



**IMPORTANT DATES/UPCOMING EVENTS**

December 1	No School- Faculty Retreat
December 3	Christmas Bazaar
December 6	Santa's Secret Shop
December 7	Santa's Secret Shop and First Trimester Report Cards
December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception School Mass @ 9:15 am
December 13	Christmas Concert (7:00 pm)
December 16	Dress Down Day and Hot Lunch (\$1.00 for Catholic Charities)
December 19	Saint Mary's Christmas Concert @ 10:15 am in the gymnasium
December 22	Manger Blessing and Christmas Sing Along-9:30 am in the church
January 2	School Resumes

**FROM THE DESK OF MR. KAPPERMAN**

Dear Parents,

As we celebrate our first week of Advent already please take the time to remember that Advent is more than just a season. It is a time to wait and watch eagerly for our Savior to appear and a time to show Christ to others in all that we say and that we do.

**Thanksgiving Feast Thank You!** "Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who volunteered to make this year's Thanksgiving Feast such a wonderful event! I enjoyed working with each class and I think everyone will agree that the results were DELICIOUS!"

Thank you to all the families who donated turkeys. Thank you to Lori Stevens for the apples for the dessert and two very special thank yous to Mary Carol Penfold and Donna Hofer for their dedication and hard work" J'Neene Sexton.

**First Marking Period Honors:** Canisius High School has announced first marking period honors:

<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11th Grade</u>	<u>12th Grade</u>
Benjamin Granville	Aidan Doyle	Skylar DeLang
Santino Panzica	Blaise Doyle	
	Maxim Murray	
	Joshua Mruk	

Congratulations to our alumni!

**Christmas Bazaar Information:** This weekend is our second major fundraiser of the year and it is always a lot of fun!

8:30-12:30-	Pancake Breakfast (\$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children)
10:00-1:00-	Pictures with Santa ( <b>On the main floor near the main office</b> )
10:00-1:00-	Kids Crafts (main floor)
10:00-1:00-	Cake Walk (\$1.00)
12:00-2:00-	Soup Bar

There will also be face painting for \$1.00. SCRIP will be for sale in the gymnasium.

**\*\*\*CHRISTMAS CASH\*\*\*** If you still want to participate in the Christmas Cash it will be drawn at the Bazaar on Sunday at 1:30 pm. Please be sure to bring your money and stubs to the Bazaar.

**Christ in Christmas Poster Contest:** Please remember to submit your Christ in Christmas Poster to your teacher for a chance to win a nice prize! It is important that we always remember the reason for this blessed season. This is a great way to get involved!

**Congratulations Mr. Mozrall!!** Please join me in congratulating the newest member of our Immaculate Conception School faculty family!! Theoren Joseph Mozrall was born on November 29th weighing in at 7 lbs. 13 ounces and 21 inches long. The entire family is doing well.

Advent Family Calendar and Resources: I have enclosed a copy of an Advent Wreath blessing for you to use with your family at home when you bring your wreath out this weekend. I also am attaching a week one Advent reflection to the bottom of the newsletter.

### 12/2 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent

**Justice Challenge:** The Sunday Gospel draws us into the Season of Advent, challenging us to prepare ourselves and our world for Christ's coming. The Advent readings focus on many images of the messiah in the Old Testament. The prophets particularly describe the messiah as one who will bring peace to our troubled world. Jesus, the Prince of Peace, is the fulfillment of their prophecies. Your challenge this week is to follow in Jesus' footsteps by being a peace-maker yourself. How can you create peace within your own heart, within your family, in the community, and even in the world? Spend time in prayer, letting the peace of Christ penetrate your being. Then bring together people you know who are fighting, inviting them to see the goodness in each other. And finally, pray for peace in the most troubled spots in the world. Where is conflict most volatile and hateful? Pray for the people who live there and for their leaders to have the courage to be peace-makers rather than peace-breakers.



## Sunday, Week One

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. 1 John 4:9-12*

The tags on the presents may read "Do not open 'til Christmas," but Advent is all about opening up right now! Open your eyes, ears, mouth, hands and heart to receive God's great gifts this Advent SEE-Son! And see how God uses you as his gift to the world each day.

Be open to the Word God speaks to you. Be open to the forgiveness and grace God offers you so freely. Be open to God's will for you as we set out to see the Savior each day of this Advent SEE-Son and beyond.

*Open Your Eyes This SEE-Son...*

Throughout the SEE-Son (and particularly this week) pay close attention to the sights that draw your eyes to Christ. In what ways is displaying Christ easier, more "acceptable" in the month of December? Take advantage of that openness!

Be seen!

Sincerely,

  
Scott C. Kapperman M.S., Ed.

