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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.

Christmas Boutique - Sponsored by the PTL, Mrs. Masiello and Thrivent Financial.

Thursday, Dec. 3rd - The children shop between 8:30 and 3:00 with their classes.

8:30 AM – Miss O'Brien's 4's
9:15 AM – Mrs. McGrath's 4's
10:30 AM – Kindergarten
11:30 AM - Half day 3's with parents at dismissal
12:30 PM – 1st/2nd
1:15 PM – 3rd-6th
2:00 PM – 7th/8th
2:30 PM – Full day 3's with parents

Friday, Dec. 4th - The Boutique continues - Vendors, a Visit from Santa, Refreshments, and Raffles. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed to help with the shopping on Thursday. Sign-up sheets were sent home yesterday. We need your help to make this successful!

Half Day of School on Friday, December 4. Dress Down Charity of the Month – Scarves, Hats, and Mittens. May be new or gently used!

We will once again be collecting toys for the S.A.I.L. Institute at Ferncliff Manor – The School for Adaptive and Integrative Learning. The deadline is Thursday, December 10. The unwrapped toys may be placed in the box in the school office.

Carol Sing – Our annual Christmas program - Wednesday, Dec. 16.
The Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten service will begin at 4:00 PM.
The Grade 1 through Grade 8 service will begin at 5:30 PM.
The teachers and PTL will host a reception between the two services.

All children are expected to be in attendance.

THERE IS NO AFTERCARE ON DECEMBER 16!

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.

Tuesday, December 22 - 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 parties at some point during the day. The children do not exchange gifts in school.

December 22 is also **Spirit Day**. Children may wear holiday green and red or Christmas clothing or accessories. **DUE TO THE AMISH TRIP ON THE 18TH, THE DATE HAS BEEN CHANGED.** The younger children may still dress down on the 18th.

Saturday, December 5, 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!

The Faculty and Staff wish you a blessed Christmas season!



