



# December 2016 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Students:

The Church Season of Advent has begun. Advent means “coming” or “arrival.” During Advent the church asks us to prepare for the coming of the Lord at Christmas. Advent is a time of prayerful, patient waiting. It is a time to make a place for the Lord in our lives and in our homes as we prepare to celebrate His coming.

Our **ANNUAL TOY DRIVE** has begun. During the next two weeks we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, action figures, books, puzzles, articles of clothing (hats, pajamas, scarves), etc. which will be sent to Cardinal McCloskey Community Services, which serves at-risk children in the New York Metropolitan Area. Please consider helping make this Holiday Season a merry one for those in need by participating in this special service project. Our Toy Drive continues until Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>.



## Nativity News



- The **Annual Christmas Show** will take place on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:45 PM in the school cafeteria. All parents, family, members and friends are invited to attend. Tickets are available in the school office (**\$10.00 per adult; \$5.00 per child**). Children, who attend Nativity School who are not performing, will have to pay for a ticket. On the evening of the performance tickets will be sold at the door (**\$15.00 per adult; \$10.00 per child**). You are strongly urged to buy your tickets in advance by sending the money in an envelope with your child's name, grade, and the number of tickets you wish to purchase (adults; children). Tickets may be purchased by coming directly to the office during the school day.
- Many thanks to all who participated in our Thanksgiving Can Drive. We were able to collect close to 300 cans that were donated to a local food pantry to help feed needy families for Thanksgiving. Due to your generosity, all students will receive a free dress down day on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. The school was also able to donate \$100 to the same pantry to purchase turkeys for those families in need of a Thanksgiving meal.
- In October, Nativity sponsored a Dress Down day. All proceeds collected for this dress down day was donated to Haitian Relief from Hurricane Matthew. I am proud to tell you that Nativity collected \$318 to donate to this worthy cause. Thank you all for your generosity.
- We would like to take this time to thank all of you who participated in the schools Catalog Sale Fundraiser. Congratulations to the following top sellers: Top Seller: Nyla Scott – Kindergarten; Second Place Seller: Brijani Ellis – Grade 7; Third Place Seller: Aiden McLeish – Grade 2.



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- A special thank you to Ms. Mitchell, parent of Simone Greaves in Grade 3, for her generous donation of pies to the Staff of Nativity for the Thanksgiving Holiday. It was greatly appreciated.
- **Report Cards** were distributed on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The names of the students who met the criteria and received certificates for the Principal's List (Grs. 1-3) or Honor Roll (Grs. 4-8) for the 1<sup>st</sup> Marking Period are attached to this newsletter. **Congratulations** to all honorees!

## CALENDAR REMINDERS!!!

- Nativity School will be open on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, to commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holyday of obligation for Catholics.
- If you would like for your child to become a Catholic, please contact me so that we can begin the process (718-324-2188).
- **On Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, there will be an **Optional Dress-Down Day**. On this day a child (K-Gr. 8) may "dress down" as long as his or her parents remit \$2.00 for this special privilege. Students whose parents do not want them to participate should dress in their regular school uniform on this day.
- If you change your address, phone number or e-mail address, please remember to notify the school office so that we may update our records.
- **All students (K-Gr. 8) will receive a Christmas Recess Homework Packet** which they are **REQUIRED** to complete by the time they return to school from the Christmas Recess on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. In addition to the required written work, each child in grades 1-8 should read for 60 minutes each day during the Christmas Recess period.
- **Congratulations** to the following students who were selected as **Student of the Month** for December by their classroom teacher:

⚡ Kindergarten... Zahriya Osbourne  
⚡ Grade 2 ... Maximilian Foster  
⚡ Grade 4...Rehema Ojwang  
⚡ &Grade 6...Julian Collins  
⚡ &Grade 8... Armaan Garcha

⚡ Grade 1....Joshua Brouet  
⚡ Grade 3... Ayana Montgomery  
⚡ Grade 5... Vanessa Taveras  
⚡ &Grade 7... Alisa Ramnarais

May you and your family have a prayerful Advent, a blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Douglas Klice  
Principal

Merry  
Christmas

