

# Cathedral School Review

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## Mass Schedule

January 6—planned by 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

January 13—planned by 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

We would like to invite you to celebrate the Mass with your child and his or her class on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Grandparents, other relatives, and friends are also welcome. Hope to see you there!

## Public Library Schedule

December 22—Grades 3 & 4

January 5—Grades 5 & 6

## No School

We will not have school on Wednesday, December 23 through Friday, January 1, in recognition of Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The school office will be closed during this time. May God bless you throughout this special season!

## Last Newsletter

This will be the last school newsletter of the year—of

2009, that is! Our next issue will come out on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Also, there will be no family packets sent out next week, due to the short week. Have a blessed Advent and a merry Christmas!

## Advent Program

We are looking forward to showing you our Advent Program on Monday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Treats will follow in the dining room. We hope to see you there!

## Great News!

We have some exciting news to announce! Vickie Hughes has been hired as the new school secretary! You may already know Vickie from her involvement in many parish activities, or from her position as the outgoing Polk County Deputy Auditor-Treasurer. She will be joining the Cathedral School family on Monday, January 4. So, give her a warm welcome and congratulations, the next time you see her!

## Oh, the Weather Outside is Frightful...

We've certainly been seeing some cold weather lately! When the temperatures fall below about 0 degrees (at the discretion of the recess supervisor), we keep the students indoors for recess. However, because of our great state's famously variable weather, we don't necessarily know until recess

time whether we'll be inside or outside. Therefore, please make sure your child has all of the necessary "winter gear" along with, regardless of any guesses or assumptions of where we'll be during recess. Another way to look at it is that if it's so cold that we'll be inside for recess, it becomes even more important to have warm winter clothing along with. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school office. We thank you for your help in keeping your child safe and warm!

## Winter Gear

We would like to give you a brief reminder about our "winter mode." Now that the snow is going to stick around for a while, we ask that all students wear a warm coat, hat, mittens or gloves, and boots to school. We want to keep them dry and warm when playing outside for recess or other activities! For students in Grades K-4, we also ask that they wear snow pants. Students in Grades 5 and 6 are strongly encouraged to wear snow pants, also, because the snow doesn't care how old you are—it'll get you wet and cold, all the same! If a student forgets one of these items, we will ask him or her to stay close to the door, in order to stay drier and, hopefully, a little warmer. This isn't a "time-out"—they can still play and visit with friends—they just need to stay close to the door. If you have any questions or concerns, or will have difficulty securing any of these items, please call the school office so that we can help you. Thank you!

## Fundraising Opportunities

Each week, we will highlight a different on-going fundraiser. This week, we will take a closer look at a new program this year—Scrips.

Scrips are gift cards, both for local and national businesses. It's simple and easy. You purchase a gift card at face value. That is, if you buy a \$50 card for \$50, you can purchase \$50 worth of goods or services. The business that provided the gift card then donates a percentage of that card back to the school. It's that easy! So, you only purchase things that you normally would, except that you buy them through the school, instead.

We just had our first pre-order of Scrips gift cards, and are working on preparing a second one soon. If you are interested in participating, please contact the school office.

We thank you for your support. God bless!

## School Advisory Council Update

The next meeting of the School Advisory Council will be on Wednesday, January 20 at 6:00 p.m., in the Library. The members include: Co-chairs Paul Bissonette and Nate Lubarski, Secretary Mike Swenson, Bryan Boll, Brian Dingmann, Sis Eickhof, Kris MacGregor, Colleen MacRae, and Stephanie Olson. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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