



November 29, 2016

Combining  
Excellent  
Academics  
and  
Discipline  
with  
Christian  
Values



### GRIT

G – Guts, moral  
fiber, showing  
courage

R – Resilience, keep  
trying, bounce  
back

I – Integrity – Doing  
what is right

T – Tenacity – never  
giving up

### *From the Desk of Michael Zientek*

**Advent Season...**The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. The final days of Advent, from December 17 to December 24, focus particularly on our preparation for the celebrations of the Nativity of our Lord (Christmas).

Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles in particular symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time.



The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.— *Source USCCB*

Here is a short video you may want to consider sharing with your family about Advent...<http://bustedhalo.com/video/advent-in-two-minutes>

**Preparing for Semester Exams...**Our middle school is in the mist of preparing for the first semester exams. Teachers will provide each student with a study guide as a way of preparing for the exam. Completing the study guide prior to reviewing it in class is an important first step that each middle school student should take. Being prepared is the key. The sixth grade will be taking semester exams for the first time in December. In many cases, students will experience test anxiety. A certain degree of test anxiety is normal and may help students prepare more effectively, work more efficiently, and remain focused during testing. However, too much anxiety, can negatively affect performance. The following strategies may assist students, in reducing test anxiety:

- Share your feelings of anxiety with parents and teachers.
- Think of the test as an opportunity to show what you know.
- Review homework, study guides and materials which pertain to the test topics.
- Relax, breathe deeply and stay focused while taking the test.
- Remember, the test is only one way your academic performance is measured.

The specific schedule for each grade 6-8 will be published by the homeroom teachers. The exams will be administered on Tuesday - Thursday morning, December 13, 14 and 15. Each day, two exams will be administered. Administering exams is part of the high school preparation process. **Suggestion:** Start to study for the exams now!

# This and That—Elementary School

**Boys Hair Cuts...**Parents we have a few of boys who need a hair cut! Above the eyebrows, off the collar and off the ears at all times.

December Tuition and Preschool After Care Invoices have been processed and uploaded to Headmaster.

**WINTER UNIFORMS**—Here is a link to the handbook if you are in need of specifics with regards to your child's uniform requirements. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/xj498iu2tzaiazr/Student%20and%20Parent%20Handbook2016-17.pdf?dl=0> . If it is PE day, please send the poly jacket with your child. If the temperature is above 36 degrees, they may go outside.

**Girls Socks...**We have an number of girls who seem to be confused when it comes to wearing socks. Please look at the pictures below, both are correct. If a girl is wearing the black tights, no skin should be showing.



**Congratulations Boys Basketball Team...**Our 5th and 6th grade Boys Basketball Team won a pre-season tournament last Tuesday, November 22, 2016. The Turkey Shoot Basketball tournament was held at St. Dominic School. Members of the team from ICS are Zach Davenport, Michael Pepper, Jackson Harman, Drew Petro, Mason Halley, Barrett Marshall and parishioner Justin Grande. The team is coached by Matt Harman, Steve Pepper and James Halley.

## Home and School

The **November-December Teachers' Luncheon** will be on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> in the Incarnation Fellowship Hall. Items should be dropped off in the Elementary School Teachers' Lounge by 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you to all that have signed up to bring items. Please use the following link to sign up if you haven't had chance to do so:

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F45ACAB2BA4FA7-novemberdecember](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F45ACAB2BA4FA7-novemberdecember)

# Calendar

## DECEMBER 2016

Tuesday, December 6	Feast of St. Nick
Wednesday, December 7	ERW
Thursday, December 8	Holy Day of Obligation – Feast of the Immaculate Conception – NO SCHOOL
Friday, December 16	End of 2nd Quarter
Friday, December 16	Christmas Program @ 10:00 am Noon Dismissal – Christmas Break Begins

## JANUARY 2017

Tuesday, January 3	School Resumes
Wednesday, January 4	ERW
Thursday, January 12	2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Awards Mass
Monday, January 16	MLK Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, January 18	ERW
January 29 – February 3	Catholic Schools Week

## ICS Prayer Box

**PLEASE KEEP OUR ICS FAMILIES IN YOUR PRAYERS BY PRAYING THE ROSARY, DAILY!**

For Bishop Martin Holley, Fr. Ernie, as they guide us in our faith.

For those serving our country in the Armed Forces, Fire and Police Departments.

For those students struggling to learn may they be inspired to keep working hard.

For Caroline Regan who is being treated for a illness.

For any special intentions we hold in the silence of our heart.



# This and That- Preschool

## Father Ernie visits Preschool during Chapel Lesson

During the month of November and December Father Ernie has visited the Three, Four, and Five Year Olds during our monthly Chapel lesson. During the Q & A, questions included "Why do we talk to Jesus?" and "Has father ever seen a pyramid?". In case you are wondering, we talk to Jesus because he loves us and we should spend time with people we love. And of course, the only pyramid Father has visited is the Bass Pro Shop Pyramid.



## Fall School Picture

The Preschool Office has contacted Shelby Images, Fall Picture orders should be delivered to the Preschool by the Christmas Holidays.

## Preschool Christmas Program

Students ages Three and Four that attend Preschool on Monday/Wednesday/Friday will perform on Wednesday, December 14th. At 11:00 am.

Students ages Three and Four that attend school on Tuesday/Thursday and Five Year Old JR Kindergarten will perform on Thursday, December 15th at 11:00 am.




There are still two reserved front row seats available. See the Boo Bash Gesture at <https://e.gesture.com/events/5kZ/i/> if you are interested.

Students ages One and Two will have a cookie party in their room during the Christmas Program.

All Preschool students will dismiss at noon on December 14th & 15th.



## Calendar of Events-Preschool

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
28	29	30	Dec 1 Chapel Lesson	2 Chapel Lesson
				
5	6 Feast of St. Nicholas	7	8 No School Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9
				
12	13	14 Christmas Program Noon Dismissal No Aftercare	15 Christmas Program Noon Dismissal No Aftercare	16 No Preschool
				
19	20	21	22	23
<b>No School for Christmas Break</b>				



# DECEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Taco Soup Veggie & Fruit	<b>2</b> Cheeseburger Mac n' Cheese Veggie & Fruit	<b>3</b> Chicken Tenders \$3.00
				<b>4</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Chicken Noodle Soup Veggie & Fruit	<b>5</b> Pizza Tomato Soup Veggie & Fruit	<b>10</b> Cheese Burger \$3.25
				<b>6</b> Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Sister Schubert Roll Veggie & Fruit	<del> <b>8</b>            Feast of the            Immaculate            Conception         </del>	
				<b>7</b> Hot Dog Tater Tots Veggie & Fruit	<b>9</b> Chicken Alfredo Sister Schubert Roll Veggie & Fruit	
				<b>12</b> Mandarin Orange Chicken w/ rice Egg Roll Veggie & Fruit	<b>13</b> Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla Mexican Rice Veggie & Fruit	
				<b>14</b> Pizza Veggie & Fruit Surprise dessert	<b>15</b> Noon Dismissal	
				<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Chicken Tenders \$3.00
				<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
				<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
				<b>26</b>	<b>24</b>	
				<b>31</b>		

Christmas Break

