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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.

Gingerbread House/Home and School Event: 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 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".

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.

Jean Day: Our blue jean day on Friday, December 15 will be monetary donations for the Mt. McSauba playground. This playground will be used by ages 4 and up and I expect we will see many of our students enjoying it! Donations collected from our blue jean day will be sent to the Rotary Club of Charlevoix who are partnering with the City of Charlevoix to orchestrate the funding. To donate directly to the Rotary Club use may use this link: rotaryclubofcharlevoix.org Students may wear jeans with a St. Mary Shirt or a school appropriate Christmas shirt.

School Closings: When the Charlevoix Public Schools cancel classes due to inclement weather, St. Mary School is also closed. 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

Week at a glance....				
Monday, December 11	Tuesday, December 12	Wednesday, December 13	Thursday, December 14	Friday, December 15
	Hot Lunch: Mashed Potato Bar P.E.	8:30am Mass Hot Lunch: Chicken Pot Pie	Hot Lunch: Soup and Sandwich 6pm Christmas Music Program Music	Jean Day w/ monetary Donation for Mt. McSauba playground 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 10: 11am Gingerbread House Decorating/Crockpot Lunch
- December 13: 8:30am Student Mas
- December 14: 6pm School Christmas Program
- December 16 and 17: Cookie Walk after Mass
- December 21: ½ day school Dismiss at 11:20am No PM Busing
- December 22: No School – Christmas Break Begins
- December 25: Merry Christmas!
- December 1: Happy New Year!
- January 3: School Resumes