

**Friday, 12/16 is a Casual Day for ALL students and staff!**

# The Weekly Word

15 – Dec – 2011

## Calendar

**Save the Date!** – The Teachers' Association will be hosting a fundraising night at City Barbeque on **Tuesday, January 10, 2012**. A flyer will be sent home in January.

## Enclosed Today:

- YMCA flyer gr. 2-8

## Please keep in your prayers:

- Miss Roddy's nephew
- Mrs. Lang's daughter-in-law
- Mrs. Elwell's family
- A Special Intention
- All families traveling during holidays
- Those families who have lost someone in the past year and will be spending the first Christmas without their loved one.

*[If you would like us to pray for someone please send a note or an email to Linda McDonald]*

- **The cafeteria WILL serve lunch and milk on Friday, 12/16/11. Friday Lunch: Merry Medley - Santa's Sandwich Selections!**  
A variety of sandwiches will be available such as hamburgers, chicken patties, meatball sub, toasted cheese... Lunch will include a vegetable, fruit and milk.
- Thank you to those who returned the **cafeteria surveys** last month. After reviewing the surveys & working with Preferred Meal Systems, we have decided to move away from the individual packaging of meals beginning sometime in January. The students will again be using divided trays & food will be served to them by cafeteria staff. A few items will still be packaged individually, such as pizza slices. Thanks for your input and to those who have continued to patiently work with us through these changes.
- **JANUARY MENU:** A full menu for the month of January will be published on January 5<sup>th</sup>. To help you plan here are the lunches for Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jan 6<sup>th</sup>:  
Tuesday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>: Rotini or Spaghetti, Vegetable, Garlic Bread, Juice Cup  
Wed, Jan 4<sup>th</sup>: Chicken Dippers, Potato Selection, Fruit Gelatin, Lemon Cookie  
Thurs, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>: Mac-N-Cheese, Beans or Peas, Applesauce, Soft Bread Stick  
Fri, Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: Turkey & Gravy w/Stuffing, Pumpkin Muffin, Fruit Cup, Vanilla Cookie
- We are anticipating that electronic devices such as **Ipads, Nooks, Kindles, etc.** will be popular items on wish lists for Santa this year! The staff has been discussing the ramifications of allowing them in school and will develop and publish a policy in January. Please DO NOT send any electronic devices to school until further notice.
- Many **THANKS to the 4th grade classes** who decided this year that instead of exchanging gifts with each other, they would collect school supplies to be sent to an orphanage in Haiti under the direction of 'Movin' With the Spirit ~Mission: Haiti.' Mrs. Walsh's son, Ryan, has been working as an educational consultant there. He visited our school in November, showing pictures and telling students about the poverty in Haiti. Even amidst the dire conditions, the children there have a beautiful gift of faith and joy. Our 4<sup>th</sup> graders filled 3 giant stockings with supplies for them! Since they have no mail or postal service of any kind, the supplies need to be hand delivered. Ryan is flying back from Haiti on Sunday and will return there in January, bearing gifts from our families!!
- There is **NO SCHOOL on Monday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Classes will resume on Tuesday, 1/3/12!

## 🕯 The Third Week of Advent: Prayer and Scripture 🕯

The theme for this week is REJOICING in anticipation of Christmas.

The earth rejoices in the hope of the Savior's coming. With humility and thanksgiving we prepare for His grace to cleanse our souls and bring light into the world. Amen.

"The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*Isaiah 35 : 1-2,10*

## 🕯 Looking Ahead to the Fourth Week of Advent: Prayer and Scripture 🕯

Christmas is almost here, so center your thoughts and activities on God's great gift of LOVE and HOPE. Fill our hearts with your love, O Lord. Send to us your only begotten Son, born of the Virgin Mary, to live within us forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

"In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Hail O favored one, the Lord is with you!' But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.'

*Luke 1: 26-31*

**The faculty and staff of St. Francis de Sales School wish you a merry and holy Christmas season! It is our prayer that all of our families will remain safe and healthy over the next few weeks and enjoy a Happy New Year as well!**