ICS Principal



# Blessing of the Advent Wreath

## BEGINNING OF ADVENT

**Preparation:** The blessing prayer can be used at any time after the Advent wreath is prepared but before the first candle is lit. A bowl of burning incense can be placed near or in the middle of the wreath.

The prayer is marked to show how five leaders can participate. If there are fewer leaders, they can take turns reading parts of the prayer.

Once the wreath is blessed, it should be used throughout the season. Open with the invitation, "Come, Lord Jesus," and the response, "Come quickly." Light the proper number of candles and proceed with daily prayer. Put out the candle(s) carefully when prayer is ended.

**Music options:** Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn (2), In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful (12), For Your Gracious Blessing (8), O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**LEADER ONE** Let us offer God praise and thanksgiving.

✦ all make the sign of the cross

**LEADER ONE** Come, Lord Jesus!

**ALL** Come quickly!

**LEADER ONE** It is wintertime. Days are short and nights are long.  
We need the light of Christ. We need the warmth  
and joy of Christ. And so we gather around this  
wreath in hope.

gently wave the smoke of the incense toward all parts of the wreath,  
saying

Like smoke from this incense,  
let our Advent prayers  
rise to you, loving God.

**LEADER TWO** God our creator,  
by your word all things are made holy.  
Bless this wreath  
as a sign to us of Jesus our Light.



One of the strongest symbols of Advent is an evergreen wreath holding four candles. The circular wreath is a sign of God's loving care, which has no ending. The evergreen branches suggest the faithfulness of God, which is always alive and fresh.

During the first week of Advent, a single candle is lit during daily prayers. Two candles are lit during the second week, then three, and finally four. In this way the light gradually increases as we move toward the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world.

According to tradition, three candles are purple, while the candle for the third Sunday is a bright rose color. It is meant to lift our spirits, just as the liturgy for that day tells us to rejoice (*gaudete* in Latin)!

The wreath should be somewhat large and placed in a prominent place. It can be decorated with ribbons or symbols, but it should retain its simplicity and beauty. It might even be hung by wide ribbons from the ceiling, calling to mind a royal crown, or a victory wreath, or even the wheel of time.

The use of candles during the darkest and coldest days of the year is an ancient custom adopted in the sixth century by European Christians. The Jewish people have a similar tradition. Even as we light candles on our Advent wreath, they will be lighting the candles on their menorahs in celebration of Hanukkah, the festival of lights.



**LEADER THREE** The circle of this wreath will remind us of the coming of Christ, whose love for us has no end. The light of these candles will remind us of the coming of Christ, who is the Light of the world.

**LEADER FOUR** The green color of these branches will remind us of the coming of Christ, who brings us eternal life.

Let us bless the Lord.

allow a minute or two of silence

**LEADER FIVE** By day and by night,  
and through every season,  
you watch over us, loving God.  
By the light of this Advent wreath  
we shall wait in patience for your Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.  
His coming comforts our fears  
and brings hope to our waiting world.  
All glory be yours,  
now and for ever.

**ALL** Amen.

✦ all make the sign of the cross

♪ end with an Advent song

# December 2017

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 NO SCHOOL Teacher Retreat	2
3	8:30 – 12:30 – Pancake Breakfast 9:00 – 2:00 Christmas Bazaar				7 Santa's Secret Shop 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Report Cards	8 9:15 am – Mass - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Awards Assembly	9
10				13 7:00 pm – Christmas Concert	14	15 Hot Lunch Dress Down Day	16
17		18 9:30 am – Grade 6 Field Trip to Buffalo Science Museum	19 10:15 am – St. Mary's Christmas Concert	20	21	22 NOON DISMISSAL Manger Blessing Christmas Sing-a-long	23
24		25 CHRISTMAS NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30
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# Immaculate Conception School

November 2017

Dear ICS Families,

As part of a community outreach program and keeping with our school theme, "We Are Active Disciples," the Student Council is working with Habitat For Humanity. This organization raises money in order to build homes for the less fortunate. Last week the students heard a presentation from this organization.

Many schools, including ICS are participating in a program called "Nickels For Nails". Each classroom is going to have a small bucket and we are asking for donations of loose change. Our goal is for each classroom to fill the bucket half way. Each class who fills the bucket half way will have a free Dress Down Day.

We will be collecting until Christmas any loose change the students may have. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by this organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott P. Kapperman".

Mr. Scott Kapperman

Principal

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joe Duttweiler".

Mr. Joseph Duttweiler

Student Council Advisor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katie Flaherty".

Katie Flaherty

Student Council President

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# **Calling all Carolers!**

**Grades 3 - 8**

**ICS Christmas Bazaar this Sunday Dec. 3rd!**

**Back by popular demand!**



**Carolers will meet in the cafeteria  
after the 8am & 9:30am Masses**

For more information, please contact Catherine  
Humphrey, [buffalo18@msn.com](mailto:buffalo18@msn.com) or 716-352-9993.

