherine logo. No other sweatshirt may be worn in the classroom, with the exception of: Eighth graders have the revocable privilege of wearing the eighth grade “Class of 2018” sweatshirt and Seventh graders have the revocable privilege of wearing the “Caritas” sweatshirt. Students may wear non-school uniform jackets and sweatshirts while at recess.”

Bancroft Uniforms - 20% Christmas Sale. See Flyer attached.

Jr. High Christmas Concert - Come One Come All Ye Faithful to the 1st Annual Jr. High Christmas Concert “Not So Silent Night” in our parish hall on Friday, December 15th from 6pm-7:30pm – admission is \$5 per person (This is a fundraiser for our Spring Musical) snacks will also be available to purchase.

Jr. High Elective – Needed for Jr. High Electives: 13”-15” size knitting needles and thick yarn for knitting scarfs. Thank you for your generosity.

Save The Date!!!:

Please Save The Date for St. Catherine of Siena School and Parish 23rd Annual Auction. This Year’s Event Will Be Saturday, February 3rd 2018. Our Theme Is Denim and Diamonds. Stay tuned for exciting info on the raffles, items to be auctioned and much more!



Auction News!! - Raffle tickets are now on sale! Please pick up your Family Raffle Tickets to sell or purchase in the office. Auction Volunteer opportunities are available on Sing-Up Genius. There will be an Auction Information Night on 12/6 at 6:30pm at Barrelista on Main Street - Everyone is welcome. Jobs and job description will be available to sign up for. Don’t forget, each family is required to perform at least 5 hours toward the auction. Thanks to all of those who have already picked up their raffle tickets.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- 12/5 Reconciliation at the Parish at 7 PM. All are welcome!
- 12/6 Auction Meeting 6:30pm Barrelista on Main Street
- 12/8 Immaculate Conception Mass 9am; student full uniforms, no PE clothes no free dress.
- 12/9 Knights of Columbus Crab Feed
- 12/11 Run 4 Fun Winners Free Dress (1 day)

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12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service and
reconciliation 9am (reconciliation for
students and faculty only)

12/12 School Board Meeting & Social 6:30-
8:30pm

12/15 School Wide Noon Dismissal
Day Care will be available
Teacher In-Service

12/15 Jr. High Christmas Concert – Parish Hall
6pm-7:30pm

12/18 December Birthday Free Dress

12/19 Christmas Program & Hospitality 6pm

12/10 School wide noon dismissal
NO PM day care provided

12/21/17-1/3/18 SCHOOL CLOSED
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BREAK



- The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the “Prophet’s Candle” reminding us that Jesus is coming

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (925) 228-4140.