



## ICA Family Newsletter December 14, 2018

*"In the silence of prayer, let us ask God to send us the Star that enlightened the Magi." ~ Blessed Louis Brisson*

### December

16 – *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

17 – Youth of Note, Band, Keyboard & Strings Christmas program, 1:45 for students\*; 7pm for families

\*Parents may attend afternoon program but will be seated behind the students.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade World Market, 9:30am.

19 – St. Mary Preschool Christmas Programs, 10:30am & 1pm;

Christmas program, gr. 1,2,3, 2pm for students\* & 7pm for families

\*Parents may attend afternoon programs but will be seated behind the students.

Class 7-2 has a Casual Dress Day awarded from last year's auction.

20 – St. Mary Preschool Christmas Program, 12:30pm

21 – school Mass, 8:15am; **FOOD FOR THE POOR COLLECTION**; dismissal, 3:10pm; Aviat Care closes, 6pm

23 – *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*

24 – Christmas Eve – See St. Mary Mass schedule below

25 – Blessed Merry Christmas to each of you!

*January 1, 2019 – We wish you a happy and a holy New Year!*

3 – Welcome back to school

*Recess Duty*, 11:35-12:25: kindergarten 12/17 to 12/21; 8<sup>th</sup> grade 1/3 to 1/11; 7<sup>th</sup> grade 1/14 to 1/25

### NOTES



*Thank you for your support of our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Giving Tree. Look at what our generous HCA community was able to do!*

**Students are invited to wear Christmas accessories all week**, except during Mass. We ask that they not overdo it and that, if a teacher requests that they remove it, that they do so promptly. We can't wait to see what they bring in.

**Attractions Dining and Value Guide!** Three members of Girl Scout troop 430 are working on their Silver Award and are raising money to plant a butterfly garden on the school grounds. Buy our attractions book! Coupons inside just one book could save you hundreds with discounts at restaurants, stores, and family outings! One book costs just \$25 and most coupons are valid through December 31, 2019. To order a book, leave cash or check made out to Susan Keddie in an envelope in the front office. Be sure to include the name of the student and his or her class, so we know who to send the book home with. Email Susan at [sutari2@cox.net](mailto:sutari2@cox.net) if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support.

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) will present **an important workshop for parents of anxious children ages 8-17**. Highlights include how to help children with anxiety, when anxiety becomes a disorder, strategies for treating specific anxiety disorders and stress reduction tools. Participants will hear about current NIMH studies on anxiety in children. Friday, Jan. 11, 2019, 10-noon [Register for Coping Strategies for Anxious Children, National Institute of Mental Health](#)

*It's About the Children!*

The **Speak Up Research Project for Digital Learning**, facilitated by [Project Tomorrow®](http://ProjectTomorrow.org), gives education stakeholders the opportunity to share their viewpoints about key educational issues, particularly concerning digital learning and the use of technology to support future ready schools. By participating today, you are ensuring your voice is heard not only by your school and district but at the state and national level as findings are summarized and shared with national and state policy makers every year. Speak Up is both a national research project and a free service to all schools and districts. Participating schools and districts can access their local data online, free-of-charge in February 2019. To learn more, visit the [About Speak Up](http://AboutSpeakUp) page. Get started now!  
<https://speakup.tomorrow.org/ChooseQuestionSet.aspx>

There have been **a couple of students with reported head lice the past 2 weeks**. Head lice is common among children attending child care and elementary school. Please remind your children to avoid head-to-head contact during play and other activities and not to share personal items such as clothing, combs, brushes, **hats, scarves**, barrettes, helmets, or towels. See the attachment under health and wellness for more information.

The Craft Group at St. Mary will be **creating some beautiful Christmas ornaments** Saturday December 22nd. Children of all ages are welcome to come to Saint Mary's PLC room 204 at 3:30pm for Christmas music, hot chocolate, a Christmas story, and crafts. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

**Order your 2019 Yearbook now** - only **\$40 until December 31<sup>st</sup>** - Cost will be **\$45 in 2019!!** Order online: [www.holycrossweb.com](http://www.holycrossweb.com) (Yearbook Tab). In this season of giving, tell your eighth grader how proud you are of them and all they accomplished. Buy the yearbook ad early and avoid the rush at the end of the school year. You supply the photos and message, we create the ad!

FACTS GRANT & AID 2019-2020 WINDOW IS NOW OPEN - please remember you will need to submit 2018 tax and W-2 forms. FACTS Management annual fees will be going up to \$50.00 per agreement for the 2019/2020 school year. They will also be adding a great new online payment system for other fees & incidentals. Stayed tuned for more information coming soon!

**MSM** Our 8th graders did a fantastic job with the "giving tree"....they were beautiful and reverent and we are so proud of them. Students donated diapers, wipes and baby items to several of the local non-profits for new mothers. A big thank you to all who sent in and helped with the program. Student Council will be selling hot chocolate on Thursday morning at carpool for \$1. The student council elves have been busy preparing a small treat for each student to be delivered on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget the school store will be open on Wednesday during lunch!

**Crusader Corner:** Basketball season is in full swing, and all of the teams are off to a winning streak. Please consider coming out to cheer our boys on this evening in Father Brisson Hall. The JV team will play at 5:00 and the Varsity at 6:00. There will also be concessions available to support our athletic department.

Thank you to those who have turned in fall sports uniforms. However, there are still some I am waiting upon. Please return them as soon as possible to avoid the fee for a lost uniform.

**PTO Corner:** Thanks to all who joined us on December 9th at the Central Park Barnes and Noble for the Holy Cross Academy Book Fair. We know that the weather kept some of you away. You can make purchases until Friday December 14th at the store, but be sure to bring in our event number (12395133) and give it to the clerk at checkout (the same applies for online sales, which can also be made all week).

Who doesn't like a tiny wooden village, all decked out for the holidays? With or without a Lionel train and a generally unhappy cat, a holiday village can be fun to set up and is even more fun when you recognize the buildings--in this case, Holy Cross Academy and St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception church (pictured nearby). Please contact Frank Guzman at [rxinfo@gmail.com](mailto:rxinfo@gmail.com) to arrange purchase--each building costs \$20.00, \$10.00 of which goes to help our school PTO. Pictures are below.

Be careful shopping and stay safe on the roads out there! *Don't forget to purchase SCRIP for your Holiday Shopping!*

### PTO Village Offerings



#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4pm & 8:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

4pm & **6:30pm Mass at Holy Cross Academy (English)**

6:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (Spanish)

Carols in the Church at 11pm before Midnight Mass

*Both 4pm Christmas Eve Masses are very crowded! Try the 6:30 at HCA!*

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Midnight Mass at Saint Mary Church

7:00, 8:30, 10:30am, & 12:30pm Mass at Saint Mary Church (English)

Please Note: There are NO 10:30am HCA, 2pm Spanish, 5pm or 7pm Masses on Christmas Day

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