Lyrics sheets and jingle bells provided.



• WEST FALLS, NEW YORK •

**Saturday, December 2 2 - 3:30pm**

**Free mentoring series for young musicians!**

Doug Yeomans and the WNY Blues Society will provide a free mentoring series for kids.

A chance for young musicians to talk with, listen to and play with the pros.

Any instrument or skill level! Singers also encouraged to come.

Arts at The Bakery  
1863 Davis Rd.  
West Falls NY 14170

Questions:  
call Carolyn at 570-6520







# Christmas Bazaar

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3**

**9 A.M. - 2 P.M.**

**Pancake Breakfast 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

Pictures with Santa • Handmade Crafts •

Theme Basket Raffle • Soup Bar •

Gifts and Holiday Decor • 50/50 Raffle •

Kids' Games and Activities

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# CALLING ALL BAKERS

The Annual ICS Christmas Bazaar is just a couple of weeks away! This family-fun event is a major fundraiser for our school.

The **BAKE SALE** is a mainstay of the Bazaar, selling out each year. Last year we earned over \$1,500.00, thanks to your homemade baked goods!

Please help us top last year's success. Anything you'd like to contribute is welcome - each year,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of our stock is sold before the last Mass-goers arrive!



Baked good and treats (wrapped in plastic and labeled) will be gratefully accepted in the gym on Saturday December 2 between noon and 5:00 or Sunday before 8:00 Mass.

Questions? Contact Catherine at [catherine.lundie@liamstine.com](mailto:catherine.lundie@liamstine.com) or 525-3653

Thank you in advance for your generous donation!



## **Santa's Secret Shop**

Santa's secret shop is an event held during the school day that allows your children to purchase all types of inexpensive gifts for everyone on their gift giving list. This year the shop is scheduled for Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup> & Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>.

There is no obligation to have your child/children participate.

If you wish to have your child participate, please send each child in with an envelope with their name on it, their money and a list of whom they need to buy presents for. Parent volunteers will be present to help the children with their shopping needs. Prices are modest for example Hats - \$4, Ties \$4, Gloves \$4, Bills and Sabres items \$4-\$10, Bath and Body - \$4, dog and cat items \$2-\$6, and so much more! Where can you find gifts of this quality for this low of a price? Get all your shopping done at school for great prices!

### **Shopping Times**

#### **Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:15 Kindergarten  
10:00 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:45 7th Grade  
11:30 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
12:15 8th Grade  
1:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

#### **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:15 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade  
11:15 4th Grade

# Hot Lunch Friday, December 15, 2017

**Menu:**   **Pancakes\*** (2 pancakes with choice of toppings, including real maple syrup from Kirsch's Maple Sugarhouse)  
          **Sausages (2)**  
          **Drink**  
          **Dessert**

\*Gluten free pancakes available. Please note on order form if requesting.

**Price:     \$2.00**

Complete, detach and return the order form below with **cash only payment** no later than **Tuesday, December 12** in an envelope labeled "Hot Lunch". **I will not accept late orders. There will be no exceptions.** You may put multiple siblings' order forms in one envelope. **Each child needs an order slip.**

**Workers: Please be in the kitchen by 9:00 am**

Accurso, Cich, Hoffman, Hofer, H. Howard, J. Keem, Penfold

**Bakers: Baked goods should be on disposable trays labeled with your name. Please drop off baked goods in the kitchen by 9:30 am.**

Dvorak, Filozof, Friol, Hays, Kern, Siener, Smith, Stine, Wischman

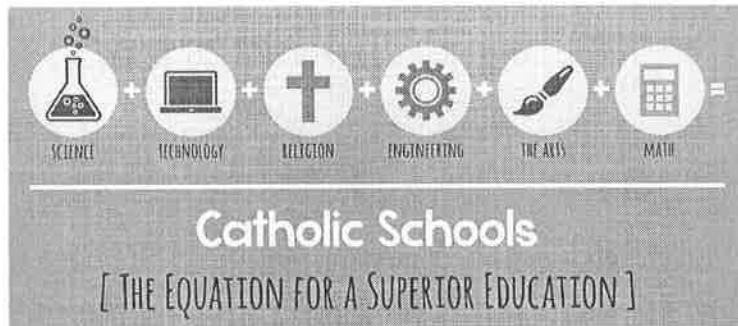
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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Extra Pancake:     \$1.00                   Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Return by December 12**

