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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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

Christmas Boutique - Sponsored by the PTL and Mrs. Masiello
Thursday, Dec. 1st - The children shop between 8:30 and 3:00 with their classes.

Friday, Dec. 2nd - The Boutique continues - Vendors, a Visit from Santa, Refreshments, and Raffles. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
Volunteers are still needed to help on Friday evening. We need your help to make this successful!

Half Day of School on Friday, December 2nd. Dress Down Charity of the Month – Toy Drive for the SAIL Institute at Ferncliff Manor. Students in Pre – K 4 and up who bring in a toy may dress down not only on Friday but will also receive a dress down coupon for another day. Students in Pre – K 3 who bring in a toy will receive a treat. Toys may be brought in until Friday, December 9th.

On Tuesday, December 6, students will participate in an **assembly sponsored by Metro North on safety**. Pre–K – Grade 2 will be from 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM and Grades 3 – 8 will be from 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM.

Carol Sing – Our annual Christmas program - Wednesday, Dec. 21.
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.

Friday, December 23 - Last day of school before Christmas vacation. This is a half day of school. Dismissal is at 11:30 AM. There is **NO** Aftercare on this day! Chapel is at 8:30 followed by the Christmas Assembly. The children will have their Christmas parties after that. Children do not exchange gifts with each other in school.

Spirit Days - Due to the Grade 2 – Grade 8 trip to Bethlehem, PA on Friday, December 16, there will be 2 Spirit Days this month. Children may wear holiday green and red or Christmas clothing on the 16th and also on the 23rd.

Saturday, December 10, 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!

Saturday, the 10th is the also the day of the **Woodlawn Tree Lighting**. Our School Chorus joins with the choir of St. Barnabas School to sing at the Tree Lighting. We invite any other students from grades 1-8 to join them. A permission slip will be going home soon.

The Faculty and Staff wish you a blessed Christmas season!



