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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all those who generously gave to our Thanksgiving Food Drive! All the food collected will be delivered to the Yonkers Food Pantry.

Thank you also to all those who donated pajamas for a Women and Children's Shelter. 110 pairs of pajamas were collected.

Congratulations are in order. The Lutheran Schools Association sponsored a contest, "I am thankful for . . ." The top winner of all the LSA schools that submitted art work was once again from St. Mark's. **6th grader, Amelia Monteiro, won first place!** LSA produced a video on YouTube of the top posters. Included in that video was another 6th grader of ours, Briana Poccia! **Well done, Amelia!**

PLEASE! PLEASE! Let's park within the lines in the parking lot. If you are walking your child to the door, please park in a designated parking spot. Only stop in the turn-around if you are dropping off your child and you are staying in the car. Please do not hold up the line!

Tuition - Tuition is due on the first of the month. You have a grace period until the 10th. If the 10th falls on the weekend, you have until the next school day. Tuition that is sent in after that is considered late and will be assessed a late fee of \$45. Please include the late fee in your payment or a letter will go home reminding you of the late fee.

Christmas Boutique - Sponsored by the PTL and Mrs. Masiello.

Thursday, Dec. 4 - The children shop between 9:30 and 3:00 with their classes.

Friday, Dec. 5 - The Boutique continues - Vendors, a Visit from Santa, Bake Sale, Refreshments, and Raffles. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Volunteers are still needed to help with the shopping on Thursday. Sign-up sheets went home today. We need your help to make the Boutique a success!

Friday, December 5 is a half day of school! It is also "Jeans for Troops" Day. Students and staff pay \$5 and they may dress down. All money raised will go to help our veterans find jobs, go to college, get health care, and find housing.

The annual **Christmas Trip** is Friday, December 12 for students in grades 3-8. This year the children will be going to Philadelphia. A letter will go home the Monday before with final reminders.

Carol Sing - Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 service will begin at 4:00 PM.

The Kindergarten through Grade 8 service will begin at 5:30 PM.

PTL will host a reception between the two services.

All children are expected to be in attendance.

THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON DECEMBER 17!

In order to maximize the parental enjoyment of the Carol Sing and to minimize the anxieties of the children, photographs may only be taken from your seats in the pews. Do not come forward to take pictures or record. It is disruptive to our Christmas service and to the children. It blocks the view of the children and other parents and the confusion easily upsets the younger children.

Friday, December 19 - Last day of school before Christmas vacation. THIS IS A FULL DAY OF SCHOOL. Chapel is at 8:30 followed by a Christmas Assembly. The children will have their Christmas party at some point during the day. The children do not exchange gifts in school.

December 19 is also **Spirit Day**. Children may wear holiday green and red or Christmas clothing or accessories.

Midquarter is December 15. Progress reports will be sent home with your child on Friday, December 19.

Saturday, December 6, is the day for **decorating St. Mark's Church**. If you would like to come to help us set up the three trees in the chancel and put the wreaths on the walls and in the windows, we begin at 9:00 AM. The more hands we have, the quicker it gets done!

Toy Drive for Yonkers Sail Institute for Learning - A flyer will go home tomorrow. You may bring new, unwrapped toys to the school office and we will deliver them for you. All toys must be in the office by Fri., Dec. 19.

Woodlawn Tree Lighting – This Saturday, Dec. 6 at 4 PM. Grades 1-8 are invited to sing with the St. Barnabas School Choir. See Mrs. Masiello if you are joining us to sing.