Questions? Call J'Neene Sexton at 680-2779



## **STREAM Supply List for 2017-2018 School Year:**

**\*\*We ask that you kindly bring in any of these materials to replenish our STREAM supplies\*\***  
Thank you!

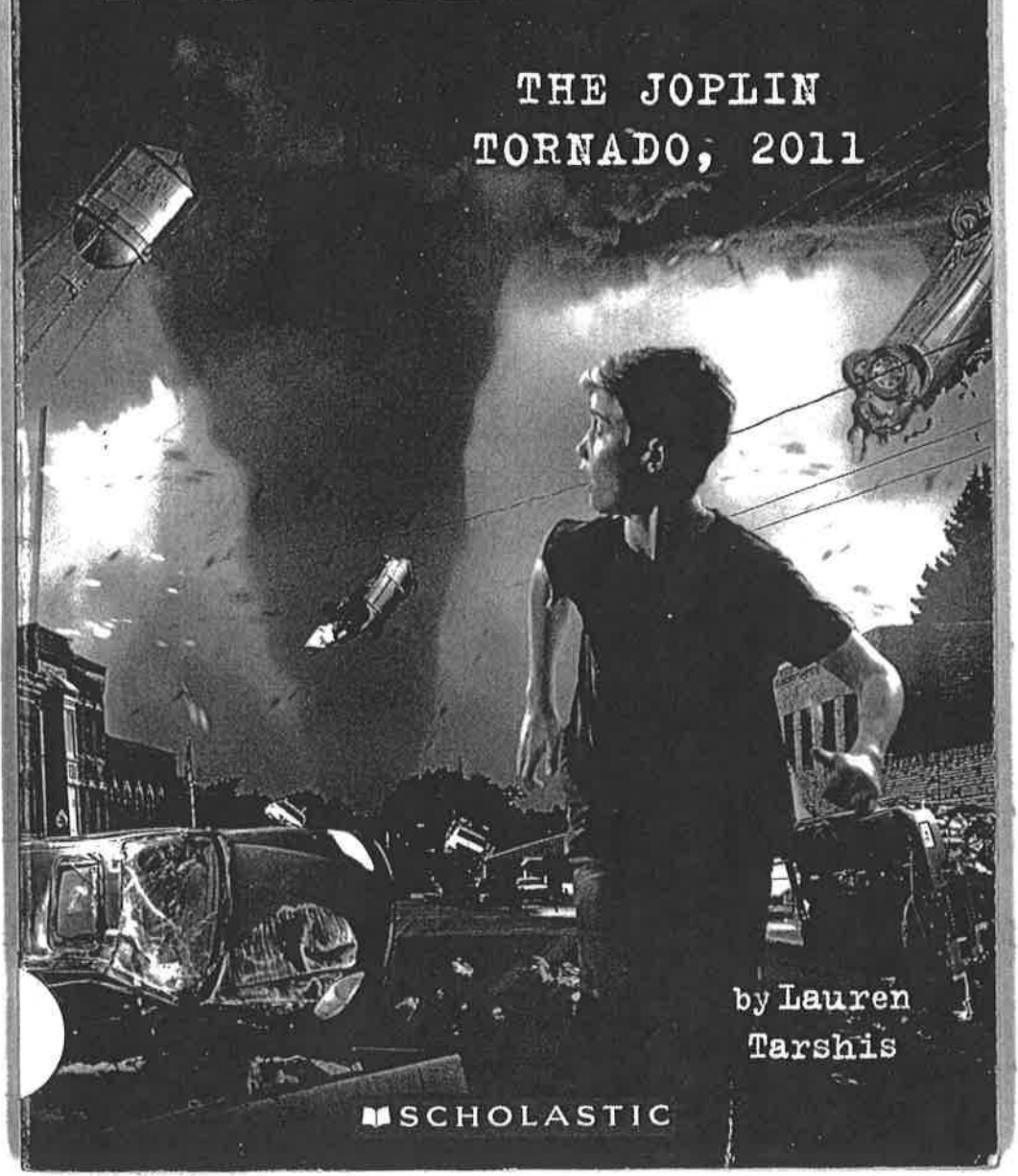
- Masking tape
- Duct tape
- Paper towel/toilet paper rolls
- Pipe cleaners
- Cotton balls
- Wooden popsicle sticks (large and small)
- Hot glue sticks (large and small)
- Small containers (yogurt, cottage cheese, etc.)
- Foam sheets
- Felt
- Balloons
- Styrofoam sheets/circles
- Pom poms
- Tissue paper
- Cardboard
- Cling wrap
- Food coloring
- Baking soda
- 4oz and 8oz plastic cups
- Paper fasteners
- Straws
- Streamers
- Yarn
- Aluminum foil



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Tarshis

■ SCHOLASTIC

This book was returned to the school Library. It belongs to the Orchard Park Library. If it is your child's book, please have them come to the office to pick it up.