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Parent Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT

The St. Mary Catholic School community empowers students to grow spiritually, academically, creatively, and physically so they may experience, understand and live their responsibilities to God, family, community and self.

Immaculate Conception Mass: On Friday, December 8, we celebrate the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of Mary. Mary was conceived with God’s special grace in her mother’s womb so that one day she would bear Jesus, her Son, our Lord and Savior. Please join us at our 8:30am Mass to celebrate this grace and ask God to fill us all with His grace.

Cookie Walk: Our annual Cookie Walk will be December 16 & 17 after all Masses. **We need each family to make 4 dozen cookies.** Please avoid jellied icings, meringues and lace cookies. Also, chocolate chip cookies are easy, but too many are hard to sell. Holiday-themed cookies are the most popular. Fundraisers require participation from all parents to be successful. We keep our tuition down by doing fundraisers. We will be looking for volunteers to help out after Masses. Please let us know if you are available. Cookies can be dropped off all day Friday or Saturday.

Home and School Meeting: We will be having a Home and School family day on Sunday, December 10, at 11:00am. Please join us to decorate gingerbread houses and enjoy a light lunch. We are asking each family to bring in a bag or two of candy to share. Also looking for people willing to bring your favorite Crock Pot meal. Please see the sign-up genius link below.

Volunteer Hours: Parent participation has many rewards. You are involved and aware of school activities that you can share with your child, there is a building of community among parents, you are helping to keep tuition costs down and you are using your gifts and talents that God has given you. There are many areas where parent help is needed. Upcoming events include: [Gingerbread House decorating/crockpot lunch](#). You can count your time for decorating a gingerbread house or make a crockpot lunch. [Cookie Walk](#): You can count your time for baking cookies. [Lunch](#): We need at least two parents every day and always welcome extra parents help! **Christmas Program Social:** help with snacks/refreshments after our Christmas Program <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABA822A0FAC61-46448694-parent>

Christmas Program: Please mark your calendars for the School Christmas Program at 6pm on Thursday, December 14. Students should wear their “Sunday best”

School Closings: When the Charlevoix Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, St. Mary School is also closed. However, St. Mary School reserves the right to cancel classes at the discretion of the principal, even when Charlevoix Public Schools are in session. To receive notification from St. Mary School, you may sign up for Remind by following the link and entering your contact information. <https://www.remind.com/join/1005bridge> OR send a text to 81010 and text this message: @1005bridge

Notice: Even though our school does not contain asbestos materials, in compliance with the US Environmental Protection Agency Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1990, we have an asbestos management plan on file in the school administrative office. Everyone is welcome to view these at any time during normal school hours. Robert Westerman is available to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached at (989) 732-5417.

Week at a glance.....				
Monday, December 4	Tuesday, December 5	Wednesday, December 6	Thursday, December 7	Friday, December 8
	Hot Lunch: Pizza P.E.	Hot Lunch: Chicken and Rice	Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich Music	8:30am Mass Art
Pray for Michael B.	Pray for Mrs. Kelly	Pray for Mrs. M	Pray for Brekken	Pray for Wally
Pirie: Olson	Nordman:	Jess: Peak	Bingham	Shoemaker/Mailloux

Upcoming Dates:

- December 2: Advent Soup Dinner at 5pm and Evening with the Heart of Jesus at 6pm
- December 3: First Sunday of Advent
- December 8: 8:30am Student Mass
- December 10: 11am Gingerbread House Decorating/Crockpot Lunch
- December 14: 6pm School Christmas Program