

December 5, 2007

Dear Families and Friends,

Happy Advent! Here at Saint John Catholic we put a lot of emphasis on this sacred season, knowing that we are bombarded with Christmas everywhere else. Advent gives us all the opportunity to reflect on the real meaning of Christmas. The many signs and symbols of the season tell the story from the beginning of time and direct it towards the Second Coming of the babe born in Bethlehem.



Recently I read an article that described the Incarnation as that moment in history “When Heaven Invaded Earth.” I would guess that most of us would probably think that of the word “invasion” as being a negative happening. Many times it is but this author uses it to describe a holy invasion. Any invasion has a tremendous impact on a place or group. Just think of the impact Jesus’ coming to earth has made on the people who received Him! The force He brought with Him to overcome the world was divine love and divine power. “Christmas is about a holy invasion by a God who loves us deeply and wants to lavish us with his love. It’s about God descending into his own creation so that ascending again he might raise all of us up with him from death to life, from bondage to freedom, from shame to glory.” Each Christmas we celebrate not just the birth of Jesus but the impact of his coming on our personal lives. We stand in awe of this miracle and receive the gifts that His coming brought. May we allow this heavenly invasion to invade our lives each and every day.

In Christ,

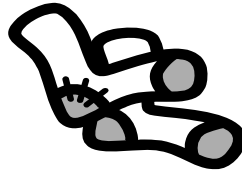
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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The dress for the children is: Red t-shirt (provided), blue jeans and sneakers (preferably white).

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SHELTER SOCKS

Our Outreach project this year will be collecting socks for the homeless and poor. Children are asked to bring in their donation of new socks anytime before December 19th. The project would be more meaningful if they took some of their money or, at the very least, did the shopping.

Book Fair

This was a great success and yielded and our library. Thanks to all who volunteers who assisted with the sales.



many new books for the children, teachers participated. Special thanks to our

ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

If you have not yet turned in your Pledge Card, please do so. Remember, if you cannot pledge anything right now, you can agree to offer prayers for the school. We would like to have **all** pledge cards returned. Thank you for your participation!

HELP!!

LATE ARRIVALS AND HOMEWORK!

We need more parental involvement in both of these areas. We are trying our best to instill responsibility in the children but they still need your help. Please check their homework for completion and quality of work.

As for getting to school on time, generally this is out of the control of the child. There is traffic everywhere and being stuck in traffic is not a regular excuse. The exception to this would be accidents or bad weather. The solution to daily traffic is **to leave home earlier.**

Auction Meeting

There is an Auction Meeting Thursday, December 6, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. here at the school. PLEASE JOIN US. ALL ARE WELCOME!