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Sister Catherine Lee, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Advent – a holy season of anticipation and expectation as we await the coming of Christ! Each morning during December the student body assembles in the gym for an Advent prayer. This will help keep them focused on the true meaning of Christmas. Another opportunity to help keep the true meaning of Christmas uppermost in their minds is their participation in the Festival of Lessons and Carols that will take place on Friday, December 14 at 7:00pm in Saint Ann Church. After the prayer, there will be refreshments in the lower Church followed by a tour of the rectory. Hope you can come!

Our monthly Mass will take place on Friday, December 7 at 10:45am. The third grade are preparing this liturgy and will be involved in the readings and offertory procession. It is always nice to see parents and guardians present at our Mass each month.

Thanks to all who worked so hard in preparation for the Christmas Fair. It was a great success. Thanks especially to Terry and Mark Free who coordinated the fair. Those of you who worked at the fair and those of you who supported it by your presence helped to make it a success.

Report card conferences will take place on Thursday, December 6 between the hours of 12:30 – 3:00pm and 5:00 – 7:00pm. The children will be dismissed at noon. The extended day is available for those who are in the program. Parents/guardians must come to receive the cards. Appointment times for K1 through grade five are being sent home today. Report cards of grades six through eight students may be picked up in the office. The teachers of these students will be in their classrooms if there is a need for you to speak to them.

The students in grades four through eight will be on the honor roll according to the following:

All "A's"	indicate first honors
All "A's and B's"	indicate second honors
All "A's and B's with one C"	indicate honorable mention

Honor roll status will only be granted to students whose grades are as mentioned above and who receive all "3's or 4's" in conduct and effort.

The handbook specifies the school's expectations in order for the students to continue to participate in extra curricular activities.

The Christmas program for children in grades on through three will take place on Thursday evening, December 13 at 7:00pm. Our school band will open the grade four through eight program with some Christmas carols on Thursday evening, December 20 at 7:00pm. Children in K1 and K2 will have their program on Wednesday morning, December 19 at 9:30am. Information about what is to be worn is being sent home today. For those of you who are new to the school, these programs are the children's special Christmas gift to you. Enjoy their wonderful performances!

All will be dismissed at the end of the day on Thursday, December 20, to begin their Christmas vacation. School will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

May these days during Advent help prepare your minds and hearts for a very blessed and happy Christmas.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Catherine